



**Awareness-raising on prevention of
plastic waste generation and recycling
in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and
Central Asian countries
ARMENIA**

Armenian Women for Health
and Healthy Environment
(AWHHE)
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How to implement the recommendations produced by the project?

- Recommendations to address the escalating plastic pollution crisis in Armenia

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РЕКОМЕНДАЦИИ

для решения обостряющегося кризиса пластикового загрязнения в Армении

Рекомендации по совершенствованию существующего законодательства, регулирующего производство пластика и товаров из него, образование и управление пластиковыми отходами

Recommendations

- Recommendations to improve existing legislation regulating the production of plastic and plastic products, plastic waste generation and management
- Recommendations to relevant government agencies to promote safe
- Recommendations for improving existing legislation on the production of plastic and plastic products, along with plastic waste generation and management.
- Recommendations for relevant government agencies to encourage safe production, recycling, and utilization
- Recommendations for promoting safe alternatives for producers.
- Recommendations for consumers.
- Recommendations for the public sector

Plan for the implementation of the recommendations in Armenia

Gathering feedback from various stakeholders according to a pre-designed plan involves the following events on the topic of chemical pollution and plastic issues, where AWHHE experts were invited and had the opportunity to meet and discuss recommendations with representatives of various stakeholders:

- Round table on "Solid Waste Management in Yerevan, Landfills" (held at "EcoLur" Press Club)**
- A series of discussions organized by Yerevan Aarhus Center as part of the preparatory work for the National Report on the Aarhus Convention**
- Workshop on Expanding Commitments to Implement the Global Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling in Armenia, organized by the Ministry of Environment**
- Preparing an e-mail, developing a list of possible recipients, sending out the e-mail, and compiling feedback**
- Organization of a debriefing webinar**

Sending e-mails

- ❖ Emails with attached recommendations for comment were sent to the following stakeholders:
 - ❖ Ms. Elina Makaryan, Director of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability of Coca - Cola Hellenic Bottling Company - Armenia, who is also the President of the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Armenia;
 - ❖ Mr. Mkhitar Avetisyan, President of the NGO "Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Community Development" (ISSD);
 - ❖ Mr. Vahan Gharibian, President of AM-ESKA CEO Recyclers Union. The work on collecting feedback is ongoing, responses to other letters are awaited, and the recommendations will also be discussed during the webinars planned in the framework of the Activity 3
 - ❖ Ms. Marie Chakrian, National Coordinator of the Aarhus Convention

Sending e-mails

- Silva Ayvazyan- Coordinator of Yerevan Aarhus Center
- Lianna Asoyan - President of Blejanv NGO in Gavar, Gegharkunik marz
- Hasmik Aslanian - President of Shoger NGO in Yerevan
- Marina Chakhkanyan - employee of the RA Statistical Committee
- Gevorg Petrosyan - President of Biosphere NGO in Gyumri, Shirak region
- Olympia Geghamyan - lawyer, expert, lecturer at Yerevan State University (photo)



Round table on "Solid Waste Management in Yerevan, Landfills"



Round table, [presentation by AWHHE expert Knarik Grigoryan](#) (held at EcoLur Press Club)
Artur Chobanyan - manager of Vega hardware store
Gorik Avetisyan, Yerevan Municipality employee, Deputy Head of the Environmental Protection Department,
Harutyun Alpetyan is a fellow at the American University in Armenia
Vahan Gharibyan, Chairman of the Union of Processors

Progress on Waste Management: Implementation of WRS in Yerevan - from the presentation of Yerevan City Hall



Gorik Avetisyan, Yerevan Municipality employee, Deputy Head of the Environmental Protection Department:



In 2021, 450 pieces of 3 types of containers for separate collection of plastic, paper and glass waste will be installed.

From March 2024, the collection and sorting of plastic waste in Yerevan city has started

In 2024, there is a quantitative increase in cardboard, plastic and glass.

Plastic container 1100 liters paper 1100 liters glass 240 liters

years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total kg	3 392 000	659,900	686,850	638,000	770,383
Plastic kg	153,123	29,550	38,200	29,400	44,623

The City Hall is currently working with two different companies, one accepting PET waste and the other accepting PP, LDPE, HDPE waste. The current partners face great difficulties: Falling prices for primary raw materials on the world market; depreciation of the local currency in the main exporting country, Russia; Low prices for imported raw materials and goods, mainly from Iran and Russia.

Roundtable on "Solid Waste Management in Yerevan, Landfills": Field Meetings



Mr. Vahan Gharibian, Recyclers Union: he shared his recommendations on the Waste Management Law and the ROP that is being drafted, as for the project recommendations, he generally agreed.



Gorik Avetisyan, Yerevan Municipality official, Deputy Head of Environmental Protection Department



with Amalia Hambarzumyan, Head of Khazer NGO



with Ecolur NGO journalist Kristina Ter-Matevosyan

Series of discussions organized by Yerevan Aarhus Center in the framework of preparatory work for the National Report on the Aarhus Convention

AWHHE expert Knarik Grigoryan participated in the discussions (there were 3 such meetings in total), on the margins of the events she discussed the recommendations with interested persons.



photo: Marie Chakrian, National Coordinator of the Aarhus Convention



photo: Aram Gabrielyan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Climate Civilian Revolving Investment Fund and expert of NGO "Khazer"



Photo: Hasmik Aslanian, NGO Shoger

Workshop on Expanding Commitments to Implement the Global Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling in Armenia, organized by the Ministry of Environment



Elena Manvelyan, President of AWHHE with Nelly Baghdasaryan - consultant of the RA Statistical Committee and Marina Chakhkanyan - employee of the RA Statistical Committee.



Knarik Grigoryan and Hovsep Hovhannisyan- Employee - National Center for Disease Control and Prevention State Non-Profit Organization (SNCO) Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia

Discussion of recommendations on the margins of various events



Discussion with journalist Nouneh Avetisyan - Public Radio



Ruben Hechunts- employee of the Inspection Body of Urban Planning, Technical and Fire Safety of the Republic of Armenia



Dana Vergiliush, Director, "GREEN GREEN" ECOCENTER environmental NGO

Thank you.

