

State Supreme Audit of Albania has conducted environmental performance audit in the Municipality Districts of Berat, Berat Municipality, Kuçovë and Ura Vajgurore on urban environment protection from pollution by garbage, public administration and their removal.

*The purpose of this audit* is the conclusion about the situation of the urban environment, pollution from waste, management and disposal of them and the comparison of the environmental status among municipalities, as part of the District.

*The main objective of this audit* is how the funds allocated by the municipalities of the Berat District have been used in order to improve the environmental situation and prevent pollution in the city for the period of time January 2007 to July 2009.

In accordance with the importance of this audit, concerning the fact that environmental pollution problems are of social interest, the audit team of the State Supreme Audit has concluded that the current environmental situation in the cities of Berat District tends to improve. On the other side, it is necessary that Municipality of Berat, Kuçovë and Ura Vajgurore, should intervene immediately to establish the relevant structures in order to take measures to further improve the environmental situation in the city and its surrounding territory.

During this audit, was concluded as follow:

- Structures of Environmental Protection and Sanitary Inspectorate, are not set up and operate as separate structures, there was lack of detailed annual plans of action for the environment;
- Collaboration with other institutions in the city, imposed by the law for environmental protection, has not been at the right level;
- The entity entrepreneur, contacted for the scavenging of the city and areas of waste deposits is not equipped with environmental permits;
- No concrete measures are taken to monitor urban air quality, urban water quality and noise;
- Collection and transport of waste according to designed graphics is not done on time;
- The trend of urban waste production in relation to the regional development trend was not reflected in years and the environmental situation in the country of the deposit of waste has deteriorated;
- Separation of waste is not carried out according to their origin and composition;
- The gathering place for other types of non-urban waste and industrial waste, commercial activities etc..., was not specified and there were missing data on the amount of their collection.

In regard to the above findings it is recommended that Municipalities of Berat, Kuçova and Ura Vajgurore:

- Create structures for Administration and Environmental Protection and Sanitary Inspectorate for control and enforcement of rules and requirements for collection, transportation and disposal of waste.
- Develop and approve annual detailed plans of action to protect the urban environment from pollution.
- Develop action programs and collaborate with other institutions that the law imposes for environmental protection.
- Request approval for the lay stall of urban waste, from the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Telecommunications.
- To determine the lay stall for other types of non-urban waste and improve the environmental situation in the lay stall of waste.
- Define public and private entities to initiate separation and treatment of urban waste according to their typology.
- Take measures to monitor urban air quality, urban water quality and noise.
- Develop detailed reports on the state of the environmental situation and report on the environmental situation in the City Council.