

IED NEWSLETTER



The IED Serbia project “Green Transition – Implementing Industrial Emissions Directive in Serbia”, builds on a long-standing partnership between the Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Cleaner Production Centre of the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, University of Belgrade, and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), focusing on supporting the implementation of national regulations in the area of integrated pollution prevention and control, while promoting the transition of Serbian industry towards green technologies. [Read more](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

IED interview



In this issue, we speak with Ms Sylvia Bakardjeva, international expert on the IED Serbia project and legal consultant with extensive experience in the development and implementation of the EU's regulatory framework on environmental and climate policy. As Climate Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU and as Chair of the Council Working Party on the Environment during the Bulgarian Presidency, she was directly involved in shaping key EU climate legislation and negotiating the climate aspects of the Governance of the

Energy Union Regulation. In the interview, she provides an expert perspective on the current CBAM situation, explains expectations regarding the introduction of greenhouse gas emissions tax in Serbia, and guides us through the EU ETS 2 system.

Integrated Permit Issued to Timkok Company from Banatsko Novo Selo

The City Administration of Pančevo, Secretariat for Environmental Protection, has adopted a decision on issuing the first integrated permit on the territory of the City to the company Timkok Ltd. from Banatsko Novo Selo for carrying out activities related to intensive poultry farming. Within the first phase of the IED Serbia project, using the existing and additional documentation, a draft integrated permit was prepared, which served as the basis for the adoption of the final decision by the competent authority.



Integrated Permit Issued for the Umka Cardboard Factory with Expert Support from the Project



The Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia has adopted a Decision issuing an integrated permit to the operator Umka Cardboard Factory Ltd., Umka, for the operation of an industrial installation for the production of recycled cardboard using collected waste paper and cardboard. The draft integrated permit for this company was prepared within the framework of the IED Serbia project, in cooperation with representatives of the Ministry and with the involvement of international and national experts engaged under the IED Serbia project.

Public Call for the Award of Non-Refundable Grants by the Ministry of Economy



The Ministry of Economy, in cooperation with the Development Fund of the Republic of Serbia, has launched a public call for the award on non-refundable grants under the new Programme

to Enhance Business Internationalisation Capacities in 2025. The Programme is intended for entrepreneurs, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, and cooperatives seeking to improve competitiveness and strengthen their presence in foreign markets through investments in production capacities, equipment, energy efficiency, and the improvement of environmental standards.

Second Call for Project Proposals under the Bulgaria–Serbia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme

Within the IPA Bulgaria-Serbia Programme, the Second Call for the submission of project proposals has been launched, providing direct support to Serbian and Bulgarian micro, small and medium-sized enterprises wishing to implement joint cross-border investment projects. Projects must be clearly investment-oriented, with at least 60% of the total budget allocated to investments, including the modernisation of production processes, the introduction of new technologies and equipment, digitalisation and ICT solutions, improvement of quality and competitiveness, capacity expansion, and participation in value chains.



EVENTS

First Meeting of the Working Group for the Revision of the DSIP for the IED Held

The first meeting of the Working Group for the revision of the Directive Specific Implementation Plan (DSIP) for the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) was held. During the meeting, the preliminary results of the analyses carried out as part of the DSIP revision were presented, including the assessment of IPPC operators' compliance with the requirements of the Directive, the development of new action plans for existing IPPC installations, and the assessment of compliance of operators who, following the adoption of the new Law, will be required to obtain an integrated permit.



Study Visit to Germany Organised through the IED Serbia Project



Representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia visited Germany as part of a study visit organised through the IED Serbia project, aimed at exchanging experiences with competent authorities and industry on the practical implementation of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED). During the November visit to Munich, the delegation was introduced to institutional working models, cooperation with industrial operators, and the role of the Upper Bavaria regional government in implementing the Directive and applying Best Available Techniques (BAT) in practice.

November Mission of International Expert under the IED Serbia Project

During the November mission of Richard Schlachta, the international expert engaged in the IED Serbia project, activities continued to strengthen institutional capacities and prepare key documents for the negotiation process in the field of industrial pollution. In cooperation with representatives of the Ministry, national experts, and the project team, technical visits to industrial installations were carried out to assess the compliance of new operators with the requirements of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) and the revision of the Directive Specific Implementation Plan (DSIP).



WORKSHOP

New “Eco-Heroes” Workshops for Primary School Students Held under the IED Serbia Project

In the last quarter of 2025, three educational workshops under the “Eco-Heroes” programme were delivered within the IED Serbia project, aimed at primary school students. With the support of student mentors and professors from the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, children explored the basic principles of environmental protection through interactive and practical activities, an animated film, and tailored lectures and publications, designed to encourage curiosity, teamwork, and awareness of the link between everyday habits and nature conservation.

