

Note considering intentions of Poland on the implementation of the proposed Roadmap recommendations

1. Increase progressively the existing landfill tax to divert waste from landfill. Use revenues to support separate collection and alternative infrastructure.

Poland prepared a new regulation of the Council of Ministers. It is planned to come into force in January 2014. According to the project of the regulation landfill tax will significantly increase.

2. Introduce an incineration and MBT tax to make recycling economically viable. Keep the landfill tax higher than taxes for incineration and MBT. Use revenues to support separate collection and alternative infrastructure.

As soon as needed infrastructure will be in place there will be set incineration and MBT tax which will aim at supporting separate collection and alternative infrastructure.

3. Improve the data collection system of municipal waste and include all household packaging waste into the data on generation and treatment of municipal waste.

In the act on keeping cleanliness and order in municipalities concerning municipal waste management, there are requirements concerning data collection according to which Poland will get information on municipal waste treatment also on household packaging waste.

4. Establish and control separate collection infrastructure and schemes. Implement door-to-door separate collection as soon as possible. Support municipalities in organising separate collection by regional and national guidance documents and institutionalised exchange of know-how and best practice.

By now about 80 % of the population is covered by municipal waste collection services. According to new system of municipal waste management all inhabitants will be included. There will be also responsibility on municipalities to achieve targets on re-use and recycling by 2020 consistent with Article 11.2 of Directive 2008/98/EC.

Awareness raising and information of the general public needs to be improved and the activities in this field are on high priority of the Polish environmental policy. There is a special web-site for communication with municipalities which can inter alia ask questions to experts regarding an introduction of a new municipal waste management system (http://www.mos.gov.pl/kategoria/4424_utrzymanie_czystosci_i_porzadku_w_gminach/).

5. Extend and improve the cost-effectiveness, monitoring and transparency of existing EPR schemes and eliminate free-riding.

It is planned to improve the performance of existing EPR schemes for the main waste flows by initiating in depth consultation with relevant sectors. It is also planned to set in place voluntary deposit refund systems for packaging.

6. Create incentives for municipalities to establish separate collection and to move towards the first steps of the waste hierarchy – by systems of subsidies/penalties, environmental awards, pilot projects, appropriate fiscal and control measures.

Changing of the law regarding responsibilities and a system of municipal waste management – act of 1 July 2011 on amendment of the act on keeping cleanliness and order in municipalities and other acts (Journal of Laws No. 152, item. 897, with later amendments)

In 2013 a new waste management system will be implemented in municipalities. The selective collection will be obligatory and will have to fulfill the targets set by the 2008 WFD. As an incentive municipality is obliged to set a lower rate of fee to residents for waste collection, if they will be collected in a selective manner.

New information and awareness campaigns on waste management are organised by the Ministry of the Environment. In 2013 a campaign will inform citizens on implementation of new legal provisions regarding a new municipal waste management system. A variety of mass media will be used, including TV and radio. Also municipalities are obliged to organise such campaigns.