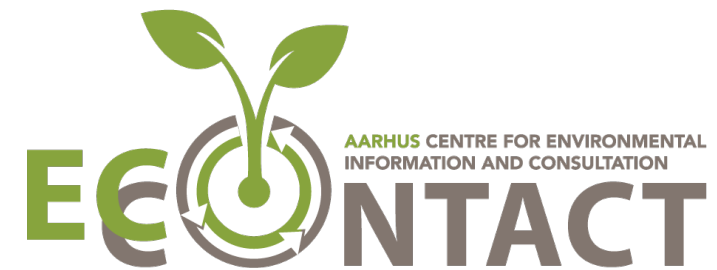


ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON EMISSIONS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

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Work very closely with the Ministry of Environment in providing feedback on the Aarhus Convention (e.g., supported in the elaboration of the Compliance Action Plan for the RM case+ Elaboration of the National Plan of Action of the Aarhus Convention)



Provides approximately 10 consultations per month to various stakeholders on various subjects related to the environment + approximately 1 opinion to the law modifications per month, in some cases 2 or 3.



Member of approximately 10 WG at the Ministerial level on elaboration, modification, or amendment of the Environmental Laws



Provides notices on Environmental Laws that are placed for consultation (this year 15 notices have been provided)

Project:
Enhancement of
Pollutant Release
and Transfer
Registers
(PRTRs) in the
Western Balkan
countries and the
Republic of
Moldova

- The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, within the Assistance Programme for Environmental Protection in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and other countries bordering the European Union, and the Federal Environment Agency. Supervised by the Agency.
- Project period: May 20, 2021- May 19, 2023 - extended until November 30, 2023. Further extension requested until February 29, 2024.
- Project countries:
 - Three Parties to UNECE PRTR Protocol: Albania, Montenegro and Republic of Moldova;
 - A signatory, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo*
- Implementing partners:
 - Participatio Ltd., EcoContact, REC Albania, REC BiH and REC Montenegro;
 - Cooperation with PRTR Protocol Secretariat

*Reference to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)

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Legal notice to the draft acts connected to the PRTR:

- ✓ Law on amending the Waste Law;
- ✓ Mercury Waste Management Regulation;
- ✓ Waste storage Regulation;
- ✓ Law on access to information of public interest
- ✓ Regulation on the trade regime and regulation of the use of halogenated hydrocarbons which destroy the ozone depleting



Project Goals

01

To support Western Balkan countries and Moldova in developing or upgrading their PRTRs;

02

To enable relevant authorities, operators and CSOs for the implementation of the UNECE PRTR Protocol and the E-PRTR&LCP Integrated reporting, reporting to the EU Registry and the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED);

03

To achieve more informed decision-making for sustainability;

Activities in the Republic of Moldova

Capacity building to improve the quality of reporting and use of PRTR:

- Trainings for operators on priority sectors of pollution;
- Training for CSOs to understand what PRTR is for, how to use PRTR data and the coming E-PRTR&LCP integrated data reporting;
- Training for the staff of the Environment Agency;

Improving the availability and accessibility of PRTR data and information

- Survey on the operation and further improvement of PRTR;
- Improving the content of the publicly accessible website;

Stakeholder dialogue

- to increase transparency of decision-making on PRTRs to review progress of the operation of PRTR;

National workshop to build capacities of authorities, operators and CSOs

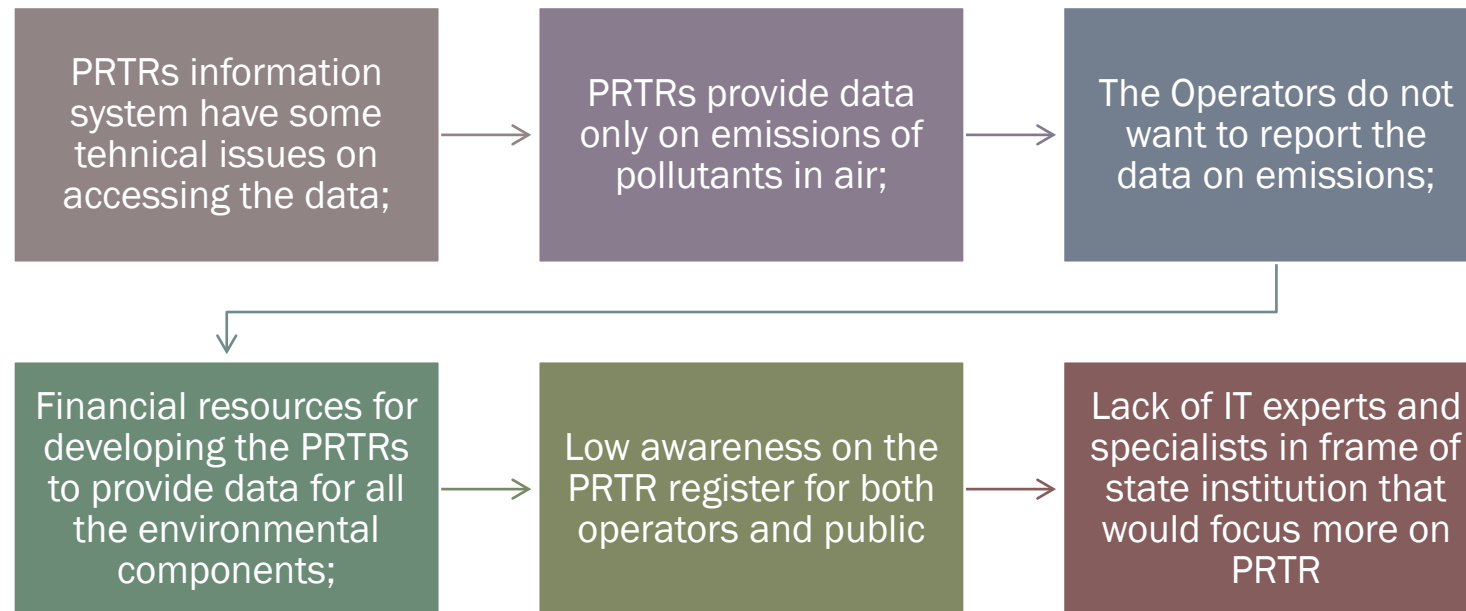
- to enable them to prepare for the implementation of IED, and the E-PRTR and LCP integrated reporting, and reporting to the EU Registry on the Industrial Sites;

Achieved results in the Republic of Moldova



- ❖ Functional PRTRs in place in the Republic of Moldova with regular, good quality online reporting by operators;
- ❖ Improved accessibility and availability of PRTR data and information for the public via PRTR websites;
- ❖ Improved capacities of PRTR authorities, operators and CSOs;
- ❖ Regular use of PRTRs for informing the public of potential risks and impacts of pollutants and transfers, and through this enabling civil society to take actions in their communities;

Challenges in the Republic of Moldova



Solutions for PRTRs in the Republic of Moldova

- ❖ Governmental institution to create a functional mechanism for the information systems that assure access to environmental information, including PRTRs;
- ❖ Continuous improvements of the PRTRs in Moldova with regular, good quality online reporting by operators;
- ❖ Developing an Information campaign, informing the general public about the PRTRs and the type of data that can be accessed;
- ❖ Continuous improvements of accessibility and availability of PRTR data and information for the public via PRTR websites;
- ❖ Continuous Capacities development of PRTR authorities, operators and CSOs;
- ❖ Updating university curricula on environmental emission information systems and training specialists about PRTRs;

Thank you for your attention!

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