



# Improving regional cooperation on waste and resource management in the Poltava region



## Background

In Ukraine, almost 98% of all municipal waste is dumped in a landfill. Only few cities have differentiated collection for recyclables, which often do not function properly. Only 70% of the population is even connected to a public waste disposal network. Unofficial landfills are common in many areas. Landfills, in most cases, lack adequate sealing, gas recovery systems and leakage infrastructure.

Municipal waste management is usually carried out by public-private partnerships or private waste management companies. However, there is a lack of adequate recycling tariffs that allow waste disposers to collect and recycle waste separately. As part of the decentralisation process in the country, some power has been transferred to the regions and municipalities, but they do not yet have the necessary capacity to cope with their new responsibilities. With support of the German Development Cooperation, a national waste strategy was developed for Ukraine. It was put into force by the Ukrainian government in November 2017. The strategy provides for the reform of municipal waste management and the introduction of regional waste management plans. A regional waste strategy was adopted by the Poltava Oblast State Administration at the end of 2017.

## Aim of the cooperation



The objective is to develop and implement a regional waste strategy for Poltava with a focus on sub-regional forms of cooperation in the region. The module makes a direct contribution to the development of sustainable cities and settlements (SDG 11), in particular to target 11.6: "By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management".

## What we do

- **Policy advice:** We support our local partners with conducting baseline studies, analysing the role of subregions in waste management planning, identifying best instruments of inter-communal cooperation and drafting solid waste management plans.
- **Capacity building:** Together with German and Ukrainian partners, we support the development of capacities at various administrative levels.

- **Pilot projects:** We prepare a report on the results and experiences of the pilot project and actively introduce them to relevant stakeholders in our partner countries.
- **Strategy development:** Together with our partners, we are developing a strategy for sub regional cooperation.
- **Reference documents:** We prepare reference documents for the waste management operation and maintenance of technical equipment.
- **Knowledge management:** In the long term, we promote professional exchange with German waste management companies.



## Key results

- An analysis of the current implementation of local plans for the treatment of solid household waste in the western sub region of Poltava Oblast was conducted and recommendations for the further implementation have been made available.
- An e-learning module (Zero Waste Academy) with online lectures about how to avoid, recycle and manage waste has been launched.

## Project partners

- Ministry of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine
- Poltava Oblast State Administration
- Local self-governing authorities (towns and municipalities) of the Poltava region



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