



Less is Best

Reducing Solid Waste in Nis



Communities cannot afford to leave inefficient waste management schemes in place.

BACKGROUND

Nis is home to 300,000 residents who produce some 110,000 tonnes of solid waste annually, according to official data of the community services. However, the city has no plan for solid waste disposal or management. The city's local environmental action plan identifies the waste disposal problem as an absolute priority.

OBJECTIVES

The project organisers aimed to:

- provide accurate, organised information on the waste problem;
- encourage citizens to participate in finding a solution for the problem according to public participation principles of the Aarhus Convention;
- prepare a professional survey and use its results to find the optimal solid-waste management scheme for the city;
- organise a public hearing with the participation of all stakeholders; and
- initiate a formal procedure for adopting the local waste management strategy.



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METHODOLOGY

To achieve their aims, organisers:

- identified all the stakeholder groups;
- distributed leaflets and a newsletter about the waste issue;
- held talks and discussions on possible solutions for waste disposal;
- prepared a document related to waste strategy; and
- held a public debate.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Project organisers managed to:

- inform citizens about the problems arising from illegal landfills;
- make press announcements and a TV clip;
- involve the media in the process of finding solutions for the waste problems;
- organise a public hearing about the drafting of a solid waste strategy at the local level; and
- secure the adoption of the strategy by the local government.

FOLLOW-UP

Information on possible solutions for waste management will be disseminated and project results will be publicised through electronic and print media.



Proper linings help to prevent dangerous substances from escaping.

