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LDK completes environmental project of major importance for Albania

The UNDP project on the preparation of environmental impact assessments for the remediation of ten high priority environmental hot spots in Albania, was completed last week by the joint venture of Foster Wheeler Italiana, LDK Consultants, and the Albanian G&G group, as part of the *greater UNDP programme on the identification and prioritisation of environmental hot spots in Albania*. These hotspot areas comprise industrial sites, mines, smelters, as well as chemical storage facilities.

The project included a detailed identification and assessment of environmental pressures in particular areas of the country, which hosted heavy industrial activity in the past and now remain as contaminated sites. The elaboration of short-term and long-term remediation action plans for each site was also part of the project, together with an environmental impact and social assessment study and the preparation of technical tender documents for each site's remediation, so as to guarantee human health and environmental protection. This project shall be used as the basis for a major remediation programme in Albania.

During the closing event that took place on May 4th in Tirana, the contractor consortium presented the results of the project, paving the way to the realisation of remediation actions in these hot spots areas. The event was attended by the Albanian Minister of Environment, Forests and Water Management, Mr. Fatmir Mediu, deputy Minister Mr. Taulant Bino, and the UN Resident Coordinator in Albania, Ms Gulden Turkoz-Cosslett. As it was already highlighted in the National Environmental Action Plan of Albania, the environmental situation around the closed industrial sites in the country poses a serious concern, and their remediation constitutes a priority.



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From left to right: Klodiana Marika (UNDP Albania – Project Manager), Fatmir Mediu (Minister of Environment, Forests and Water Administration of Albania), Gulden Turkoz-Cosslett (United Nations Resident Co-ordinator in Albania), Sazan Guri (G&G), Taulant Bino (Deputy Minister of Environment, Forests and Water Administration of Albania), Daniele Arlotti (Foster Wheeler Italiana), Stavros Damianidis (LDK Consultants).



Abandoned textile factory unit in Berat.

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Battery dumpsite at the abandoned battery factory in Berat.



Abandoned mine buildings in Perrenjas.