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## PROJECT INFORMATION FACTSHEET

General Information	
<b>Title of the action</b>	<b>Twinning "Upgrading the National Environmental Monitoring System (NEMS) of Azerbaijan"</b>
<b>Priority sector</b>	Environment
<b>Contracting party</b>	Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) Implementing partners: <i>Umweltbundesamt</i> GmbH (Environment Agency Austria); Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre (LEGMC); Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
<b>Beneficiary</b>	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan
<b>Duration (months) + start and end date</b>	30 months (01.11.2016 – 30.04.2019)
<b>EU budget (EUR)</b>	EUR 1 400 000 million (100 % of the total cost). European Neighbourhood Instrument (Annual Action Programme 2012).

Summary of the Action	
<b>Short description of the action and its main objectives</b>	The overall objective of the project is to improve the state of environment in Azerbaijan especially regarding air quality. The purpose of the project is to strengthen environmental monitoring system ensuring provision of the high quality information that does support strategic environmental policy planning and compliance control.
<b>Location</b>	Azerbaijan, Baku
<b>Expected results / Results achieved</b>	Results achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed plan to modernize the air quality monitoring system in Azerbaijan;</li> <li>• Revised and endorsed new organisational structure for air quality monitoring;</li> <li>• Preliminary air quality assessment report for Azerbaijan;</li> <li>• Improved national air emission inventory reports;</li> <li>• New dispersion modelling tool in use for air quality assessments;</li> <li>• New Quality manual and internal audit programme for laboratory (according to International Standards Organisation (ISO 17025);</li> <li>• New database and information system for manual air quality monitoring data of old stations;</li> <li>• One near real-time air quality monitoring data available online for general public.</li> <li>• 21 training workshops organized with 200 participants;</li> <li>• 5 awareness raising seminars organised in Baku, Sumgait and Ganja with more than 200 participants;</li> <li>• 77 short-term expert missions;</li> <li>• 3 Multi-thematic study visits in Environmental Management and monitoring for approximately 30 Azerbaijani experts to Latvia, Finland and Austria;</li> <li>• 2 Internship trainings (30 days each) in Finland for 4 local experts for dispersion modelling and emission inventories;</li> <li>• 3 training manuals and 7 training packages prepared and translated in Azerbaijani.</li> </ul>