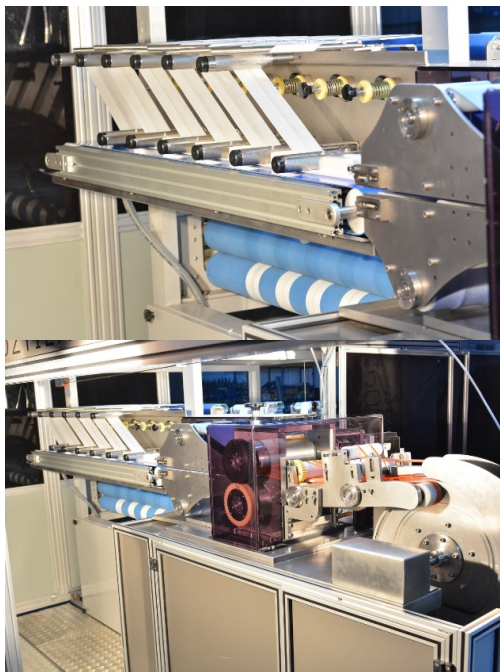


## WET WIPE PRODUCTION: SAFER PRODUCTION AND LESS WASTE



<b>Loan Amount</b>	€ 248,463
<b>Grant amount</b>	€ 37,269
<b>EU Directives met</b>	Regulation on cosmetic products, machinery, H&S requirements, waste
<b>Invested in</b>	Fully automated production line for wet wipes
<b>Energy Savings and GHG reduction</b>	26 MWh/y 6 tCO <sub>2</sub> /y

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The **DPTU Linker Group** produces wet wipes under the brand name 'Fiona' in the Tetovo region. Apart from its brand 'Fiona', the company's product portfolio contains several items produced for other brands such as: Hello-AVT, Baby fresh-Dauti Komerc, Krin-18Logistic, Luxy-KIDGO, Bora-Okean kom, Refresh-Serbia, Fiolla-Serbia, Bubu-BIH, Bora-Albania and Kosovo. The brand 'Fiona' is exported to several countries in the region including Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Kosovo and Croatia. The company is certified for microbiological and dermatological stability by well-known laboratories and institutions in the country and the world including certified compliance with EU Regulation 1223/2009 for cosmetic products.

The company replaced the previous semi automatic production line and purchased a new fully automated production line for wet towels/wipes in order to better meet the needs of clients and their expectations, to increase the quality of its products and to double the production volume.

Environmental protection is safeguarded by the new production line through minimization of spillage and waste (from foil for packaging of the final products). The investment also improved occupational health and safety conditions as the new machine has sophisticated features for protection of workers. Automatic dosing, formatting and packaging of the wet towels/wiped secure a unified and high quality of products, ultimately increasing the company's competitiveness in domestic and international markets

The company received free technical assistance to optimize its investment project and 15% grant cash-back after the successful project verification, funded by the European Union.

With the investment, the company now meets a wide variety of standards, including:

- Regulation (EC) No. 1223/2009 on cosmetic products (recast)
- Directive 2006/42/EC on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (recast)
- Directive 2008/98/EC on waste;
- Directive 2018/852/EU, amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste.