



Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-Border Programme
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Project number: 2007CB16IPO006-2009-1-101
Project name: CREATION OF A DATABASE OF POLLUTANTS FROM INDUSTRIAL WASTE IN TRANSBOUNDARY ASPECT AND A LOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROBLEM SOLVING

Project partners:

- **Lead partner:** Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria
- **Project partner 2:** Mining and Metallurgy Institute Bor – Copper Institute Bor, Serbia
- **Project partner 3:** “Bulgaria in Europe” Association, Bulgaria

Budget: 142 117,14 Euro
Project duration: 15 months

Project description:

The main project objective was establishment of institutional network and institutional cooperation in the field of environmental protection through identification of problems and tracks for solutions. The project envisioned collecting data about the quality and quantity of industrial waste and pollutants in the cross-border region, improvement of industrial waste management, joint information campaign and people to people exchange in the fields of education, regarding environmental protection and the relevant EU legislation. The project achieved the following results:

- Conducted a comprehensive research on pollutants in the cross-border area and the ecological and health risks in the polluted areas in the region. The research results were presented at a conference organized by the “Bulgaria in Europe” Association as well as a conference organized by the lead partner in Vidin;
- Development and distribution to the relevant government institution a joint Strategy for recovery of the polluted areas;
- Organization of numerous expert meetings, including with the relevant NGO organizations, municipal and district administrations, and a scientific conference in Vidin;
- Organization of a comprehensive publicity and awareness raising campaign including public meetings, publishing articles in newspapers and journals, television interviews, production of a short film describing project results and distribution of leaflets, brochures and other promotional materials.

The project was successfully completed in January 2013.



A detail from a press conference (left) and an aerial view of an area included in the project research



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A detail from one of the project events



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