

Project Conclusive Conference

On 20 July, 2015, the project conclusive conference was held in Kutaisi, which was attended by all project partners. It should be noted that mayors of the cities of Kutaisi, Ungheni and Ararat (Mr. Shota Murgulia, Mayor of Kutaisi, Georgia; Mr. Ambros Alexandru, Mayor of Ungheni, Moldova and Mr. Gayk Gaykyan, Mayor of Ararat, Armenia) were actively involved in this Conference. The Conference was also attended by David Bujiashvili, deputy head of the Department of the Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, representatives of Kutaisi local authorities, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties. In all 70 people participated in this Conference.

The Conference was opened by Mr. Sh. Murgulia, Mayor of Kutaisi City. Also, the opening speeches were made by Mr. Ambros Alexandru, Mayor of Ungheni, Mr. Gayk Gaykyan, Mayor of Ararat, Mr. I. Khakhaleishvili, Deputy Governor of Imereti region, Mr. D. Bujiashvili, deputy head of the Department of the Office of the State Minister, who emphasized the importance of project for more intensive cooperation between the countries, and improving environmental protection and waste management.

Extensive presentation on project goals and objectives, carried activities and achieved results, was made by K. Tskhakaia, Project Coordinator.

The activities carried out in partner cities were talked of by M. Leonte (Galati, Romania), I. Ciobanu (Ungheni, Moldova) and A. Hovhannnisyan (Ararat, Armenia). It has been noted that as a result of joint efforts of project partners, all activities envisaged in project have been carried out completely. There have been achieved significant results, which will foster further improvement and development of waste management in selected cities.

It should be noted that sorted collection of plastic waste was introduced in Kutaisi City (Georgia), in which the population of Kutaisi was actively involved.

On the grounds of pilot school in Ararat City, there is being successfully implemented waste composting process, the population of the city was given the opportunity to get acquainted directly with composting practices and use them in their own farms.

The waste sorted collection system has been improved in Ugheni City.

Of particular interest to cities participated in project was sensitizing with waste management organization in European Union cities. Toward this end, it proved to be very useful sensitizing with experience of Galati City (Romania) during Study Tour.

It should be noted that the training-seminars for target groups were conducted in all selected cities, made the publications, organized telecasts and so on.

The Conference participants commended the project results.



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Memorandum of Cooperation

On July 20 this year, the partners involved in implementation of project “Introduction of innovative waste management practices in selected cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, GMA-WMP” concluded and signed the Memorandum of Cooperation. Based on the importance of project goals and objectives, the partner organizations representatives agreed to:

- contribute to improving environmental conditions in Black Sea region;
- support introduction of modern waste management methods, as well as waste recycling and their reuse initiatives;
- develop and strengthen cooperation with broad strata of society and interested parties in introduction of modern waste management methods;
- foster the dissemination and introduction of project achievements and results on both local and regional levels.

The Memorandum has been signed by:

- Shota Murgulia, Mayor of Kutaisi City;
- Ambros Alexandru, Mayor of Ungheni;
- Gayk Gaykyan, Mayor of Ararat;
- Mirela Leonte, Vice-President of Eco-Consulting Center “Galati” (Romania);
- Ketevan Tskhakaia, Chair of Imereti Scientists’ Union “Spectri”;
- Svetlana Ciobanu, Executive Director of Regional Center for Sustainable Development (Moldova);
- Dshkui Saakyan, Manager of the Association “Environmental Survival”



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Kutaisi –Ungeni cooperation enters a new phase

On July 20, the cities' mayors and Mr. Murgulia Mr. Ambrose Alexandru signed an agreement of friendship Kutaisi and Ungeni: establishing and deepening of economic and cultural relations.



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The Coordination Group Meeting

On 18 July, 2015, the third meeting of Coordination Group was held in Kuatisi City, which was attended, along with Georgian partners, by representatives of partner organizations from Moldova, Armenia and Romania. During the mentioned meeting, the Coordination Group members talked of project developments, achieved results, and discussed on the future cooperation issues.



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Sensitizing with the Experience of Waste Sorting Center

On 19 July, 2015, the project participants got acquainted with the waste Sorting Enterprise (“Severi” Ltd) acting in Batumi, which successfully implements plastic waste sorting and preparing for further realization.



June 5 – is World Environmental Day!

In connection with World Environment Day, the meeting with city society was held in Kutaisi City Hall. The meeting was opened by Mayor Sh. Murgulia. Presentation about progress of project “Introduction of innovative waste management practices in selected cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, GMA-WMP” and its results was made by Project Coordinator – K. Tskhakaia.



On the meeting, there was demonstrated the advertising video, which was created within the project, and is aimed at fostering and promoting the sorted collection of plastic waste in Kutaisi.

This advertising video is available on the Internet at the following address:

<https://www.facebook.com/470141309677226/videos/1035410736483611/>



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Regional Centre of Sustainable Development, Moldova



Ararat Municipality, Armenia



Environmental Survival, Armenia



Eco-Counselling Centre GALATI, Romania



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