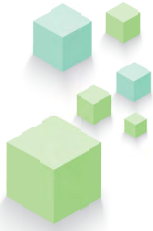


IED NEWSLETTER



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

New Faces in the IED Serbia Project Team



At the beginning of the year, the IED Serbia project launched a call for students to support the project team in the implementation of project activities. Shortly afterwards, two young colleagues, Staša Sibinović and Neda Milutinović, joined the team, eager to gain practical experience in the fields of environmental protection and industrial emissions. During their engagement, the students from the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy will support the project team in the preparation of analyses, reports and technical materials, data collection and processing and communication with operators, competent authorities and other relevant stakeholders. We are particularly pleased to welcome young people to the project team and provide them with an opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience through work on real-life tasks, while becoming more familiar with the field of environmental protection in practice.

Serbia Preparing a New Legal Framework for Industrial Pollution Control

A new Law on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) is currently being drafted in Serbia, with the aim of improving the regulation of industrial emissions and further aligning national legislation with the EU environmental acquis. After more than twenty years of implementation of the existing legal framework, the new draft law represents an opportunity to modernise the integrated permitting system and strengthen environmental protection. Activities on the preparation of the new law officially began in February 2025, followed by consultations with experts and interested stakeholders during November and December of the same year. The public consultation process, adopted by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on 12 March 2026, was held from 13 March to 15 April 2026. Following the adoption of the law, the focus will shift to its effective implementation and practical application. Its implementation will require continuous cooperation among competent authorities, operators and other stakeholders, as well as further strengthening of administrative and technical capacities. As one of the key regulations in the field of industrial pollution control, the new law represents an important step towards alignment with EU standards and improved environmental protection in Serbia.



Integrated Permit Issued for the “Jug” Heating Plant with the support of IED Serbia

The City Administration of the City of Niš has issued a decision granting an integrated permit to the operator PUC “Gradska toplana Niš” for the operation of the entire installation and the carrying out of energy production activities at the “Jug” Heating Plant site. This is the first integrated permit issued by this competent authority. The draft integrated permit was prepared within the framework of the IED Serbia project, in cooperation with the competent authorities, while the application for an integrated permit and supporting documentation were prepared through the project “EU for Green Agenda in Serbia”, implemented by the UNDP. The issuance of this permit is expected to contribute to more effective prevention and control of air pollution, as well as to the improvement of ambient air quality in Niš.



Call for Grant Support to Research and Industry Partnerships

The Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia has announced a Public Call for the program Science for Industry - Application of Artificial Intelligence in Industry Through Scientific Partnerships, titled "From Lab to Market." The program directly connects research and innovation organisations (RIOs) with companies to develop applicable artificial intelligence-based solutions that enhance the competitiveness and technological readiness of domestic industry. The call is open until 15 June 2026, at 12:00 CET. The Fund provides support ranging from EUR 150,000 to EUR 300,000 per project, with additional financing of up to EUR 100,000 for projects that meet the programme's conditions. Participation requires mandatory co-financing from the industry partner amounting to at least 15% of the project budget value, through cash or in-kind contributions.



Call for Grant Support to Women Entrepreneurs - Brave 2026



The Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation has announced the "Brave 2026" call, aimed at supporting micro and small enterprises, cooperatives, women entrepreneurs, and associations led by women or employing at least 60% women. Through this programme, at least 15 businesses will receive grant funding of up to EUR 6,000 per project, with the goal of strengthening women's entrepreneurship and improving the economic status of women in Serbia. Innovative business ideas will be given priority, particularly in manufacturing activities, that contribute to women's employment and have potential for further business development and sustainability after the project ends, Funds may be used for: Purchase of equipment and machinery (up to 30% of the total budget), training, participation at trade fairs, branding and promotion activities, certification, licensing, and protection of intellectual property rights. The call is open until 16 June 2026, at 16:00 CET.

EVENTS

Second Meeting of the Working Group for the Revision of DSIP for IED held

The second meeting of the Working Group for the revision of the Directive Specific Implementation Plan (DSIP) for the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) was held successfully. During this meeting, an overview of the activities carried out so far in the revision of the DSIP was presented, including the results of the analysis of operators' compliance with Best Available Techniques (BAT) across all categories of industrial activities. The first draft of the revised Directive Specific Implementation Plan was also presented, together with the proposed structure of the annexes and the plan for the next steps in the drafting process.



TMF Team Reaches Final of International Student Food Industry Sustainability Competition



Students from the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, University of Belgrade, achieved notable success at the international student Anthropocene Case Competition, ranking among the top 13 teams in a competition that brought together 85 teams from 26 countries. The competition focused on developing sustainable solutions to challenges in the food industry, with a particular emphasis on the circular economy. During the preparation of the case study, the team received expert support from the IED Serbia project through consultations and knowledge exchange in the fields of environmental protection, sustainable resource management, and the application of Best Available Techniques (BAT) in the intensive livestock sector.