

## PROJECT INFORMATION

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### Capacity-building for EU environmental legislation at local and regional governments in Croatia and Macedonia



The project also includes training in water protection.  
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#### Background

Environmental protection at local and regional level covers a broad spectrum of tasks and presents major challenges for competent authorities in Croatia and Macedonia. The framework and responsibilities for local self-government are set at national level in both countries. As part of the process towards accession to the European Union, local and regional governments in both countries must face up to the new specific requirements of European environmental legislation and ensure its implementation and enforcement.

#### Project

The project aims to provide training to administrative staff in the basic principles and instruments of European environment policy, focusing on EU legislation on water and waste management and its implementation at local level. A combination of training courses and

trainer trainings is used to convey specific technical knowledge and train local multipliers. This will strengthen local administrative capacity and build permanent capacities in the environment sector.

Several environmental NGOs act as local partners. The project is supported by the Environment Ministries of Croatia and Macedonia as well as by the Association of German Cities (Deutscher Städtetag).

As initial result of the project, the report on a survey of local authorities in Croatia and Macedonia on environmental protection is available. It is entitled: "Knowledge and attitudes towards European integration and EU environmental legislation in local self-government in Croatia and Macedonia".

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- Region: Croatia, Macedonia
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- Project management: Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt, UBA)
- Project partner: Baltic Environmental Forum Deutschland e.V.; [www.bef-de.org](http://www.bef-de.org)
- Local project partners: Osijek Greens (Croatia), REC Croatia, Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Development (Macedonia), REC Macedonia

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