

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 about the project](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

New Law on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control enters into force



After the Government of the Republic of Serbia adopted the Draft Law on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control, the National Assembly adopted the Law on 10 July 2026, establishing a new framework for further strengthening the industrial emissions

control system. The new law aligns the national regulatory framework with Chapter II of EU's Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), including the extension of its scope to new industrial activities listed in Annex I of the Directive. Key developments include the introduction of a legal basis for general binding rules for certain industrial activities, particularly intensive rearing of poultry and pigs, as well as the mandatory application of Best Available Techniques conclusions when determining conditions in integrated permits, including emission limit values. The integrated permitting procedure will be further improved through digitalisation, the establishment of a central electronic database and an accompanying portal. At the same time, transparency will be strengthened through more clearly defined public participation, improved access to information and opportunities to participate in decision-making procedures.

Integrated Permit Issued to the Pirot Regional



The Ministry of Environmental Protection has issued a decision granting an integrated permit to the operator PUC “Regionalna deponija Pirot” in Pirot for the operation of the first phase of the installation, covering activities involving the disposal, mechanical treatment and temporary storage of non-hazardous municipal waste. The draft integrated permit for the regional sanitary municipal waste landfill was prepared within the framework of the IED Serbia project, in cooperation with the competent authority, while the application for the integrated permit and the supporting documentation were prepared through the “EU for Green Agenda in Serbia” project, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

New Public Call to Accelerate the Green Transition



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in partnership with the Ministry of Environmental Protection, has launched a public call within the “EU for the Green Agenda in Serbia” initiative to support the financing of green investments, the development of green project concepts, and the preparation of strategic and planning documents that contribute to the green transition at the local level. The support is available to companies, local self-government units and managers of protected areas, and covers the areas of decarbonization and energy transition, circular economy and resource efficiency, environmental pollution reduction with an emphasis on air quality, and nature and biodiversity protection. The public call offers three types of support: financing of green investments, development of green project concepts, and preparation of strategic and planning documents.

Public Call for Circular Solutions for Communities in Serbia

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Environmental Protection, with the support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), have launched a public call to support innovative solutions that contribute to the development of the circular economy at the local level. Local self-government units, public utility companies, businesses, research and educational institutions, civil society organisations, professional associations and foundations may apply individually or as part of a consortium. Funding of up to USD 40,000 per project is available for initiatives such as circular public services, product reuse and repair, sharing and exchange of goods, reducing food loss and waste, as well as other innovative local solutions based on circular economy principles. The public call is open until 20 October 2026 or until the available funds have been exhausted.



PUBLICATIONS

Animated Film “Europe’s journey to a greener industry” Released



As part of the IED Serbia project, an animated film entitled “Europe’s journey to a greener industry” has been published, taking viewers on a brief journey through the evolution of the European framework for industrial pollution control, from the early legislation on combating air pollution from industrial installations, through the IPPC Directive and the introduction of the IED, to the revised Industrial Emissions Directive (IED 2.0). The film presents the key changes introduced by IED 2.0 in a clear and engaging way, including the extension of its scope to new industrial activities and intensive rearing of livestock, stricter BAT-based requirements, improved resource efficiency, decarbonisation, the promotion of innovation and stronger citizens’ rights. It also illustrates how the new rules will be gradually implemented and contribute to the long-term transformation of European industry.

Key Changes Introduced by the Revised IED Presented in a New Project Leaflet



As part of the IED Serbia project, a leaflet entitled “Industrial Emissions Directive for a Greener Industry in the EU” has been prepared, offering a concise overview of the key changes introduced by the revised Industrial Emissions Directive. Through brief explanations and accompanying infographics, the leaflet highlights the main changes related to innovation and industrial transformation, citizens’ rights and health protection, resource efficiency and decarbonisation, more efficient permitting and enforcement, as well as the extension of the Directive’s scope. The leaflet presents these complex regulatory changes in a clear and concise way, making the information easier to understand and accessible to a wide range of stakeholders.

Project Brochure on the Changes Introduced by IED 2.0



As part of the IED Serbia project, a brochure entitled “New EU Legal Framework: Changes Introduced by the Revised Industrial Emissions Directive” has been published, focusing on the amendments introduced by IED 2.0. The brochure provides a structured overview of the key changes introduced by the revised Directive and their relevance to the evolving European regulatory framework for industrial emissions control. Particular attention is given to stricter requirements for setting emission limit values based on Best Available Techniques Associated Emission Levels (BAT-AELs) set out in BAT conclusions, as well as improved resource efficiency, decarbonisation, and the promotion of industrial transformation and innovation. The brochure also covers new requirements aimed at strengthening public participation and citizens’ rights, alongside other important changes relevant to the future implementation of the Directive. The publication is intended for representatives of competent authorities, the industrial sector, experts and the academic community, as well as other stakeholders involved in the implementation of the IED and the further alignment with its requirements. The brochure is available in both Serbian and English, alongside other project publications.

EVENTS

May Mission of International Experts Dedicated to Enhancing Environmental Inspections

At the end of May, international experts from Ireland, Patrick Lawrence Sweeney and Tom Stafford, carried out field training for environmental inspectors as part of the IED Serbia project. During the mission, inspection simulations were organised at installations from different industrial sectors, including “Knauf Insulation” in Surdulica, a manufacturer of insulation materials; “HBIS Group Serbia Iron & Steel, Tinplate Mill” in Šabac, a facility for the production of tinplate and steel; the “Križi Vir” heating plant operated by PUC “Gradske toplove” Niš; and the “Župa” chemical plant in Kruševac, which produces pesticides and industrial chemicals.

