

## 2.5 Industrial Pollution & Risk Prevention

### ASSESSMENT

Little progress has been achieved in the area of industrial pollution and risk prevention. More effort is needed in implementing provisions of the *IPPC Directive* as well as moving forward in aligning with the *Industrial Emissions Directive* (IED).

### RATIONALE

#### Developments

Serbia started translation of BREF documents although it has not been disclosed for which technologies and sectors.

#### Challenges

Lack of reliable data in both domestic and international resources (E-PRTR) remains one of the main problems.

Slow progress in IPPC implementation and the idea to prolong the date for its full implementation (which was discussed in the Parliament in 2013) are key IPPC compliance impediments. There is a proposal to have 12 months pilot operation for IPPC capacities which do not have IPPC license. They would be granted a permit if during this period no excessive pollution is recorded. If this procedure is to be implemented successfully, strong safeguards against corruption will have to be put in place. Proposed amendments to the IPPC Law, relating to prolongation of the deadline for permits, has not been accepted in parliament of Serbia.

One of the main sources of pollution in Serbia - the energy generation capacities - are far from complying with obligations of the *Industrial Emissions Directive*. Serbia is trying to negotiate longer transitional periods and adaptations for the full enforcement of the IED under the *Energy Community Treaty*, which is not in line with obligations coming from the EU accession process. New proposed capacities in the energy sector, primarily of coal power plants, which are in early (blueprint) project phase, are already planned to pollute in limit level values. It is thus evident that such plans will not be sustainable since deposits of lignite in Serbia are much worse than those excavated in present time, qualities and fluctuations in calorific values (and high presence of sands in lignite mixture) will lead to higher emissions.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Republic of Serbia needs to take urgent steps to fully comply with IPPC and IED Directives.