

Sustainable Environment Management, through Transposition and Approximation of National Legislation with EU Legislation in Kosovo for the Period 2007-2011

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Abstract: Approximation of national legislation with the Acquis Communautaire in the EU (European Union) is among the most important prerequisite and main condition for the Republic of Kosovo to fulfill standards and must meet on its path towards European integration. Kosovo in an effort to meet the standards and requirements, as a potential candidate for membership in the European Union has made efforts in environmental legislation, the transposition of this legislation with European Directives and its implementation. So far, eleven (11) laws have been drafted in the field of environment, nine (9) of which belonging to the vertical legislation, and two (2) of horizontal legislation. Also, fifty (50) bylaws acts are approved. During the period of 2007-2011, has been done transposition monitoring, and implementation of Kosovo environmental legislation based on European Union directives. The data indicate that there has been progress in transposing EU Directives into national legislation. Approximately, 70% of the provisions issued by the European Environmental Directives are transposed into national environmental laws. Regarding the implementation of environmental legislation in Kosovo still has significant obstacles, in fact that is mentioned in the Progress Reports of the European Commission. The main obstacles to the implementation of environmental legislation have budgetary implications that bring these laws, lack of information and public awareness on the importance of their implementation and lack of institutional capacity due to its implementation. To overcome the situation needed to find effective mechanisms of legislation implementation, strengthen of institutional cooperation and coordination between the actors involved in this process, and increase the level of information and awareness of the importance of implementing environmental legislation and the benefits that this implementation brings in the environmental area and beyond.

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