

Through technical cooperation and ODA loan, JICA has been active in the areas of environmental conservation and private sector development in Serbia. Volunteers are also sent and they are active in various fields.

FLUE GAS DESULPHURIZATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR THERMAL POWER PLANT NIKOLA TESLA

Scheme: ODA loan
L/A: November 2011
Counterpart organization: Electric Power Industry of Serbia

The project is expected to reduce air pollution (SO₂) at the largest thermal power plant in Serbia. It is the first ODA loan in Serbia and the construction is planned to be completed in 2024. The FGD facility will enable TPP Nikola Tesla to fulfill the very strict EU environmental standard -less than 200 mg of Sulphur-dioxide concentration in flue gases per cubic meter. This will provide clean air and a healthy environment to all citizens of neighboring areas.



Flue Gas Desulphurization Construction Project for the Thermal Power Plant Nikola Tesla

STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE MENTORING SERVICES FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Scheme: Technical Cooperation
Project period: August 2008 to August 2011 (Phase 1)
September 2017 to August 2020 (Phase 2)
January 2022 to December 2025 (Expert)
Counterpart organization: Development Agency of Serbia

99% of the registered companies in Serbia are SMEs, and they play an important role in economic development and employment. The Project aims to establish a "Mentor Service System", in which the mentors provide practical advice to SMEs to grow their business. This system is based on the Japanese experience of the government-certified business advisers for SMEs.

JICA started the first phase of the Project in Serbia in 2008; it expanded to Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia and Montenegro from Phase 2 of cooperation.



"Gemba walk"
(KAIZEN company in Serbia with expert from Japan)

JICA VOLUNTEER

Scheme: Volunteer Project Period: February 2010~

JICA Volunteer program launched in 1965, and over 50,000 volunteers have been sent to around 90 countries up to now. In Serbia, the first volunteer was sent in 2010. As summarized by the phrase "together with the local community", JICA volunteers live and work together with the communities in the country in which they were sent and carry out activities with an emphasis on raising self-reliant efforts while fostering mutual understanding. Serbia is currently the only country in Europe where JICA volunteers are sent. Over 35 volunteers have been sent to Serbia in the following areas:

Japanese language education, support for people with disabilities, disaster risk reduction, tourism, food processing, food promotion, Judo, marketing, art, Kendo, business management.



PROJECT FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Scheme: Technical Cooperation
Project period: June 2021 to June 2024
Counterpart organizations: Ministry of Environmental Protection, Sid Municipality, Public Utility Company Standard Sid

Serbia is facing challenges in terms of waste management. Improper disposal of waste in landfill sites negatively impacts the environment and residents' health. The Serbian government has introduced a wide-area waste management system to combat this issue, encouraging local municipalities to join and promote separate waste collection. However, small and medium-sized municipalities are reluctant to participate due to

expected transportation and disposal cost increases. This project aims to establish an efficient and sustainable waste management model in Sid Municipality, using the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) approach. The goal is to promote this model to other small and medium-sized municipalities to encourage improved waste management systems with wide-area waste management systems in the country.



ABOUT JICA

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assists and supports developing countries as the executing agency of the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

In accordance with its vision of “Leading the world with trust”, JICA supports the resolution of issues of developing and transient countries by using the most suitable tools of various assistance methods and a combined regional-, country- and issue-oriented approach.

JICA oversees administering some ODA such as technical cooperation, finance and investment cooperation and grants in an integrated manner, except for contributions to international organizations. JICA, one of the world's largest bilateral aid agency, operates in approximately 140 countries and regions and has approximately 100 overseas offices.

Technical Cooperation

For the human resources development and the formulation of administrative systems of developing countries, technical cooperation involves the dispatch of experts, the provision of necessary equipment and the training of personnel from developing countries in Japan and other countries. The cooperation plans can be tailored to address a broad range of issues.



Project for Capacity Development of Solid Waste Management



Data Collection Survey of Supporting Start-ups in Europe NINJA Serbia

Finance and Investment Cooperation

ODA LOAN

The ODA loans support developing countries by providing low-interest, long-term and concessional funds. The ODA loans are used for large-scale infrastructure and other forms of development that require substantial funds.

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT FINANCE

JICA supports the acceleration of developing countries' economic/social growth through the private sector, through debt and equity investment for the development projects of private companies.



Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project Phase 2 (India)

Grants

Grants are the provisions of funds to developing countries that have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment. Grants are used for the improvement of basic infrastructures such as schools, hospitals, water-supply facilities and roads, along with obtaining health and medical care, equipment and other requirements.



The Project for Rehabilitation of the Public Transportation Capacity in Belgrade City

Disaster Relief

Research

Cooperation through Citizen Participation



JICA Volunteer



Environmental Improvement in Pancevo, Serbia through the collaborations among Academia, Government, Industry and Citizens

* Applicable programs and cooperation vary from country to country.

ABOUT JICA BALKAN OFFICE



Established in 2006 in Belgrade, Serbia, JICA Balkan Office covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.

JICA Balkan Office aids with growth and stability to the countries of the region and fostering the promotion of regional cooperation among the countries, working mainly in the area of environmental conservation, disaster risk reduction, private sector development and consolidation of peace.

*The Government of Japan recognized Kosovo as an independent country on March 18th, 2008.

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