

EMAS becomes a reality in Serbia

### **Acceding country Serbia is promoting EMAS, to engage Serbian organisations to adhere to the Scheme**

Under the umbrella of the EU Project "Law enforcement in the field of industrial pollution control, prevention of chemical accident and implementation of the EMAS system" ([EMAS/IPPC/SEVESO](#) - EuropeAid/131555/C/SER/RS) starting in 2012, authorities in Serbia together with the EU have been carrying out joint activities to promote EMAS and get Serbian organisations on board. As a result already three companies are expected to be ready for EMAS registration in 2015: Galenika-Fitofarmacija a.d., a manufacturer of pesticides and other agrochemical products; Gorenje d.o.o., manufacturer of electric domestic appliances; and TRS Europe d.o.o., one of the leading re-manufacturers of compatible laser toner cartridges in Europe. Ahead of Serbian accession, the companies plan to apply for registration under [EMAS global](#) – a mechanism that makes it EMAS available to organisations all over the world.

In this framework, a one-week EMAS study trip to Austria took place in March 2013, with the aim of exchanging experiences with and knowledge about EMAS. Three EMAS experts from Austria and Serbia, representatives of selected companies and representatives of relevant EMAS and environmental institutions participated in the trip.



During the project period relevant legislation was revised and complemented in order to create the administrative framework for smooth EMAS registration of Serbian companies. Additionally, relevant manuals for the industry and administration involved have been drafted.

Several activities were carried out in 2014 in the field of EMAS promotion and also training for certification bodies. On December 11th 2014 the final EMAS conference for the above project took place in Belgrade, presenting the main results of the project, as well as expositions by three companies from Serbia that have implemented EMAS. Representatives of the EU delegation in Serbia, the State secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and environmental protection, the EU project team and other experts engaged on the project participated in the event.



Another result of the overall EMAS activities in Serbia is the creation of EMAS Portal – [www.emas.rs](http://www.emas.rs) for Serbia, as well as communication about EMAS through social media channels (initiated by Victoria consulting).