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INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNAL SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HUNGARY

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Abstract

Consumption and related waste production is an integral part of our daily lives. The waste generation worldwide depends on the economic strength of the given region/country, and it increases from year to year. More and more attention is drawn to the re-use, recycling, reutilization of the waste which are driven mainly by environmental concerns and economic interests. Regional waste management systems have been established in Hungary with the support of EU funds, which process the waste according to European standards. In addition to this in January 2013 new Waste Management Act was introduced in Hungary, with the main objectives to increase the rate of recycling and to significantly decrease the proportion and amount of waste taken for final disposal at landfill sites. By the development of waste handling techniques and the harmonisation of the legal environment and instruments to the European standards the Hungarian waste management has achieved a restructuring phase, where the core issues of the sustainable waste management are considered and implemented.

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