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National Cleaner Production Programme in Albania



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1. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

The United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are jointly implementing a National Cleaner Production Programme (NCPP) in Albania as part of the global joint programme on **Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP)**. It supports the achievement of result 5.1.2 related to legal and regulatory mechanics and financial incentives in place to:

- reduce environmental degradation and
- promote energy efficiency and sustainable natural resource utilization .

It also builds upon the extensive experience of UNIDO and UNEP to establish and support comparable NCPPs, which are currently operational in 46 developing and transition countries (www.unido.org/cp).

The primary aim of the Albanian NCPP programme is to foster the widespread application of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) methods, practices, technologies and policies among businesses and other organizations to contribute to sustainable industrial development and sustainable consumption and production in Albania. The NCPP includes capacity development, promotion and professional training, industry demonstrations and support for creation of supportive policy mechanisms and targets the hotel/tourism accommodation, agro- and food processing and mining and metallurgical sectors.

NCPP is implemented under the guidance of NCPP Steering Committee with membership of national government counterparts respectively:

- Council of Ministers (Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination)
- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy (METE)
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Water Administration (MEFWA) and
- United Nations Resident Coordinator
- UNIDO and UNEP
- Further participation of the business sector is also foreseen

NCPP focuses in three priority sectors in Albania:

1. Tourism -hotels
2. Agro-industry and food processing
3. Mining, minerals processing and metallurgical

Expected Outputs

- Competent network of Albanian experts who deliver value-adding RECP services to Albanian enterprises, in particular in the three priority sectors will be established and are expected to make an active contribution to the promotion of CP and NCPP in Albania, in particular by sharing results and experiences and contributing to drafting of overall conclusions and recommendations on CP opportunities for Albanian industries.
- Implementation of RECP concepts, methods and techniques by Albanian businesses with verified environment, resource use and economic benefits
- Mechanisms for mainstreaming concepts and policy instruments for RECP in relevant Albanian policies and regulations have been created

2. PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT AND PROJECT PLANNING FOR THE NEXT PERIOD

Overall project management

Efficient implementation of NCPP activities at the national level as per the annual work plan approved by the NCPP Steering Committee and under the overall guidance and in coordination with the National Programme Director

Operation of a representative NCPP office and project administration, including budget control and activity reporting

The RECP programme started in March 2010 in Albania. Mrs. Marieta Mima was appointed as the National Programme Director and the Environment Centre for Administration and Technology (ECAT) as the host institution. The initial tasks which followed related to the establishment of the project team and the task division. The NCPP team consist of the Programme Director, Mrs Marieta Mima, Programme Coordinator Mrs. Entela Pinguli who took over this task from Mrs. Brunilda Jegeni, (who changed the terms of working with ECAT into part time position, in April 2010) and Administrative Support Staff Mrs. Julia Canga. Additionally ECAT as a host institution is contributing to the programme with office space, support staff and facilitators, moderators of the meetings and workshops.

Planning and organization of project meetings, preparation of meeting agendas, documentation and reports, communications and correspondence with project partners and beneficiaries, preparation and support for missions of UNIDO and UNEP staff and their national and international experts, etc.

The work of the NCPP team consists of the day to day implementation of the RECP programme in Albania, coordinating the communication and among the programme partners and beneficiaries, dealing with the administration, logistics and financial issues of the programme. The main correspondence with the project managers, ministries, other stakeholders and donor is kept mainly by the Programme Director while the technical information related to the demonstration companies and the coordination of the National expert's CP work is managed by the Programme Coordinator and the Programme Assistance with full support of the Programme Director.

Logistical arrangements for NCPP activities, including contracting of appropriate venues for trainings and seminars, ICT and office facilities, etc.

The NCPP team has been coordinating and managing the logistics of the main activities including the Official Launch of NCCP in Albania, National Introductory Training, NCCPs regional meeting, Missions of the UNEP expert etc.

NCPP team has gone through a negotiation process ending up with signing of the contracts with the selected demonstration companies.

NCPP team has also been facilitating UNIDO in order to sign the contracts with the National experts which are still ongoing.

