

The European Union has announced it is investing more than € 80 million in improving air quality in Kosovo. Luigi Bruza of the EU Office in Kosovo said the air quality in Pristina over the past few days has been the same as in Beijing, one of the most polluted air in the world. To emphasize the severity of the problem, masks were also placed on memorials to Mother Teresa and former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Brussels has signed a contract with the Kosovo authorities to renovate the Kosovo B thermal power plant in Obilic, 10 kilometers from Pristina, to reduce air pollution.

Work is scheduled to begin in May. Another € 7 million will be invested by the EU in strengthening the district heating system for 2,000 households, or 10,000 people, including schools and kindergartens.

Kosovo Environment Minister Fatmir Matoshi said state institutions no longer use coal for heating and that the donating of coal sacks to employees of energy companies has ceased.

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