

## **Ambient environmental taxes**

The development of industry and car use has made it possible for the air that we breathe to be quite dirty especially in urban areas.

The effects of air pollution, have become a series of studies that show harm not only health but also the environment in general.

Kosovo with a relatively small territory of only 11 thousand square kilometers, according to experts, has four major pollutants, KEK, Ferronickel, Trepca, Sharr Cemi. But here came the fifth polluter, which are machines, fuel pumps that constitute a potential pollution .

The overall assessment for the whole of Kosovo is that, in a situation where prevailing hot topics political, we are not notice that our environment is being threatened, that there are more and more pollution and the effects of environmental pollution on the normal development of society are underestimated.

EKosova is a initiative which has emerged from the "Women's Leadership Academy" program of NDI and USAID in Kosovo.

This initiative is focused on the treatment of environmental taxes and the main purpose of this initiative is:

- Implementation of the law (No. 04 / L-117) which regulates the collection of tolls and ecological. Given that this tax is paid by the citizens and the amounts paid are not small for the standard of living in Kosovo, is the right of citizens that their money be sent to the destination provided by law.
- Raising awareness about the importance of the environment to the citizens
- Decentralization of environmental budget in the municipalities in accordance with the revenue from environmental taxes

Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) has assessed very necessary and useful the initiative. Date October 28, 2015 we formalized the partnership and cooperation for the realization of the research project that aims to awaken the authorities to start implementing genuine law on ecological tax, which explains that funds collected from taxes to the budget state to invest in environmental protection and decentralization of environmental budget in the municipalities in accordance with the environmental tax revenues.

The final product of this initiative will be the compilation of a policy document which will elaborate on the issue of environmental taxes.

Recent Activity conference date will be October 13, 2015 where study will be presented. This conference will have participants from ministries and municipalities. The conference will be accompanied by discussion and sharing opinions on the findings from the research. The document will be distributed to partners via email and also will be published on the website of FIQ.