Equipments in support to the project implementation were purchased in the first part of the project according to the budget. For more detailed please refer the financial report.

Programme Outcomes

Within the work to achieve the **Outcome 1:** Competent network of Albanian experts who deliver value-adding RECP Services to Albanian enterprises and other organizations in particular in the priority industry sectors, ECAT Tirana has accomplished the following tasks and activities:

Task 1.1: Group of trained national experts in RECP assessment

Activity 1.1.1 • Introductory training for national experts

During March 2010, one of the first activities organised by the NCPP team was the identification of CP national trainees for becoming the future CP auditors. 23 interested trainees were identified for the benefit of the programme. NCCP team organized visits and meetings in the main institutions related to CP as well as talked and visited several businesses to make them interested to the RECP programme.

Universities, Public Administration with different ministries MoEFWA, METE, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports, National Tourism Agency, Chamber of Commerce, Hotels, NGO-s have been approached. As the results 23 National Experts joined the programme to attend the training which took place in Tirana at Hotel Xheko Imperial from March 31 to April 2, 2010. Their background differentiated covering different aspects of the programme: Faculty of Natural Science - 9 experts; Business - 6 experts; Public body - 2 experts; Civil society and UNDP projects & NGO's - 5 experts, British Chamber in Albania – 1 expert. Please find attached the Annex 1_List of Trainees



First part of the National CP training consisted on introduction of the CP assessment methodology and took three full days from March 31-April 2, 2010. The training comprised of information on the Cleaner production and recourse management principles and practices. It followed the structure and content of the UNIDO Cleaner Production Toolkit and was conducted by Mr. René Van Berkel, Chief, Cleaner and Sustainable Production Unit (the first day) and the International Consultant Philip Peck from the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics at Lund University, Sweden. Please find attached the Annex 2_Introductory training

Deliverables:

- List of National Trainees/Experts
- Training materials (Agenda and Presentations)

Within the **Outcome 2:** Implementation of RECP concepts, methods and techniques by Albanian businesses with verified environment, resource use and economic benefits, NCCP team has been fulfilling the following tasks and activities:

Task 2.1: RECP opportunities identified, evaluated and implemented in selected demonstration companies

Activity 2.1.1 Coordinate and supervise national experts who will complete RECP assessments for selected Albanian businesses

Immediately after the training throughout April and May 2010, the national CP trainees were coached by the NCPP team in undertaking CP assessments in demonstration companies in pairs of two. For one company one would be the lead auditor while for the second, the associate auditor.

The international consultant offered his help to assist the work of the trainees in CP assessments of the demonstration companies.

The list of selected businesses serving as demonstration companies was finalized in the end of April and the contracts were signed through May 2010. 14 selected demonstration companies have been contracted. Out of 14, there are 3 on minerals processing; 5 hotels and restaurants and 6 Food & Agro-Processing companies.

No	Company	Products
Selected companies under Agro food processing sector		
1	“Stefani and Co”	150 employees Produced 190.000 HL beer in 2009 Covers 30% of the Albanian market Producers and distributor of soft drinks, mix drinks, energy drink Certified according to the ISO 9001-2000 Management Standards and ISO 22000 Quality Standards
2	“VALENTINA” (Lori Caffè)	56 employees Producing different kinds of coffee products, with capacity about 550 ton sales production quantities per year. Certified with ISO 9001-2000 and ISO 22000-2005
3	ALD KRIS sh.p.k	200 employees Juices, soft drinks and mineral waters
4	Sejega	100 employers, The first private company supplying about 70% of the Fast Foods market demand in Albania. In 2008 the company exported 15% of the total sales, while in 2009 the company exported 25% and in 2010 35%. Certified according to the ISO 9001-2000 Management Standards and ISO 22000 Quality Standards
5	Krik-Krak	14 employers Producing different kinds of dry fruits, with capacity 20 kg per day
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Selected companies under the sector hotels and resorts		

