

## DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

### NATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE EUROPEAN UNION IN NORTH MACEDONIA

#### Third session of Working group V – Environment (Chapter 27)

**Topic: “Waste – polluter or a resource? How to improve the implementation of Law on Waste Management in Republic of North Macedonia”**

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#### Recommendations for better implementation of waste-related legislation and waste reuse

1. The MoEPP should urgently establish a regional integrated waste management system for the regions for which documents have already been prepared. For those regions for which funding has not been provided, projects for implementation within the IPA 3 funds can be proposed.
2. It is recommended that the MoEPP introduce minimum standards for existing landfills used by municipalities and set up a waste disposal reporting system. The standards should not only refer to the fencing of the landfill, but also to the installation of a scale and an appropriate system of records. SEI should control all landfills to determine if the standards are met. This is particularly important in determining the objectives to be achieved in terms of reducing waste generation and determining measures to reduce it.
3. It is recommended that the MoEPP and the SEA ensure that all PCEs, which perform the activity of collecting municipal waste in the territory of the municipalities, have permits for waste treatment and to see if PCEs keep records in accordance with the requirements of the Law. MoEPP should publish all permits for waste treatment given to PCEs.
4. It is recommended that the MoEPP launch a campaign to raise public awareness of waste management and the role of collective handlers and their role in waste management.
5. It is recommended that the MoEPP submit a report for 2020 on the treatment of special waste streams in accordance with the laws on special waste streams in order to determine which collection and recycling targets, in accordance with the extended responsibility of producers, have been achieved.
6. It is recommended that the municipalities start with the introduction of primary waste selection (glass, paper, plastic, organic waste), which, regardless of the establishment of regional waste management, will start as soon as possible with the installation of another bin where a solid fraction will be selected, that is, packaging waste (glass, paper and plastic) and placing another bin for organic waste. This activity will enable change of habits and awareness of citizens and easier adaptation to the regional waste management system and at the same time the opportunity for reuse/utilization of the selected waste.
7. Until the establishment of the regional waste management system, it is recommended that the municipalities together with the PCEs start cleaning the garbage dumps, which are created daily in the territory of the municipality. The places, which were used for waste disposal by the local population,



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should be repurposed or horticulturally arranged or be used for setting up of recreation facilities (benches, greenery, toys for children), to make the citizens get rid of their habit for waste disposal on that site.

8. It is necessary to strengthen the capacities of the State Environment Inspectorate for conducting supervision over the municipalities and the legal entities, especially for conducting supervision for POP.
9. It is necessary to strengthen the capacities of the PCEs for waste selection and processing.
10. Municipalities, together with the PCEs, should work on raising the awareness of the citizens and changing the habits regarding the waste selection.
11. It is necessary to establish waste collection goals at the local level that will have to be met by the municipalities together with the PCEs.



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