

Sustainable management of industrial areas in Montenegro

Introducing sustainability to the management of industrial areas was the focus of a Horizon 2020 training course organized in Montenegro. The two-and-a-half day course (27-29 June 2011) focused on the environmental impacts of industrial areas on the Mediterranean Sea and on the tools and measures necessary to mitigate these. The participants were Montenegrin professionals working on coastal zone management or in industrial areas, sourced mainly from local and national environmental regulatory bodies, industry and academia.

Through presentations, exercises, discussions and a field visit to the Port of Bar, participants acquired insight on the current situation in Montenegro, the latest European regulatory standards, the issues of industrial waste management and green technologies for Cleaner Production.

Trainees found the visit to the port very useful as it gave them the chance to actually witness the irregularities discussed in theory in the classroom. They also found that the course content was especially relevant to the reality of the country.

The course was organised by the H2020 partner Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production (CP/RAC) of UNEP/MAP with the support of the Montenegrin government. Similar trainings will take place in various other Mediterranean countries by October 2012.