1	Mondial sh.p.k.	26 employees Capacity: accommodate over 60 people, restaurant for 100 people, Facilities: conference rooms-capacity 165 people
2	“Lushakaj sh.p.k” (Dolce Vita Hotl)	Capacity: accommodate over 100 people, restaurant for 40 people, outdoor pizzeria with a capacity for 250 people Facilities: conference rooms-capacity 135 people, swimming pool for 100 people, playground for kids and discotheque
3	Xheko SH.p.k	30 employees Capacity: accommodate over 60 people, two restaurants for 200 people, Facilities: conference rooms-capacity 135 people,
4	“Te Stela” Beergarden	60 employees Capacity: restaurant for 600-2000 people
5	Vila Belvedere	30 employees Capacity: accommodate over 60 people, restaurant for 150 people, wine tavern for the130 people Facilities: conference rooms-capacity 240 people Certified according to the ISO 14001:2004 2-N.E.L. T-3 0041/08 Grada D
Selected companies in the third sector: Mining		
1	Fushe Kruje Cement Factory	420 employees Daily production capacity of 3300 tons of clinker and 4300 tons of cement.
2	Antea Cement	15 employees Production capacity 800,000 t/ per year
3	Peshkashesh Sh.p.k	

However the work with the demonstration companies is quite challenging. In some cases the companies dropped out from the process even after signing the contact with NP Director. The main reasons are related to confidentiality of the business data.

The NCPP team assisted the 14 CP National Trainees distribution among the selected demonstration companies. The table of the national trainees/experts is following

No	Name	Institution	Background
1	Entela Pinguli	The Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC),	Environmental management (waste, water)Environmental Civil Society development
2	Eno Dodbiba	UNDP Tirana Technical /environment expert	Environmental management. Physics, Water resource management
3	Laureta Dibra	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Water administration	Environmental Prevention Pollution
4	Lurjana Lila	Tirana University, Faculty of Natural Science	Food Chemistry
5	Bujar Seiti	Tirana University, Dep. of Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences	Chemical Engineer
6	Aleksander Petre	Tirana University, Faculty of Natural Science	Consultant on ISO-HACCP standards in food industry
7	Eldi Lico	Tirana University, Faculty of Natural Science,	Chemical Engineer
8	Jozefita Marku	Tirana University, Faculty of Natural Science	Industrial Chemistry Department
9	Julia Canga	ECAT Tirana	Environmental management (waste, land use)
10	Alketa Cerkezi	VALTELINA" SHPK (LORICAFTE)	Food Chemistry, Specialized in implementation and maintenance of ISO 22000-2005
11	Gavrosh Zela	Antea Cement.	Solid knowledge and experience with project cycle and environmental issues
12	Luljeta Xhagolli	Stefani & Co" Brewery.Production DepartmentSection of Quality Control	PHD on Food Sciences
13	Denisa Demi	Fushe – Kruje Cement Factory Sh.p.k.	General Chemistry
14	Evis Gjini	VALTELINA" SHPK (LORICAFTE)	Quality Manager System, Implementing and Maintaining of ISO 9001-2008ISO 22000-2005

During May the National Experts with the assistance of the NCPP team initiated their first contacts with the selected demonstration companies.

The table below indicates the national trainees/experts who will act as lead auditors, or associate auditors, for execution of CP assessment, in respective selected demonstration companies.

