

Visit of Romanian experts to the project selected cities

The goal of working visits of Romanian experts organized by Eco-Counselling Center "GALATI" (Romania) to the project selected cities of Kutaisi (Georgia), Ungheni (Moldova) and Ararat (Armenia), was to study the situation with domestic waste management and share the experience of European Union countries in this field. Meetings were held with cities local authorities, NGOs and mass media representatives. Romanian experts have become acquainted with current situation in

the field of waste management, collection and sorting in these cities.

Based on the analysis of meeting held, information and data received, the Eco-Counselling Center "GALATI" (Romania) has worked out the recommendations for each city on improving the waste management and introducing the innovative methods in this field that should improve the quality of domestic waste management in mentioned cities.



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Romanian Partner informs of waste management innovative methods

The Vice-President of one of the project partners - the Eco-Counselling Center "GALATI" (Romania), Mirela Leonte had working visit to Kutaisi and Ararat within the Project "Introduction of innovative waste management practices in selected cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, GMA-WMP". She had meetings with project executives as well as with Kutaisi local authorities and representatives of Ararat Municipality. She took an interest in the issues of organizing of waste collection and utilization, and in current waste recycling experience. During these meetings, Romanian expert talked about approaches of European Union to the issues of municipal waste

management, European Union's practice (particularly, the Romania's) and used tools in solid domestic waste management. There was demonstrated the film about introduction of modern methods of waste management in the city of Galati (Romania) as well as about their effectiveness.

As is well known, the project envisages introducing the practice of sorting collection of waste in Kutaisi, within the pilot territory, and the composting of organic waste will be introduced in the city of Ararat. So, learning of Romanian experience in this field is very important for purposeful planning and implementing of mentioned activities.



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The meeting entitled "Waste and Environment" in Ararat School N3

Within the Project, the meeting entitled "Waste and Environment" was organized in Ararat secondary school N3, which was attended by about 30 fifth- and sixth-graders. There was held active discussions on the following issues: negative environmental impacts of waste, benefits of waste recycling and re-using. There have been demonstrated the video films "Waste as an Environmental Problem" and "Types of Waste". The learners were enthusiastically committed to performing practical exercises envisaging waste sorting by their types and requiring involving and resourcefulness of all participants. The participants have received not only useful information, but they acquired the waste sorting skills as well.

It is noticeable that the meeting's participants have developed the following notice to the Mayor of Ararat City expressing their own views on environmental situation:



Dear Mayor,

We write to you on behalf of pupils group of the Ararat School N3.

We are very fond of our city and worried for its cleanness state.

Could you please increase the number of dustbins and make sure that dust-carts collect refuse from the city timely. We also know that the sorted waste are subjected to recycling in many countries. Let it also be in our city. This should reduce the number of landfills and does not have negative environmental impacts.

We on our side promise to keep our courts and streets clean, join with our fellows in order to organize subbotniks, set trees, watch over the cleanness in the city. Let's protect the nature together!

Pupils group of the Ararat School N3



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Waste sorting: the readiness of population

Within the Project "Introduction of innovative waste management practices in selected cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, GMA-WMP", the public opinion poll was organized in the selected cities, which is aimed to study the attitudes and readiness of population to the introduction of the domestic waste management practices and tools based on the European Union's approaches. The questionnaire was developed and distributed among citizens.

Publications

Within the project there was prepared and printed the poster in English, Georgian, Armenian and Romanian languages.

The booklet about project activities in English-Armenian languages was prepared and printed.

The Armenian version of the brochure on Waste Composting was prepared and printed.



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