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Press release

Study visit by Georgian officials to the Czech Republic

Officials and staff members of the Georgian Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources studied the potential of legislation on the control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances. Both Georgian and Czech participants engaged in active exchange about their respective fields of expertise.

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The EU funded Twinning Project “*Strengthening the administrative capacities of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia for approximation and implementation of the EU environmental 'acquis' in the fields of industrial pollution and industrial hazards*”, in collaboration with the Czech Environmental Information Agency (CENIA), has conducted a study visit to the Czech Republic. 10 officials and staff members of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia participated in the study visit, accompanied by Twinning Project team members. The activity lasted 5 days, from 6th to 10th of November 2017.

The study visit was focused on the implementation of the legislation on control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances in the Czech Republic. This legislation is based on the transposition of the so called “Seveso Directives”. This informal name was given to a set of 3 consecutive EU Directives due to the “Seveso disaster”, an industrial accident that occurred in 1976 in the Italian city of Seveso, near Milan. It resulted in the highest known exposure to the dangerous substance TCDD, a type of dioxin, in residential populations.

Additionally, the implementation of the legislation based on the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) of the EU was also addressed, since all installations visited are covered by both pieces of legislation.

During the study visit meetings and workshops were held at the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic, the Czech Environmental Inspectorate, the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute and the Regional Environmental Authority of the Central Bohemian Region.

Site visits were conducted to 2 chemical industries and one non-ferrous metals processing and chemical industry. All of them are both IED and Seveso installations.

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Participants agreed on the following main findings:

- The implementation of the Seveso legislation (on industrial hazards) and the legislation on IED (industrial pollution) requires strong capacity building actions and the development of detailed procedures for the assessment of applications, for permitting and inspection
- Coordination among competent authorities involved in the implementation of the Seveso legislation is needed
- Coordination is needed to carry out different environmental procedures, such as environmental impact assessment (EIA), IED permitting procedures and procedures provided for under Seveso legislation
- The Czech experience in implementing the provisions of IED in permitting and inspection is a suitable reference for Georgia
- Industries in the Czech Republic had to go through a modernization process to adapt to the new requirements under Seveso and IED legislation which had its costs but the benefits of operating inside the EU Single Market exceeded the costs

A summary of the report with conclusions will be made available to the public on 20.11.2017 on <http://www.moe.gov.ge/ka/%E1%83%9E%E1%83%A0%E1%83%9D%E1%83%94%E1%83%A5%E1%83%A2%E1%83%94%E1%83%91%E1%83%98/mimdinare-proeqtebi/garemosdacviti-mmartveloba/>

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Background:

Twinning is a European Union initiative, which brings together public sector expertise from EU Member States and beneficiary countries with the aim of enhancing co-operative activities. Twinning projects must yield concrete operational results for the beneficiary country under the terms of the Association Agreement between that country and the EU.

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