

Results of a survey of organizations involved in the collection of solid waste, including plastic

The survey was conducted on the initiative of the Chemical Safety Agency as part of the UNEP project “Information and awareness-raising activities on the prevention, minimization, and recycling of plastic waste in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.”

1. Plastic collection

- One respondent does not collect plastic. He noted that separate waste collection would not help him.
- Two respondents collect large volumes of plastic:
 - about 700 tons per year,
 - about 1,000 tons per year.
- All those who collect export recyclable materials to enterprises in Ivano-Frankivsk.

2. Awareness of the composition of plastic

- One respondent stated that he knows the composition and toxicity of plastic.
- Another replied that he does not know.
- Another knows partially.

3. Attitude towards the labeling of plastic products

- All respondents consider labeling to be important.
- Responses about the content of the labeling vary:
 - Toxic substances in the product (2 responses),

- Type of plastic (1 response),
- Recyclability (1 response).
- All respondents believe that labeling should be standardized and international.

4. Reduction of plastic production

- All three are positive about the idea of reducing the production and use of plastic in Ukraine.

5. Global agreement on reducing plastic pollution

- Two respondents are aware of the agreement, one is not.
- All three believe that the agreement will be beneficial for their sector.
- The most important sections of the agreement are:
 - Reduction of virgin plastic production (all respondents),
 - Ban on certain types of plastic (2 respondents),
 - Recycling standards (1 respondent).

6. Formats for providing information about the agreement

- One respondent stated that they were not interested in additional information.
- The other two expressed interest and suggested the following formats:
 - online seminars,
 - printed materials.

7. Information about organizations

- Participants represent:
 - KPSPK, Vorokhta (head of the municipal enterprise),
 - SKP Dobrobut (director),
 - KP Blagoustriy (head).

Despite the small number of respondents, a clear trend is evident: the majority supports reducing plastic production, standardizing labeling, and international agreements to reduce plastic pollution. Organizations that are already involved in plastic collection operate on a large scale and are focused on cooperation with processing enterprises in Ivano-Frankivsk.