

IMPACTPAPEREC

Boosting separate paper collection —

Informative Meeting



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Introduction to the project



- What?
 - A European Union financed Horizon 2020 coordination and support action.
- Project emerged from IMPACT, a commitment under the European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials.
- Boost the Circular Economy by
 - Further increase separate collection of PfR
 - Promote appropriate schemes to avoid landfilling and incineration



Introduction to the project



- · Why?
- IMPACTPapeRec aims to put Europe at the forefront of PfR collection by providing an innovative knowledge platform
- The project focuses on countries with below average paper recycling rates such as *Bulgaria*, *Poland and Romania*
- As well as countries where paper is often collected in a commingled stream with other recyclables as is the case in France and the UK



In line with European waste policy objectives



• IMPACTPapeRec is completely aligned with European policy objectives regarding the prioritisation of recycling and recovery instead of landfilling as defined by current European and national legislation on waste such as the <u>Waste Framework Directive</u> and the proposal of the European Commission for a <u>Circular Economy</u> stressing the importance of separate collection.



Expected Outcomes



- The core of the IMPACTPapeRec concept is to *extend existing* best practices at the collection stage of PfR towards implementation strategies within an industrial environment
- The view is to find the *best paper collection model for each municipality*
- IMPACTPapeRec aims to become an active 'reference point' for the collection of PfR best practices, contacts and policies.
- Guidance for policymakers to develop and implement innovative solutions for the PfR collection stage will be given, especially focused on European regions that still have low collection rates.



Expected Outcomes



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Best practice handbook



STAKEHOLDERS COLLABORATION

Compilation and description of the Best practices in PfR collection

➤ 30 Short descriptions of European best practice cases

Common framework evaluation methodology for PfR collection models

➤ 10 Best practice European collection solutions of PfR

Definition of innovative policy measures and incentives for PfR collection

Design of efficiently adapted PfR collection models in 7 European Municipalities

Innovation & Knowledge platform

Dissemination and communication activities

- ➤ 1 Website
- ➤ 6,500 Copies of Project brochure
- 2 Project conferences
- ➤ 4 Articles
- ➤ 4 Newsletter & 3 press releases
- 1 Poster and 1 roll up
- ➤ 1 Video
- 9 workshops
- Webinars
- > 3 speeches at different conferences





Incentives and Policies



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- Partners of the consortium together with municipalities held a brainstorming session on Policy Making as well as Incentives
- As a result, long lists of Incentives and Policy Measures were created

2. Extensive literature research

• After extensive desk research and exchange of views with project partners, the lists were reduced to *short lists*

3. State of the Art

 A comprehensive State of the Art document was produced both for Incentives and Policy Measures

4. Validation from Clusters

- Cluster leaders validated the short lists by indicating which ones would have the highest rate of success and why, or if the incentive/policy measure was already existing in their territory
- This task has been carries out through questionnaires and workshops





Incentives



Classification of legal and economic incentives identified in IMPACTPapeRec project

• Legal obligations:

- Mandatory separate collection for different waste streams (incl. paper)
- High collection/recycling targets

• Bans and restrictions:

- Ban/ restriction on landfilling
- Ban/ restriction on incineration



Incentives



• Economic:

- Landfill taxes or fees
- Incineration taxes or fees
- Discount on waste tax for separate collection of recyclables
- Penalties for non-compliance with mandatory separate collection



Policy Measures



Classification of legal and economic policy measures identified in IMPACTPapeRec project

Legal obligations

- Establish regional level target, not only national
- Establishment of waste management plans: regularly and at different levels (national, regional, local; but also for companies, industries)
- Separate targets for recovery organization for material quotas from industries and from citizens
- Separate collection obligation at EU level
- Green Public Procurement criteria for all public documents
- Simplify Annex VII procedure



Policy Measure



- Bans and restrictions
 - Avoid overcapacity of residual waste treatment
- Economic
 - Pay–As–You–Throw schemes
 - Boost local recycling/recovering companies near generation
 - Fines if citizen do not comply with rules
 - Funding for collection of necessary data and information





The one top recommendation to every stakeholder in the value chain:

• To the European Commission: following the adoption of the revised waste directive and the strengthening of the provisions on separate collection for paper and other materials, produce a similar guidance on interpretation as for Directive 2009/28/EC. Specify by material stream, under which conditions diversion from the separate collection obligation is permissible, e.g. in a commingled stream.





• To national governments: Ensure all placers of packaging on the market contribute to the Extended Producer Responsibility schemes for packaging. Ensure that these allocate sufficient resources to enable municipalities to improve the separate collection, while ensuring commercial and industrial packaging collection is ensured. When a selective collection of graphic paper is in place, e.g. due to the presence of an EPR scheme for graphic paper, make sure there is also a selective collection for board.





 To local authorities/municipalities: When separate collection is not established at national level, tender the collection of Paper for Recycling by specifying that the collection method must enable the handlers of the collected material to reach the limits and specifications of the EN 643 either directly or through additional sorting and cleaning.





• To PfR collectors: When negotiating contracts with municipalities, insist that the collection method must enable the handlers of the collected material to reach the limits and specifications of the EN 643 either directly or through additional sorting and cleaning.





• To the paper mills: implement strict PfR inbound quality control and measurement ensuring compliance with the EN 643 and refuse buying of substandard material



Project partners









































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