No	Company	Products	Lead Auditor	Associate Auditor	Visit carried out till today to the companies
Food and Agro-processing					
1	ALD KRIS sh.p.k	Juices, soft drinks and mineral waters	Lurjana Lila	Julia Canga	Twice (experts&M.Mima)
2	“VALENTINA” (Lori Caffè)	Coffee, coffee-machines and coffee bars	Evis Gjini	Alketa Cerkezi	Once (experts&M.Mima)
3	“Stefani and Co”	Brewery and producer and distributor of soft drinks	Luljeta Xhagolli	Entela Pinguli	Twice (experts&M.Mima)
4	Sejega – Food Processing	Processed foods and vegetables, including e.g. pickles, jams etc	Aleksander Petre	Eno Dodbiba	Twice (M.Mima&J. Canga) & (experts&M.Mima)
5	Krik-Krak	Production of dry fruits	Alketa Cerkezi	Evis Gjini	Once (experts&M.Mima)
Hotels and Restaurants					
1	“Lushakaj sh.p.k” (Dolce Vita Hotel)	Hotel 34 rooms/suites, meeting and leisure facilities	Joselita Marku	Denisa Demi	Twice (M.Mima&E.Pinguli) & (J.Marku&M.Mima&E.Pinguli)
2	Mondial sh.p.k.	Hotel, 34 rooms/suites, restaurant, bar and pool	Eno Dodbiba	Aleksander Petre	Twice (M.Mima&E.Pinguli) & (experts&M.Mima)
3	“Te Stela”	Beer garden, restaurant and hotel	Entela Pinguli	Luljeta Xhagolli	Twice (M.Mima&E.Pinguli) & (experts&M.Mima)
4	Xheko SH.p.k	City luxury hotel with 32 rooms/suites, two restaurants, boutique and small conference facility	Bujar Seiti	Eldi Lico	Twice (M.Mima&E.Pinguli) & (experts&M.Mima)
5	Vila Belvedere	Hotel, 60 rooms, restaurant, bar, swimming pool (summer), sauna, fitness and amusement park for children	Eldi Lico	Bujar Seiti	Twice (M.Mima&E.Pinguli) & (experts&M.Mima)
Mining and Minerals Processing					
1	Antea Cement	Greenfield cement plant 1.5 MTP design capacity – commissioned in April 2010	Gavrosh Zela	Laureta Dibra	Once (experts&M.Mima)
2	Fushe Kruje Cement Factory	Clinker (1MTpa) and cement (1.4 Mtpa)	Denisa Demi	Jozelita Marku	To be done this week
3	Peshkashesh Sh.p.k	Limestone Quarry	Laureta Dibra	Gavrosh Zela	Once (experts&M.Mima)

The NCPP team assisted the trainees in all the first visits where the introduction of the NCPP programme in Albania and the RECP concept were given by the Director of the programme Mrs Mima and the Coordinator of the programme Mrs Entela Pinguli.



Visit to the “Stefani & Co” and the “VALENTINA” (Lori Caffè) - Food and Agro-processing Sectors



In order to assist the national trainees in their CP assessment process, on the 7th of May the NCPP team organised a fruitful round table meeting with the participation of 14 trainees/experts. The meeting aimed to finalize the expert's pairing and matching with the selected demonstration companies

and to discuss and organize the further steps for the initial phase of the CP assessments in order to get some guidance back. Several point raised in the meting were forwarded to UNIDO.



Please find attached the Annex 3_ Photo documentation and List of participants in the meeting

The NCPP team has assisted the national experts in establishing their working teams in each of the demonstration companies and more photos of the companies` visits could be found in Annex 4

Deliverables:

- List of the selected demonstration companies
- List of the national experts undertaking CP assessments

Task 2.2 Awareness for RECP addressed to the national government and business sector

The NCPP team and especially the Director of the programme Mrs. Marieta Mima during the reported period has organised several meetings and round tables with the Dean of Faculty of Natural Sciences/University of Tirana, Mr. Ilir Maloku; Chief of the Cabinet of the MoEFWA, Mrs. Enkeleda Malaj; Depute Minister of MoEFWA, Mr. Tauland Bino; Depute Minister of the METE, Mr. Eno Bozdo; Main directors of METE, Mr. Sokol Mati and Mr. Bashkim Sykja; Chief of Air, Water and Climate Change of MoEFWA, Mrs Laureta

Dibra; Directors of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports, Mrs. Alma Baze; Director of the National Agency of Environment and Forest, Mrs Etleva Canaj; Director of National Tourism Agency, Mrs. Franka Paloka; Associations of the Hotels; Associations of Municipalities; UNDP running projects staff.

Activity 2.2.1 Organise public seminar for official launch of NCPP to key stakeholders

Preparations for the official launch of the NCPP programme took place throughout March 2010. The work consisted in establishing the implementing team, coordinating the communication and among the programme partners and beneficiaries, identifying the national trainees for becoming the future CP auditors as well as talking to several businesses to make them interested in the programme.



