

# Horizon 2020

De-polluting the Mediterranean Sea by 2020

## ENPI Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/ Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP)

**Developing methodologies for effective involvement of all  
necessary stakeholders  
Albania**



**27-28 October 2011, Zagreb, Croatia**

# Albania overview

Albania part of the protocol and convention of Barcelona: involved in an international monitoring program to analyze the physical and chemical parameters of the Mediterranean coastal waters

The Adriatic and Ionian coast of Albania is approximately 429 km.

Albania has made some progress in approximating its environmental legislation to EU standards

Albania Law : Environment Impact Assessment  
Law nr: Nr. 8990, date 23.1.2003

Albania has ratified the Aarhus convention in June 2001 ,and Espoo Convention.



# Vlora industrial and energy park

(combined cycle thermo power plant and hydrocarbons storage)

Preparation since 2001 like: determinate the territory, the fuel and EIA.

## ***Thermo power plant***

The project financed from:

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD),

World Bank's International Development Association

European Investment Bank (EIB)

World bank was the responsible for the project preparation, including the assessment and public consultations.

Public hearing in April and September 2003

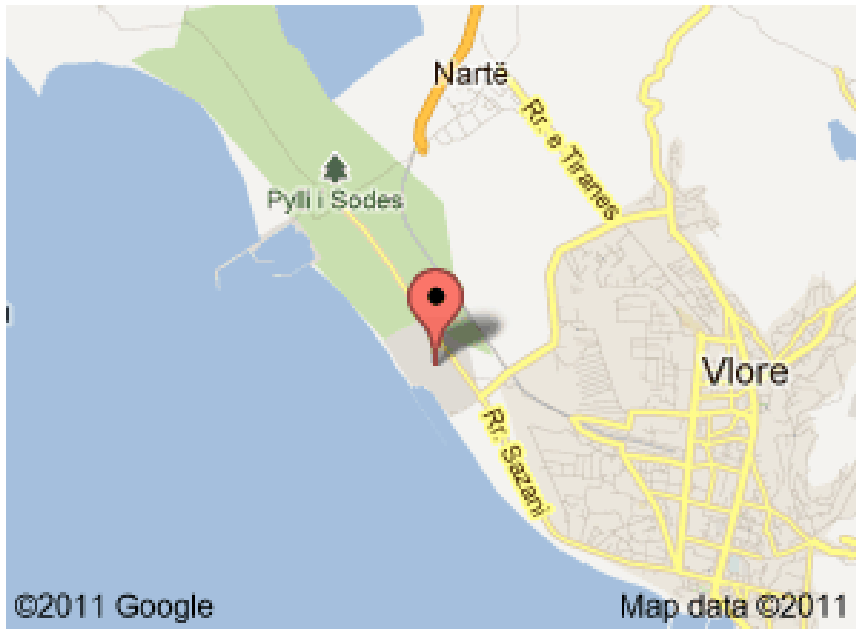
The Civic Alliance for the Protection of the Vlora Bay collected **14 000 signatures** under a petition against the energy and industrial park

The Alliance submitted a communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee for a non regular public involvement during the process

The Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee showed that the EIA process for the power plant did not provide sufficient opportunities for the town of Vlora to participate in the scoping sessions and public consultations.



Vlora harbor



## Thermo power plant case

1 L oil spreads in 5km<sup>2</sup> to the sea





**Alliance in front of the TPP**

**Alliance blocking the streets**



## Vlora hydrocarbons terminal

About half a kilometer south of the Vlora thermo-power plant site.

Public comments and the quality review of the EIA revealed that the study lacks:

- monitoring and management plans
- does not offer solutions to oil spills and hazardous wastes removal
- underestimates the impacts on protected areas.

The original EIA lacked any mention of resettlement and land compensation issues associated with the terminal, as several families were displaced as a result of project construction.



# Thermo power plant (Porto Romano)

6.5 km north of the city of Durres

December 2007 the Italian energy company ENEL signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Albanian government about construction of a 1 600MW coal fired thermo-power plant located in the area of Porto Romano in the Albanian coastal town of Durres

Two 800 MW coal-fired units

EIA Porto Romano September 2008

Public hearing January 2009

Not the concerned public  
was involved in the public  
hearing

Not enough information







## Porto Romano Case



# Saranda Gateway

EIA June 2007

08 March 2007 presentation of the project to public

21 May 07 publication of the EIA draft

15 June 07 Deadline for the comments

26 June 07 public hearing

Correct way of announcement, media, newspaper, etc

Concerns: like the yacht harbor. This concern was expressed also by the public during the Public Consultation held on 8 March



# Trans Adriatic pipeline

The Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) is a natural gas pipeline project. The pipeline will start in Greece, cross Albania and the Adriatic Sea and come ashore in southern Italy, allowing gas to flow directly from the Caspian region to European markets.

<http://www.trans-adriatic-pipeline.com/fileadmin/pdfs/tap-hse-st-0009.pdf>

