

Project: " Transboundary Air Pollution Health Index Development and Implementation" ('**TRAP**')

The new air quality measuring station in Gevgelija

A small official ceremony was organized for the official start of the station in Gevgelija where the Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, Mr. Naser Nuredini, the Minister of Local-Self Government, Mr. Goran Milevski, the EU Ambassador, Mr. David Geer, and the Mayor of Municipality of Gevgelija, Mr. Saso Pockov addressed attendees of this ceremony. On 17th November 2020, the Municipality of Gevgelija got a new air quality monitoring station. The monitoring station was procured through the project "Transboundary Air Pollution Health Index Development and Implementation" co-financed under the IPA cross-border cooperation programme Greece- Republic of North Macedonia for the period 2014-2020. The Ministry of environment and physical planning as Beneficiary partner in this project was responsible for



implementation of this activity and

procurement of the monitoring station in Gevgelija and monitoring instruments for already installed station Bitola 1. The supply of equipment includes one automatic air quality monitoring station. The new station has analyzers for monitoring Sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x, NO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃), particles (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀). This new station

complements the existing state air quality monitoring network. In addition to the procurement of the monitoring station, a number of other activities are being implemented within the project. Namely, within this program, a complete replacement of all instruments was made in the measuring station



Bitola 1, and instruments for measuring PM 2.5 particles were procured, for the measuring station Bitola 1 and this one in Gevgelija. Also, two automatic standard/reference low volume samplers for measuring suspended particles (PM₁₀ and PM 2.5) were procured and placed near the measuring stations Bitola 1 and Gevgelija. Additionally, the project will assess the impact of air quality on human health in the cross-border region, will develop a health index, will strengthen cross-border cooperation by organizing thematic training, will prepare and implement more activities to raise public awareness of citizens. Apart from the Ministry, other partners directly involved in the project implementation are the Center for



Climate Change - Gevgelija and three partners from the Republic of Greece (Environmental Centre of Western Macedonia, Municipality of Florina and European Regional Framework for Cooperation). For the realization of this project, the European Union through the IPA Cross-border Cooperation Program financed the project in a total value of almost one million euros for both countries, and the national co-financing in the amount of 15 percent was provided by the Ministry of Local Self-Government.

Photo gallery:



This project is co-financed from the European Union and of National funds of the participating countries

