

The Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning of the Republic of North Macedonia participated in the Second Interregional Learning Event of the Interreg Europe project NATUREM, held on 11–12 March 2026 in Strasbourg and Colmar, France.

The event brought together project partners and environmental experts from across Europe to exchange knowledge, experiences and good practices related to sustainable remediation of contaminated sites, with a particular focus on nature-based solutions and biological remediation approaches.

During the two-day intensive programme, representatives of the Ministry actively participated in discussions with European partners addressing the challenges related to bioremediation and the sustainable management of contaminated land. The first day focused on the presentation and analysis of good practices, including innovative remediation approaches such as biopiles and technosoils, as well as the requirements of EU environmental regulations related to the protection and restoration of contaminated sites.

The second day included practical field visits to contaminated sites in the Strasbourg and Colmar regions, including the PCUK site in Wintzenheim and the site in Benfeld. Participants had the opportunity to observe the practical application of remediation technologies, groundwater management approaches, site investigation methods and microbial characterisation techniques for contaminated materials. These visits provided valuable insights into the implementation of sustainable remediation solutions and long-term environmental monitoring practices.

The participation of the Ministry in this interregional learning event represents an important step in strengthening technical knowledge, exchanging experiences with European partners and identifying innovative methodologies that can support the improvement of contaminated site management policies and practices in North Macedonia.

The knowledge and experience gained during the event will contribute to the successful implementation of the NATUREM project, enhance future stakeholder engagement and support the development of more sustainable approaches for the management and remediation of contaminated sites in the country.







