2nd Meeting of the Municipal Waste Task Force

The 2nd Meeting of the Municipal Waste Task Force took place in a hybrid format, both online and in presence, in XXXX on XXX. It was attended by the following Members.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

ORGANISATION	NAME
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WAREG Secretariat: Vittorio Graziano
Observers:
Absent excused: Bulgaria, Denmark

Draft minutes

Agenda points:

1. **Introduction**

Members were informed of the creation in the previous General Assembly of the Municipal Waste Task Force and of the objectives of this group and context within WAREG.

2. **Background on previous activities and follow-up on institutional relations**

Previous activities were highlighted of several of the current WAREG Municipal Waste Task Force members in the municipal waste management sector, namely the launch of the European Platform on Municipal Solid Waste, Regulation and Governance (EWREG) and the contacts with the Florence School of Regulation, the participation in the public consultation of the Waste Framework Directive promoted by the European Commission in mid-2022, the meeting held with the European Commission, some bilateral contacts held with other potential members, among others.

3. **Waste TF members composition and future expansion**

It was explained the nature of this Task Force as an open group to other WAREG members who may want to join or suggest the joining of different institutions in their own countries. The current trend suggests that there is a growing movement for the creation of waste services regulators within a broader climate action services mandate which usually includes energy, water, and waste.

The members attending this meeting of the Waste TF are the current interested parties for this matter, however, some members have given note of some other regulators who are on the process of gaining competences also in the waste sector (Greece, Montenegro and Bulgaria) and others who, despite not having currently responsibilities on the waste sector, may be granted in the future (Estonia, for instance).

A note has been given to all members to spread the message to other interested parties of the nature of this group and to inform the members of other possible contacts.

4. **Discussion of a draft work plan for 2023**

Under this topic 4 work streams were discussed:

1) Sector organisation and governance

Goal: understand how the sector works along the entire value chain of MSW management in each MS, how its governance works and the key players to its regulation.

Some ideas have been proposed to create dynamics under this work stream:

1.1 Revision and update of existing country profiles.
1.2 Elaboration of a municipal waste sector report similar to the approach of the Report on Regulatory Frameworks for European Energy Networks[1] - CEER.

[1] https://www.ceer.eu/documents/104400/-/-/ae4ccaa5-796d-f233-bfa4-37a328e3b2f5

1.3 Promotion of a presentation by each member of its sector structure and organisation every 3-4 weeks.

2) Costs of infrastructures, activities and operating models

Goal: (i) develop a EU-wide benchmark of per tonne costs for infrastructures and specific activities/operating models and (ii) identify critical aspects to consider when designing, adapting and implementing policies.

3) End-user/consumer charges

Goal: develop a EU-wide benchmark for end-user/consumer all-in charges regarding MSW management services (tariffs, taxes, contributions, service based pricing, etc.)

4) EU Dimension

Goal: to follow up the EU waste legislation development in view of understanding their impacts on national regulatory frameworks.

After developments under workstream 1) one possible follow-up to the EU institutions could be the presentation of some deliverables of that work stream, namely the regulatory frameworks report.

5. Next steps

Following the topics presented in the previous point, several next steps were decided:

a) Preparation of a Work plan following the approach adopted by WAREG which could have a calendar and a responsible member for creating dynamics on a given work stream. This work plan could be circulated and complemented in the coming weeks so that members could adopt it and start its implementation.
b) Creation of a specific section on WAREG's website where information on the Waste TF could be uploaded and continuously updated.
c) Communication at the WAREG's General Assembly of these conclusions, asking for the possibility of creating this specific section on the website.