3rd Meeting of the Municipal Waste Task Force

The 3rd Meeting of the Municipal Waste Task Force took place in a hybrid format, both online and in presence, in Prishtinë, Kosovo on 6 June 2023. It was attended by the following Members.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

ORGANISATION	NAME
ANRSC – National Romanian Regulator for Public Services (Romania)	Dan Matei
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ERSAR – Water and Waste Services Regulation Authority (Portugal)	Vera Eiró David Alves Diogo Rosa Cláudia Videira
HEA – Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (Hungary)	Szilvia Szaloki
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WAREG Secretariat: Vittorio Graziano, Ramon Domenech, Fjola Beqiri
Observers:
Absent: Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, North Macedonia

Draft minutes

1. Introduction

Welcome address, reminder of the agenda and questioning if anyone wanted to add a point to the agenda.

2. Update on international contacts on the waste sector and on previous activities

Information about the dedicated area on WAREG's website with information about the Waste TF.

ERSAR informed about a meeting held with the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), a waste sector association worldwide, where ERSAR explained the role of regulation and how regulators can support a proper development of the waste sector, especially following developments in EU legislation.

Roundtable for other updates: ARERA mentioned that previously there were meetings with other European associations, more specifically FEAD - European Waste Management Association and MWE – Municipal Waste Europe.

3. 1 year draft work plan discussion (see attachment for initial draft)

ERSAR proposed for discussion purposes an initial draft that follows what was discussed in the previous meeting:

a. 4 work streams;
b. Presentations by each member of its sector structure and organization (11);
c. Elaboration of a municipal waste sector report similar to the approach of the Report on Regulatory Frameworks for European Energy Networks – CEER: important to decide regarding the technical chapters which ones should be kept;
d. Report on standard costs for types of infrastructure and equipments;
e. Report on tariff structures and methodologies in European countries;
f. Preparation of contacts with the European institutions with the aim of organising a meeting with the European Commissioner's office in December (on the dates of the EFRWS).

ERSAR highlighted it was an ambitious plan which required a commitment of several members to actively contribute with technical work.

After opening a roundtable for comments and discussion it was decided to revise the work plan and focus on this first year more specifically on working area 1 – Sector organisation and governance. The intention is to have 4 workshops until the end of the year where two members per workshop will present their country sector organisation and governance adding detail on end user/consumer charges. ERSAR will prepare a common structure for the presentation; presentations will be compiled to produce a report reflecting the waste sector and the role of regulation in the Waste TF countries.

This report can then be used to showcase the work developed to the Board of WAREG and to other external parties such as the European Commission.

Another line of action would be to address European Institutions on the 4th quarter of 2023 to set up a meeting with high level officials in Brussels by the occasion of the 3rd EFRWS. This is a line of action to be further discussed in the next TF meeting in Montenegro.

4. Next steps

a) Revision of the work plan following the decisions made and circulation within the members;
b) Online (through e-mail) approval of the revised work plan;
c) Scheduling of the first workshop and contacts for a second presenter (ERSAR may be the first);
d) Circulation of a presentation structure for the workshop;
e) Possible contacts with the European Commission to assess the availability to meet in December with a TF delegation
f) Next meeting in September in Montenegro (19 September – Budva, Montenegro)

5. AOB

a) ARERA suggested to share the List of participants with all the members, which everyone agreed;
b) ARERA has referred that there were old contacts with European organisations active in the sector. Contacts from ARERA were taken in 2020 with FEAD and MWE, but now have to be recreated;
c) ARERA will contact Florence School of Regulation to organize again the Platform on Municipal Waste and which poses an opportunity to present the work of the Waste TF at this event.