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Training for Mass Media Representatives

The training-seminar on "Waste Management Innovative Methods" was held on August 8, 2014.

The journalists of media-press, radio and TV were invited to attend the training. There were examined the issues as follows: negative environmental impacts of waste; European Union waste management policy and liabilities of Association Agreement with European Union. A considerable amount of attention was attached to 3R principle of waste management, particularly to the principle of reuse and recycling of waste. Participants of training heard information on current situation at Kutaisi landfill as well as about modern approaches to organizing landfills in EU countries.

Training had the interactive character. There was used the group work principle. As a result of training, journalists acquired practical skills of waste sorting.

The Week dedicated to the International Black Sea Day in Kutaisi

31 October is the International Black Sea Day. This day is marked in Georgia since 1997.

Within the project "**Introduction of innovative waste management practices in selected cities of Georgia, Moldova and Armenia, GMA-WMP**" the International Black Sea Day was marked in Kutaisi by Weekly events (27-31.10.2014), actively involving the city community representatives, particularly the representatives of the Akaki Tsereteli State University, public schools and pre-school institutions, NGOs and mass media.

The following events were held within the Week program:

Scientific Workshop at the Akaki Tsereteli State University:

The Workshop was dedicated to the Black Sea ecological problems. The University's professors E. Gordadze, E. Gamkrelidze and Ts. Turkadze were talking about significance of Black Sea, state of ecosystems, sources of pollution of the Black Sea basin and their negative impacts on the Black Sea flora and fauna. The attention was paid to the aspect of controlling the wastewaters flowing into the Black Sea. The Workshop was completed by an interesting discussion actively involving students and teaching staff.

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The Youth Parliament debates

In cooperation with NGO "Dialogue of Generations", there were held the debates on "The Present and the Future of the Black Sea". With young people, the debates brought together experts E. Gordadze, E. Gamkrelidze and A. Kvachakidze. The interesting discussion on existing problems and their causes was held. The attention was attached to the role of the society and particularly of young people in environmental issues.

The cycle of events in the kindergartens of Kutaisi

Within the Black Sea Week Program, there was carried out the cycle of actions in the branches of NNLE Kutaisi Kindergarten Association. The cognitive lessons Black Sea problems were conducted in all kindergartens of the city. There were organized the demonstrative corners and aquariums. Teachers told pupils stories about sea inhabitants and importance of purity of rivers. There were conducted the cognitive games on environmental issues.

In many kindergartens, with participation of children, there was performed the composition on "Let's protect Black Sea"

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Children's art contests in schools.

Within the Week Program, there was organized in Kutaisi schools the children's art contest "Take Good Care of the Environment and Black Sea".

The first stage of the contest in schools was completed on October 29. The winning selected works have been exhibited on October 31 on International Black Sea Day in the lobby of the Kutaisi poppet theatre, and it was open for comers for the period of 2 weeks. The best drawings meeting the requirements of the regulations and expressing the Black Sea ecological problems clearly and at a high artistic level, were selected by jury.

The winning drawings were placed on the Internet web-page www.winp.ge

Children's chalk drawing event

On October 31, within the Week Program, there was organized the chalk drawing event involving IV^d grade pupils of Kutaisi Public School N3. by using their own imagination they presented their own vision of Black Sea problems. The event aroused great interest and satisfaction among children.

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Waste composting onitoring in Ararat City

Continuous monitoring of compost pit is carried out in School N3 of Ararat City.
The compost pit was organized on April 2014 in the yard of this school, and by united efforts of pupils and teachers there is carried out continuous filling of compost pit with waste. there has been already obtained the first finished product – compost.

Clean Up Events in Kutaisi

The project representatives took part:
in the clean up event of the territory adjacent to Kutaisi landfill **on September 6 this year.**

in the clean up event of the territory adjacent to Bukia street settlement in Kutaisi **on September 21 this year.**

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