One of the first activities was the NCPPs regional meeting, which took part in 29 March 2010 in Tirana and enabled exchange of experience and knowledge

with the other NCPP centres from the neighbouring countries.



Please find attached the Annex 5_Agenda, photo documentations and presentations

Official Launch of National Cleaner Production Programme (NCPP) in Albania took part in 30 March 2010 at Hotel Rogner in Tirana. Structured as a high level event, it involved participation of representatives of the involved Ministries and the three UN agencies involved in Albania, UNIDO and UNEP. The invitation, agenda of the event, the list of participants and photo documentation are attached to this report under Annex 6. A



The opening speech was given by the Depute Minister of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy (METE), Mr. Eno Bozdo, and was followed by Mr Pellumb Abeshi, General Director of Policies from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Water Administration (MEFWA). At the event Ms Marieta Mima, Director of the programme in Albania gave a overall view about the activities and purpose of the NCPP programme in Albania.

At the launch event were other speakes such as Ms. Gulden Turkoz-Cosslett, the UN Resident Coordinator, representatives from the The Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination, UNIDO, UNEP. Presentations could be found attached to this report under Annex 6.B



The directors of the CP centres of Serbia, Romania, Moldova, and Montenegro also participated. Apart of the supporting speeches from the representatives of each Ministry, the Serbian and Romanian Representatives gave a short presentation about the progress of the NCPP programme and their success stories on CP demonstration projects in their own countries. More information about the content of their presentation can be found under Annex 6.B attached to this report.



The launching event was followed up with an Information Awareness Seminar on NCPP targeting mainly the interested Albanian businesses.

During the Information Awareness Seminar, more detailed information on the Albanian NPPC programme was provided to the businesses. Apart of the awareness raising aspect the meeting was used as a possibility to learn from the other NPPC programmes in the neighbouring countries. Please find attached the Annex 7_Agenda, list of participants, photo documentation

Back to back with the Launching of the Programme on 30 March 2010, several site visits to different significant Albanian Agro-Food business of the expert Philip Peck have been organised by ECAT Tirana, including:

- EHV – Meat processing business, one of the biggest in Albania;
- Stefani&Co Brewery – Beer making company with capacity 190.000 HL beer /year. ISO 9001-2000 certified
- DEKA Company - Detergent Production Factory located in Albania. Market leader. ISO 9001 certified, www.soapdetergents.com

The examples from the site visits were used to illustrate different aspects of the CP training with the national experts.



Photo from the expert visit to the Albanian companies can be found attached to as Annex 8

Activity 2.2.2 Develop, maintain and expand Albanian website on RECP

The NCPP team started working on the web site of the programme and the latest up to date version can be found under the ECAT web site: <http://www.ecat-tirana.org/project2/project2.php?Kategoria=52>
Due to some unexpected server technical problems the team is still working for its finalisation.

Activity 2.2.3 Produce and distribute information flyer on NCPP

The NCPP team is working on the information flyer for the RECP programme in Albania; however the final product is not ready yet.

Deliverables:

- WEB site of the programme: <http://www.ecat-tirana.org/project2/project2.php?Kategoria=52>
Within the **Outcome 3** - Mechanisms for mainstreaming concepts and policy instruments for RECP in relevant Albanian policies and regulations have been created;
The NCPP team has been fulfilling the following tasks and activities

Task 3.1: National RECP strategy drafted, based on assessment of policy and strategy context and stakeholders' perspectives

Activity 3.1.1 Facilitate the review and assessment of relevant industry, environment and other policies and strategies by national and international experts.

As upon request by UNEP office the Director of NCPP, Marieta Mima during the April, arranged and organised several appointments with CP related ministries to assist the international consultant Juerg Klarer in his visit for the preparation of the CP draft strategy. According to the schedule NCPP team assisted him with the logistical preparations and meetings arrangements with the relevant institutions and the NCPP coordinator Entela Pinguli was present in the meetings.

