



**NATIONAL FORUM
“WASTE MANAGEMENT IN UKRAINE:
LEGISLATION, ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGIES”**

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The key topic of the 2022 Forum:	The Roadmap for the implementation of the Law of Ukraine “On Waste Management”
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RESOLUTION

We, the participants of the National Forum “Waste Management in Ukraine: Legislation, Economics, Technologies”, representatives of state authorities and self-governments, international organizations and the Ukrainian environmental community, businesses operating in the field of waste management, employees of institutions operating in the field of environmental safety and protection, scientists, consider the Roadmap for the implementation of the Law of Ukraine “On Waste Management” as an instrument on determining the priority ways to overcome the crisis situation in the field of waste management, processing and disposal of war waste without negative impact on the environment, promoting the encouragement of investments to develop environmentally friendly waste processing infrastructure, implementation of environmental initiatives and projects, establishment and strengthening of cross-border cooperation, implementation of principles of balanced (sustainable) development in Ukraine, introduction of environmentally friendly, resource and energy efficient technologies, promoting cooperation between state authorities, local self-governments, public organizations, science, and businesses.

We, the participants of the National Forum

strongly condemn the aggressive unprovoked war unleashed by the Russian Federation against our country, crimes against the Ukrainian population, deliberate murders, creation of living conditions that cause exceptional suffering to the people of Ukraine, including the destruction of the economic, energy infrastructure and natural environment, as well as nuclear blackmail;

fully support the actions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to protect the Ukrainian state and call for continued support for our defenders;

understand the importance of national unity and trust on our road to the European integration;
are aware of the difficulties faced by the leadership of Ukraine, state authorities, and local self-governments in this difficult time;

approve the adoption by the Ukrainian parliament of the Appeal to the UN, the European Union, the OSCE, the parliaments and governments of the IAEA member states regarding the condemnation of the acts of nuclear terrorism committed by the aggressor state at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and other nuclear infrastructure facilities;

express our approval of the activities of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine regarding the recording of environmental damage caused as a result of Russian armed aggression on the territory of Ukraine, and highlighting the scale of damage to the environment on the global stage;

welcome the efforts of Ukrainian government officials, experts, public activists, and deputies of the parliament aimed at the adoption of laws by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine related to the EU integration process, in particular the Law of Ukraine “On Waste Management”;

emphasize the importance of conducting the National Forum “Waste Management in Ukraine: Legislation, Economics, Technologies” as a public platform for discussion and development of proposals in the domain of waste management;

We are concerned about the state of reforming the waste management industry in Ukraine and are keen on making our motions.

In the field of legal regulation and legislative initiatives for waste management in Ukraine:

1. To advance the process of adoption of environmental laws defined as priorities within the framework of the European integration of Ukraine, namely:

- On state environmental monitoring (No. 3091),
- On waste from electrical and electronic equipment (No. 2350),
- On batteries and accumulators (No. 2352);
- On Emerald Network areas (No. 4461),
- On ensuring the constitutional rights of citizens to the environment safe for life and health (No. 6004-2),
- On sewage disposal in populated areas (No. 6478),
- On chemical safety and management of chemical products (No. 8037);

2. To conduct the implementation analysis of the National Waste Management Plan until 2030, approved by the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated February 20, 2019, No. 117-r, and ensure its implementation;

3. To develop and adopt the integral legal regulation for the destruction waste management in Ukraine, including construction materials, parts of water supply and sewage systems, power networks, in particular, electrical equipment, transformers, damaged transport means and military equipment, remnants of munition, dangerous chemical substances in damaged places of industrial waste storage;

4. To include in the License conditions for hazardous waste management business activities a mandatory requirement to inspect companies operating in the field of hazardous waste management before granting a license to them.

In the field of international cooperation on compensation for damages as a result of russian armed aggression in Ukraine:

5. To develop a draft of the International Register of Damages to register evidence of damages caused to all interested individuals and legal entities, natural ecosystems, nature conservation areas and NRF facilities, as well as to the state of Ukraine, as a result of russian internationally wrongful acts in Ukraine, as emphasized by the UN resolution “Furtherance of Remedy and Reparation for Aggression Against Ukraine” dated November 14, 2022;

6. To ensure that the principles of the European Green Deal and Sustainable Development Goals are taken into account in the National Recovery Plan of Ukraine, and to take a strategic environmental assessment of strategies/plans for the development of economic sectors, as well as recovery programs/projects;

7. To initiate the development and approval of legal instruments for the protection of the environmental rights of citizens and local communities, compensation for damages to the environment from the consequences of russian armed aggression;

8. To develop and approve the Waste Classification Procedure and the National List of Wastes in compliance with the requirements of Part Three of Article 7 and clause 2 of Part One of Article 19 of the Law of Ukraine “On Waste Management”;

9. To adopt new environmental tax rates for products that generate the waste causing a significant negative impact on the environment, in order to reduce the consumption of such products

and to enhance the implementation of the best available technologies and management techniques for their recycling;

10. To initiate interdisciplinary consultations on the assessment of environmental medicine risks and compensation for socio-economic damages caused to human life and health.

In the field of improving the institutional structure of waste management:

11. To establish the State Waste Management Agency and to delegate the relevant powers of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine and the Ministry of Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine on this Agency;

12. To complete as soon as possible the formation of regulatory and legal framework at the national level for high-quality development, approval and implementation of regional waste management plans;

13. Local communities should develop local action plans, ensuring the availability of necessary documentation, in particular, sanitation and cleaning schemes, landscaping rules, service provision requirements, etc.

In the field of addressing the problems of waste management in Ukraine:

14. To ensure the implementation of financial and economic mechanisms to support business entities that apply environmentally friendly technological solutions for the processing and reuse of war and destruction wastes generated as a result of Russian armed aggression;

15. To start creating the infrastructure of waste management facilities in order to increase the level of processing and disposal of waste, and to ensure environmentally safe burial ground disposal;

16. To develop an effective mechanism for promoting the separate collection of waste generated in households, paying a special attention to hazardous waste as part of household waste;

17. To introduce a waste management hierarchy and start implementing a system of extended producer responsibility for packaging waste, batteries and accumulators, electrical and electronic equipment, decommissioned vehicles;

18. To stimulate the creation of infrastructure for industrial waste treatment and prevention of their formation, and to promote the increase in the volume of processed and reused mining waste;

19. To ensure the implementation of Section 10 of the National Waste Management Plan until 2030, "Medical Waste", in terms of creating the infrastructure for the collection and processing of medical waste not only from healthcare facilities, but from sanatoriums, health resorts, social service facilities, and the residential sector, paying a special attention to medical waste related to COVID;

20. To take an inventory and environmental risk assessment of existing landfills/waste deposits to be brought into compliance with environmental requirements, or to stop the operation of those landfills/waste deposits, whose operation threatens the environment and life-sustaining activities of people.

In the field of public communication policy and awareness regarding the waste management in Ukraine:

21. To accomplish actions designed to create a quality system of information and awareness promotion among all segments of the population regarding the separate collection of waste;

22. To develop and implement specific programs and methodological recommendations in educational institutions, to spread social advertising in mass media, regarding waste management, taking into account different target audiences;

23. To conduct awareness-building with the population regarding the conclusion of contracts with refuse collection companies, to inform citizens about the negative consequences of unauthorized landfills for the environment, life and health, especially in the state of martial law;

24. To involve the public and mass media in the formation of the waste management system in communities, and to ensure their participation in public control and discussion of issues related to the placement, design, construction and operation of waste management facilities.