

Conference

“Waste is composting, raw material and energy”

Background

In the frame of activities carried out by dldp for supporting LGU in improving public services, at the beginning of March 2012 municipality of Shkodra was supported by dldp to visit recycling facilities in Herceg Novi. During this visit representatives from municipality of Herceg Novi and communal waste enterprise in Herceg Novi invited dldp and its partners to participate in the international conference business –expert about “*Waste is composting, raw material and energy*”. In this event, participated almost 70 people from Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia and Kosovo. This conference was organized by Association of Utility Companies of Montenegro with special support from Union of Municipalities of Montenegro and company Tehnix doo, Donji Kraljevec, Croatia. The conference follows the success of the National Conference organized from SECO/SDC and IFC in Albania at a similar topic.

Conference

This conference took place in the city of Herceg Novi on April 11-12, 2012. Private company TEHNIX presented its 20 –year experience in environment protection and its products in recycling industry. Special attention was given to the presentation of mixed communal waste recycling, air and waste purifications, modern technologies of waste management (MBO-T), recycling possibilities for old dumpsites and facilities for mechanical, biological processing of mixed communal waste.

Different experts from private and public sector presented their experience in;

1. mixed municipal waste management
2. recycling and composting
3. waste water purification

Albania delegation was composed by 15 people including representatives from central and local governments as well as from private sector¹.

This two days conference was very intensive and interesting with possibilities of sharing know-how and experiences, identification of different technologies and compare models.

¹ List of participants at the end of this document as annex 1

A separate session dedicated only to Albanian delegation with question and answers was conducted during the 1st day of the conference. In this session members of Albanian delegation had the possibility to discuss in details the pros and cons of using advanced technologies in waste sector.

At the end of the conference main discussions and findings have been summarized in a declaration, which the organizers of the event will distribute to all participants².

Post-conference

After the closing session of this conference in a short meeting Albanian delegation discussed for the conference, what were the first reactions and feedback.

Main conclusions

- Waste is a potential for private sector as well as for local governments to generate incomes for local communities;
- Dilemma support PPP vs. limited market in place is still relevant; despite of this the private sector is highly motivated to enter in PPP cooperation with LGU-s;
- Combination of technology and other ways for reducing waste quantities in the disposal site/landfill is a model for cost reduction;
- It is appreciated that waste, as a sector with high priority is exposed to the modern and advanced technologies. It would be recommended that other experiences in the region to be explored in order to benefit from advanced experiences;
- Despite the advanced technologies in place, landfill is still for Albanian context a necessity although a possible “zero waste” strategy should be followed.

Next steps

Organizers of the event will send a drat-declaration from the conference.

Members of Tehnix expressed their will and readiness to organize an event in Albania in the next months if there is already a proved interest.

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² Dldp will share it at the moment of distribution

Annex 1.

List of participants for the event of April 11-12, Herceg-Novi

No.	Name surname	Institution	Position
1	Arjan Barbullushi	Municipality of Lezhe	Deputy Mayor
2	Beqir Arifaj	Municipality of Puke	Mayor
3	Alfred Qafa	Municipality of Fushe Arrez	Mayor
4	Ramadan Mema	Municipality of Koplik	Deputy Mayor
5	Xhevat Mollca	Commune of Ana Malit	Head of commune
6	Arben Gjuraj	Commune of Dajç	Head of commune
7	Pashko Ujka	Commune of Velipoje	Head of commune
8	Isa Memia	Ministry of Public Works	Directory for the solid waste policies
9	Saimir Himallari	Ministry of Interior	Directorate for the Policies for local government
10	Lediana Bojaxhi	Ministry of Environment	Department of Waste and Industrial Accidents
11	Florian Borshi	Private company "Borshi" Shkoder	Administrator
12	Ismet Tuzi	Private company "Borshi" Shkoder	Technical Director
13	Gjergj Kadeli	Private company "Iridiani&Kadeli", Lezhe	Administrator
14	Valbona Karakaçi	dldp	Programme Manager
15	Arben Kopliku	dldp	Deputy Programme Manager