

PROJECT INFORMATION

Professional event "Electrical Waste Utilization" on the occasion of the environmental trade fair ÖKOTECH 2012 in Budapest



Collection point for electrical waste utilization (B. Bischoff, Federal Environment Agency)

Background

In the context of the environmental cooperation with Hungary the governments of both states agreed in 1993 on regular expert's meetings, specialized scientific events, exchange of experts, professional education programs and the transfer of scientific and technical information.

Since 2003 special events take place yearly in Budapest concerning questions of waste management and treatment of dangerous waste.

They contribute to establishing the high European environmental standards in waste management in the new European Union member state Hungary. The professional events impart German experiences and answer the purpose of a suitable consultation. In order to reach a wide audience, they take place as an accompanying event of the trade fair ÖKOTECH.

Project

The conversation was continued on 16 May 2012 by the ninth trade conference, this time on the subject "Electrical Waste Utilization".

Representatives of the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development and the German Federal Environment Agency opened the event with lectures on the status of the national implementation of the European Directive on **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)** in their respective countries.

In addition, two employees of the newly founded Hungarian Waste Management Agency (OHÜ) explained structure and role of the OHÜ in the Hungarian system of waste disposal of electrical and electronic equipment (e-waste). Subsequently several German experts from science and economy introduced the enforcement of the WEEE-Directive in Germany from different points of view. Beside a scientific analysis of WEEE-related material flows in Germany, they illustrated essential aspects from the point of view of the producers of electrical and electronic equipment and the recycling companies as well as the regional authorities also entrusted with implementation tasks. The presentations attracted wide interest with the participants of the conference and raised a lively discussion. Detailed questions were put particularly concerning the German practice, to confer wide-ranging duties in the field of e-waste collection and utilization onto a civil law foundation incorporated by producers. In Hungary these duties are currently accomplished by public institutions, particularly by the newly founded Waste Management Agency (OHÜ).

- Target country/region: Hungary
- Duration: 03/2012 – 05/2012
- Beneficiary: Decision makers at authorities, producers and distributors of electrical and electronic equipment, companies in the field of reprocessing and utilization of electrical waste, scientists
Implementing organisations: Federal Environment Agency in cooperation with the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development
- Project number: FKZ 380 01 286