

## The Visit of EU Ambassador to Armenia to the City of Ararat

On February, 2015, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, EU Ambassador to Armenia Traian Hristea came to the city of Ararat with a working visit. During the meeting with a Mayor of the city Gayk Gaykyan they discussed the different important issues, including the implementation of the project "Introduction of Innovative Waste Management Practices in Selected Cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, G MA-WMP" in the city of Ararat.

Mr. Ambassador showed much interest in this project. He met with the project Coordinating Group and the City Hall and Community representatives. He also visited the School N 3 in Ararat City, where within the project the compost pit was organized and launched since the month of April of 2014, which is being filled continuously by the efforts teachers and pupils.

The meetings of Mr. Traian Hristea in Ararat have been conducted in a business-friendly atmosphere.



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## The Waste Management Lessons are Being Conducted at Schools

The project "Introduction of Innovative Waste Management Practices in Selected Cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, G MA-WMP" contains an educational component on waste management and environmental protection for various target groups, including the public school pupils. To this end, the cycle of waste management lessons are being conducted at pilot schools in Kutaisi, Ungheni and Ararat. A Guide to the Waste Management Brief and coloring book on waste management and importance of sorted collection have been prepared and printed.

Since April 3, 2015, the second stage of the mentioned program was started at pilot schools in Kutaisi.

There conducted the interactive lessons. Through the discussions and showing of cognitive-nature movies, the importance of the waste sorted collection and recycling were explained to pupils. The lessons aroused great interest of pupils. Solving practical exercises was especially entertaining to them, particularly determining the waste composition and sorting them by the recycling signs.

The pupils were provided with the Waste Management Guide and other publications prepared and made within the project.



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## The Training-Seminars for Teachers

The Training-Seminars for the public school teachers were conducted within the project "Introduction of Innovative Waste Management Practices in Selected Cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, G MA-WMP" in the cities of Kutaisi, Ararat and Ungheni.

On 13 and 28 of April this year, the training on "Waste Management Innovative Methods and Modern Approaches" for teachers of Kutaisi schools was held. 50 teachers from the Kutaisi public schools took part in this training.

The Training participants were provided with information on waste management modern methods and approaches, the EU Waste Framework Directive, environmental requirements of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, the European Union experience in integrated waste management and the basic provisions and regulations of a Waste Management Code of Georgia.

The training was of an interactive nature. There were carried out the team works: teachers acquired the practical skills of waste sorting. The training participants share the view about the necessity of conducting the analogous trainings and lessons on the mentioned topics.



## The Training-Seminars for the Representatives of Municipal Services

Within the project, in all participated cities (Kutaisi, Ungheni and Ararat) the training-seminars on integrated waste management were held for municipal services representatives. The emphasis was placed on the EU waste management approaches by the example of Romania as a member state of the European Union. It should be noted that in December 2014, within the project, there was conducted the Study Tour to Romania, during which the project representatives became acquainted with the integrated waste management experience of the cities of Galati and Iassi. 4 Training-seminars were conducted in all, including two trainings in Kutaisi.



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## Finished compost has been obtained at the Ararat pilot school

Within the Project "Introduction of Innovative Waste Management Practices in Selected Cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, G MA-WMP" the compost pit has been organized at the school N3 in the city of Ararat. On May 11 this year, the compost obtained under the leadership of teacher Karine Manukyan, has been used by pupils for soil enrichment purposes on the school grounds.

Through the composting consulting and the recommendations required, the persons responsible for project implementation in Armenia: H. Hovanesyan, E. Gukasyan and D. Saakyan provided all types of assistance to the executive team members. Together with pupils and stakeholders in the city, the pupils of the school participated actively in this event.



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## Sorted collection of waste has been launched in the city of Kutaisi

For the purpose of sorted collection of plastic waste, special containers have been placed in the territory of the city. 100 containers in all corresponding to the European standards, each with a volume of 1,1 m<sup>3</sup>.

According to the results of primary monitoring, there are observed the positive trends in the activity from the population side. Only the plastic waste are placed in the containers and their amount goes on growing every day.

With purpose of informing the city's population about separated collection of waste, 3000 flyers and 1000 posters have been prepared and distributed in the city.



## Publications for pupils

Within the project, there have been prepared and printed Georgian, Romanian and Armenian versions of the Waste Management Guide and the coloring albums for senior pupils 1000 copies of each version.



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