



## PRESS RELEASE

On August 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., in hall 237 in the building of the Municipality of Smolyan, an opening press conference will be held under project № BGENVIRONMENT-3.002-0004 "Introduction of municipal schemes for separate collection and recycling of waste on the territory of Smolyan Municipality and Banite Municipality", which is implemented with the financial support of the "Environmental Protection and Climate Change" Program, through the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2014-2021.

The beneficiary of the project is the Municipality of Smolyan, and the partners are the Municipality of Banite and the Municipality of Kristiansand - Kingdom of Norway.

The general goal of the project is to improve the management of waste at the municipal level and its use as a resource, by implementing schemes for separate collection and recycling of waste, applying the principles of the circular economy and using know-how from Norwegian partners.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. Introduction of a scheme for separate collection and recycling of construction waste in the municipality of Smolyan and prevention of the landfill of about 100 tons of construction waste in the first year after completion of the project activities;
2. Introduction of a scheme for separate collection and recycling of waste from end-of-use tires and prevention of the land filling of about 17 tons of waste from end-of-use tires in the first year after the completion of the project;
3. Introduction of a scheme for separate collection and utilization of biodegradable waste from households in the Municipality of Smolyan (covering 150 households);
4. Introduction of a scheme for separate collection and recycling of paper, cardboard and glass (covering 1200 households);
5. Introduction of a scheme for separate collection and utilization of biodegradable waste from households in Banite Municipality (covers 50 households);
6. Development of a model for the generation and trends in the utilization of waste in the context of the principles of the circular economy and increasing the knowledge of the target groups about the various advantages of the circular economy, the benefits for the protection of the environment, the health and the life of the population.

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The project is aimed at developing an analysis of good practices related to the introduction of measures for the separate collection and recycling of waste in the context of the principles of the circular economy.

The analysis will be developed based on the experience of the project partner from the Kingdom of Norway and will present trends and mechanisms suitable for introducing the principles of the circular economy in Bulgarian municipalities.

Within the framework of the project, a Model for generation and trends in waste recovery will be developed in the context of the principles of the circular economy.

The expected effect of the project is related to the introduction of five main schemes for separate collection and recycling of waste, as follows:

- In the Municipality of Smolyan - introduction of a scheme for separate collection and recycling of construction waste; introduction of a scheme for separate collection and recycling of waste from end-of-use tires and introduction of a scheme for separate collection and utilization of biodegradable waste from households.
- In Banite municipality - introduction of a scheme for separate collection and recycling of paper, cardboard and glass and introduction of a scheme for separate collection and utilization of biodegradable household waste.

The project budget is BGN 604,056.28. The period of implementation of the activities is 28.09.2021 - 27.09.2023.

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