

IED NEWSLETTER



The IED Serbia project “Green Transition – Implementing Industrial Emissions Directive in Serbia”, represents the third phase of cooperation between the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Cleaner Production Centre of the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, University of Belgrade, and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, and the extended support in the implementation of national regulations in the area of integrated pollution prevention and control, by promoting the transition of Serbian industry to green technologies. [Read more about the project.](#)

HIGHLIGHTS



IED interview

In this issue, we speak with Dr Richard Schlachta, international expert of the IED Serbia project and Head of the Department for Technical Environmental Protection at the District Government of Upper Bavaria. Drawing on over three decades of experience in environmental regulation, Dr Schlachta shares insights from his work as a long-standing member of EU and national expert groups on BREF development and IED implementation. As a technical expert in Serbia since 2010, he reflects on the current challenges in drafting the DSIP, the significance of newly added IPPC activities, and key lessons from VOC control initiatives.

Integrated Permit Issued for operation of the “Imlek” company plant in Subotica

The City Administration of Subotica, Secretariat for Agriculture and Environmental Protection, has passed a decision on issuing an integrated permit to the operator AD “Imlek” Belgrade, for the operation of the installation and carrying out activities related to milk processing and cheese production at the production site in Subotica. The draft integrated permit for this company was prepared within the “IED Serbia” project, in cooperation with representatives of the City Administration of Subotica, with the engagement of national experts.



Open Call – EBRD’s Advisory Support for SMEs

A public call is currently open, supported by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), to provide advice to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to help them grow, succeed, and become catalysts for the economy at the local and regional levels. Through this programme, expert assistance is offered from both local consultants and international advisors who can help transform businesses of all sizes and from various sectors, and improve overall operations. Support is available to enterprises across different industries - including food production, trade and distribution, construction, and engineering - throughout the country, typically over a period of four to six months.

EVENTS

April Mission of International Experts within the IED Serbia Project

The IED Serbia project continues to support the Ministry of Environmental Protection in preparing the Negotiating Position in the field of industrial pollution. A key activity is the ongoing revision of the Directive Specific Implementation Plan (DSIP) for the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), initially developed in a previous phase of the project. As part of this process, representatives of the Ministry's Department for Integrated Permits, supported by international experts from Ireland and the project team, conducted site visits to "Beo Čista Energija d.o.o." in Vinča and "Moravacem d.o.o." in Popovac.



May Mission of International Experts within the IED Serbia Project



The first May mission of international experts within the IED Serbia project focused on continuing the field training for environmental protection inspectors. Experts from Ireland, in cooperation with the project team, carried out

a series of activities aimed at enhancing the oversight of installations subject to the Law on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control. As part of the mission, site visits were conducted at the "Hajdučica" poultry farm in Hajdučica, the "Vibac Balkani" plant in Jagodina, and the "FCC Eko d.o.o." landfill in Lapovo.

Second International Experts' Mission under the IED Serbia Project in May

As part of the ongoing activities supporting the revision of the Directive Specific Implementation Plan (DSIP) for IED, a second expert mission was organised in May within the project IED Serbia. During this mission, the international expert from Germany Dr Richard Schlachta, in collaboration with representatives of the Ministry, national experts, and the project team, conducted a series of site visits to selected industrial facilities across Serbia, including "Vaider Srpska fabrika stakla" d.o.o. in Paraćin, "Mei Ta Europe" d.o.o. in Barič, "Avista Oil" d.o.o. in Vršin, and "Ethanol Lab" d.o.o. in Šabac.



WORKSHOPS

Workshop for Competent Authorities Held as Part of the Second Training Module

A two-day workshop aimed at strengthening the capacities of competent authorities involved in the integrated permitting process was held in Belgrade on 9 - 10 April 2025. Conducted as part of the IED Serbia project's second training module, the event focused on topics such as wastewater management, soil and groundwater protection, and waste treatment. Led by international experts Leo Sweeney and Tom Stafford, the hybrid-format workshop gathered over 50 participants from national, provincial, and local institutions, offering practical insights, experience exchange, and certification for successful completion.





Workshop on Industrial Activities to Be Covered by the New IPPC Law Held

On 29 May 2025, the IED Serbia project, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, held a technical workshop in Belgrade dedicated to new categories and subcategories of industrial activities that, due to the harmonisation of national regulations with the Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU (IED), will be subject to IPPC permitting. The workshop was primarily intended for operators from the waste management sector, chemical industry, food production, as well as wood processing and preservation.



Third Training Module Concludes with Two-Day Workshop for Competent Authorities



Organised within the third training module, a two-day workshop aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of competent authorities responsible for integrated permitting was held in Belgrade on 19-20 May 2025. Delivered in a hybrid format by international experts Patrick Lawrence Sweeney and Tom Stafford, the event focused on air emissions, noise, and odour management in industrial installations. Over 70 representatives from national, provincial, and local institutions took part, actively engaging in discussions and contributing to effective knowledge sharing and learning.

