



Air quality due to urbanization in Tirana

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The paper is focused in the process of urbanization, how it impacts in different aspects of human life and especially in the air quality. This analysis is focused mainly for the city of Tirana. Urbanization is a process that initiated in Albania after 1990 when the people could move freely from rural zone toward urban ones. This process brought an overpopulation of the urban zones. And exactly this overpopulation, brought some other consequences that this paper tries to make evident and emphasize. First it is given the definition of this term “urbanization”, what are the main causes of urbanization, how has gone this process in the world using statistics. It makes a brief history of urbanization in the world, its evolution and tendencies, how it worked in LEDC (Less economically developed countries) and in MEDC (More economically developed countries) a little bit of its specifics in both these divisions. Then the analysis comes to Albania and precisely in Tirana, its capital. In the paper are used many sources as you can see in the end of the it. The impact of urbanization is seen in many aspects like, health, environment, economic development of the city etc. The increase of the vehicles from 2000 in year 1989 to 200 000 recently is a major cause of air pollution. After the specialists of Public Health Institute, each inhabitant swallows around 50 kg dust annually. It is also considered the green surface for each person. In year 1990 each inhabitant belonged 15 m², green surface now it is 5.2 m². The paper tries to give also some suggestions for solution seen from the geographer point of view.