

dldp's Learning and Experience Sharing Initiative in Solid Waste Management: What It's About and How You Can Join In!

OBJECTIVES

The knowledge package aims to build the capacities of LGUs to provide efficient waste management services based on good practices and strategic objectives for the sector. The overall policy framework is based on the National Waste Management Strategy and Integrated Waste Management Law (2011), Regional Waste Management Plans (where existent) as well as successful local policies and practices.



EXPECTED RESULTS

Through strengthening the capacities of partner LGU staff, we expect that our partner LGUs will achieve the following results:

- Solid waste management is identified as a priority issue among LGUs and policy dialogue on the topic is enhanced
- Appropriate strategic objectives are identified, in line with regional and nationally-defined objectives
- Increased awareness and use among LGU staff of advanced tools and methodologies applicable in solid waste management like costing and tariff calculation, planning and optimization etc.
- Transparently informed citizens contribute to the implementation of rules, regulations and local policies for waste disposal and cost recovery.
- Waste management service delivery is improved and coverage expanded, over time, through a more efficient organisation of the service (including options such as inter-LGU cooperation, recycling, composting, public-private partnerships etc.) and communes.

METHODOLOGY

We implement a sequenced training approach to strengthen the capacities of LGU staff. Training is based on tools that have been tested and validated by dldp. Training also includes:

- exposure visits (study tours in Albania and abroad)
- online learning
- discussions via online platform



SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES

“We have introduced new standards regarding waste management in our municipality. For the first time the recycling is integrated through a well calculated system developed together with international experts. We introduced recycling in the new service contract. Introducing recycling as an activity which can make profits for both private companies and the municipality, we have reduced the overall service budget by 3%”.

Ahmet Omi
Deputy Mayor of Shkodra.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Through an inter-LGU expert group, partner LGU staff will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in a comprehensive training package: service planning, waste optimization, financial management, service regulation and information.
- Practice and be trained on cost and tariff modelling and calculation
- Attend workshops on developing and exchanging good practices: public-private partnership, waste optimization, service costs, sector rules and regulations etc.
- Participate in study tours to learn more about good practices in topics such as recycling practices, landfill, waste collection, inter-LGU cooperation etc.
- Be part of online discussions on policy issues and sector research
- Go through a process of planning and implementation of small projects

INPUTS FROM PARTNER LGUS

- Capitalization of experiences and contribution to sharing them.
- Participation in e-discussions on policy issues through the knowledge management platform.
- Coverage of related costs of participation in trainings and workshops within Albania.
- Regularly attend events organized by the Waste Management Inter-LGU expert group.
- Pilot suggested tools for use in implementing LGU work and provide feedback for further improvements.
- Support from political leadership.
- Promote the waste management sector support in an integrated way with other good governance issues.
- (Co) finance and raise funds for sector support.

EXAMPLES OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES

A wide range of manuals, how-to guides, training materials, good practices, samples and templates are available at www.dldp.al including

Planning Local Waste Management

- Guidelines on planning Local Waste Management (Alb+Eng)
- Training curricula (4 modules Alb+Eng)
- Samples/ Waste Management Plans
- Samples of Waste Communication Strategy (Alb+Eng)

Financial Management: Cost and Tariff

- Cost Calculation guidelines (Alb+eng)
- Tariff setting/calculation guidelines (Alb+Eng)
- Templates for cost & tariff calculation (excel tool)
- Samples of cost and tariff calculation

Service Optimization: Recycling, and interLGU cooperation

- Waste optimization through transfer stations
- Local practices: recycling center in Lezha and recycling system in Shkodra
- Papers and projects on InterLGU collaboration on waste management

Public-private partnership

- Tender and contractual procedures of delivering waste contracts from LGU to private companies (technical specifications)
- Shifting from private to public service management (practices)



SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES

112'700 more people now have access to waste management services in the Shkodra and Lezha regions (from 104'600 inhabitants to 217'300 inhabitants).

The local budget allocation for the waste service has been increased in all supported LGUs on an average of 11 %.

“The municipality has increased the rate of collection rate of the waste tariff through better information and communication with our citizens. Just during the second semester of 2012, 30% more families have paid the waste tariff compared with the year before”.

Viktor Tusha
Mayor of Lezha.

BE PART OF THIS PROJECT

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