Recent successful steps taken by Republic of Serbia in implementation of Balkans project

Workshop to Promote the Ratification of the Protocols on Heavy Metals, POPs and the Gothenburg Protocol across the Entire UNECE Region
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The Republic of Serbia is Party to:

The 1979 Geneva Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (Official Journal SFRJ - International Treaties, No. 11/86)


This protocol is carried out by Republic Hidrometeorological Service of Serbia
Present situation in national legislation on air protection


... it is planned to adopt sub-acts: Regulation on emission limit values; on conditions for air quality monitoring and requirements for air quality; on ozone depleting substances, etc.

until end of 2009.
Steps to ratify the Protocol

I Initial stage

- Preparation of National Action Plan in the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- Analysis of the obligations of the Protocol
- Comparative analyses of national legislation and legal implications regarding Protocol and EU requirements
- Economic implications of ratifying the Protocol
- Explanatory justification of ratification
- Preparation of Information on Justification with the Draft Law with Explanation
- Submitting the Draft Law on Ratification to the competent ministries, agencies, Republic Hidrometeorological Service of Serbia, institutions on their comments and opinions duration one month
Steps to ratify the Protocol

II Ratification

Submitting the Draft Law on Ratification by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia to the Government
Consideration of the Information and Draft Law by the republican government
Adoption of the Draft Law on Ratification by Government
Adoption of the Draft Law on Ratification by Parliament duration depends on the Parliament’s agenda

III Submitting of ratification instruments by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia to Depositary
Publishing of the adopted Law in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia - International Agreements
Competent authorities

Initial stage of ratification process

Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
Preparation and consultations before ratification
opinions of relevant ministries responsible for e.g. finances, energy, health
other stakeholders

Ratification

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia
responsible for the ratification process at the state level and deposit of ratification instruments
Recent steps in implementation of the Balkans project

- Serbia decided to organize the project implementation in such a way that relevant institution Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning took the steering and coordinating role in the project.
- Serbia have been working on developing their National Action Plans for implementing and ratifying each of three Protocols.
- The development of NAPs is entrusted to single experts.
- Preparation of needed documentation for signing the MoU for elaboration phase.
- The draft NAPs are almost prepared and ready for submission to the UNECE for consideration.
- Translation of Protocols in Serbian language is done.
Steps in the near future

First elaboration phase (duration-end of February, 2010)

- Organize the consultation meeting with all institutions having responsibilities for implementing the obligations of the Protocols
- Submit the draft NAPs to UNECE Secretariat
- Submit the NAPs for approval
- Purchasing office equipment
- Submit the financial report for the elaboration phase
- Prepare MoU for implementation phase with detailed description of the assignment and a budget

Second implementation phase (duration-July, 2011)

- Hiring national experts
- Realization of the actions defined under NAPs i.e. establish of inventory for HM, meetings with responsible institutions, etc.
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