Activity 3.1.2 Organize and facilitate the consultation of national stakeholders

NCPP team is helping in the organisation of the workshop of the CP Draft Strategy with the relevant stakeholders in Albania, which will take place in 6 July 2010 and be hosted by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy (METE) in cooperation with Ministry of Environment Forest, Water Administration. NCPP team will assist with the organisation of the workshop and facilitation of the relevant stakeholders' participation and involvement. However the NCPP work in keeping the coordination among the relevant interested parties seems not easy, due to very high work load of the people involved and limited communication flow among the relevant parties. Such cooperation becomes especially crucial in regard with the expectations of UNEP on the full and active involvement of the relevant Ministries, into the process of integrating the CP practices and measures in Albania. Therefore, the NCPP Albania, is bringing this issue in front of the implementers attention, to seek more cooperation and closer assistance in achieving the expected results of this component of the CP work in Albania.

Activity 3.1.3 Support the drafting and validation of national RECP Strategy by national and international experts

As part of the strategy adaptation process, meetings with the relevant stakeholders have taken place in Albania. On the frame of this work the UNEP expert Juerg Klarer, have visited Albania in April 28-30, 2010. The NCPP coordinator Entela Pinguli assisted the UNEP Expert in his meetings with the relevant Ministries as well as provided comments to the draft strategy. Please find attached the comments for the draft strategy in Annex 9.

3. ANALYSES OF THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL MAY 31, 2010

On the management and coordination side, the project is following the planned schedule and the NCPP team is fully dedicated to this programme.

As regards with the process of selecting demonstration companies, there was interest from the business about the Cleaner Production initiative, however there are quite some difficulties encountered during the CP implementation. The recruitment of the interested business to apply CP has been, and continues to be, a challenging job for us. And we have mostly used the personal contacts as the way it works best in Albania. For instant we have one company ERDA – meat processing company dropping out of the process after they have signed the contract and been introduced to the concept and process. Other respected Albanian companies such as EHV and KMY, both food processing companies, did not agree to join this programme, and the reason being the confidentiality of the business data, for the purposes of tax evasion. NPPC team is looking into identifying another demonstration companies to match the number of the trained experts.

As regards with the national trainees, the initial number of the national trainees was 23, out of which only 14 were assigned to different demonstrated companies. Due to the technical background of the experts, mostly related to natural science (chemical engineers), they have preference on food processing or heavy industry, rather than dealing with the CP application in hotels. Due to programme limitations, the NCPP team could not satisfy all the expert's special interests, and assigned also them to CP audit, which turn to be a challenging job for most of them, and have been looking for assistance with more guidance on the Hotel CP review. National team of the trainees/ experts need more technical guidance in the assessment process. The assistance of the international CP expert is appreciated, but seems that it is not sufficiently meeting the national needs. Language barrier is one of the communication obstacles, which does not allow them to take full advantage of such an opportunity; however the availability and active approach of the expert needs to be actually improved.

On the same subject, the Expert involvement becomes very crucially important while his time allocated in Albania seem very limited to satisfy the expert's needs. The involvement of the international expert on hotel CP audits is also required, therefore NCPP team has asked UNIDO for assistance.

The following observations are taken so far during the CP assessment work:

- For some of the demonstration companies the work they have done for obtaining the ISO certificate on the environmental management seem to be a helpful tool for the CP assessment since they have available information and documentation which is useful for the CP assessment process.
- The presence of the business representatives in the auditing team is very helpful, especially on the food processing activities. Such knowledge of the technological process becomes an advantage for the national expert and it is expected to impact positively the results of the CP assessment.
- The special development features related to the weak law enforcement in Albania, is a kind of disadvantage to this programme since at the moment the business are not pressed hard to work according to environmental conformity. However, the EU accession process is expected to facilitate this process and soon require implementation of the environmentally sound management practices and approaches by the side of the businesses. Finally we believe that the programme will positively benefit from the development of CP integrated strategy process. However, we strongly believe that the preparation of the draft strategy should follow a participatory, bottom up approach which will ensure the ownership of the strategy from different relevant parties here in Albania. In this case not only the decision makers but also the implementers.