Towards sustainable community – the evaluation of the local municipal waste collection centers by residents – a case study of Poland

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Scope and goal of this study

• Direct survey at municipal waste collection centers
• To identify sources of information about separated waste collection
• To explore methods of disseminating information about waste collection – key communication channels
• To identify attitude and awareness of environmental protection by recovery of secondary raw materials by individuals
But, why local collection centers are so important?

It is an obligation in the EU policy. And you can bring in almost any waste to the center.
It is also a challenge for researchers! It combines environmental policy, social attitude, education, promotion and communication issues.
Target group

• Target group are the residents disposing of the waste in the municipal/communal waste collection centers,
• The group of individuals is directly involved in the waste collection/transportation process to guarantee the reliability of the results,
• The data collection is not easy due to low willingness of individuals to participate in the questionnaires.
Location of the waste collection centers – South of Poland

- Jastrzębie – Zdrój – Municipal Collection Center (MCC)
- Chybie – Rural Collection Center (RCC)
View of the waste collection centers

Jastrzębie – Zdrój
MCC

Chybie
RCC
Survey – questionnaire details

- Questionnaire in paper form
- Profile of individuals (general data)
- Sources of information about waste collection and collection centers
- Opinions and attitude towards environment and waste collection
- Sources of education in the above mentioned subjects
- Proposals for improvement of the operation of the waste collection centers
Profile of respondents in Chybie RCC

Age groups

1. 18-24
2. 25-34
3. 35-44
4. 45-54
5. 55-64
6. >65

Education

1. Primary education
2. Vocational education
3. Secondary education
4. Higher education

N=240
Profile of respondents in Chybie RCC

**Size of a household**

1. Single person family
2. Two persons family
3. Three-four persons family
4. Five and more persons family

**Income per family member**

1. Low income
2. Middle income
3. High income
Results: Chybie RCC - source of information, possible improvement

1. Website of a local government
2. Browser
3. Other residents
4. Social media
5. RTV/newspapers
6. Other source

Source of information about collection center
Source of information about separate collection

1. On-demand collection
2. Curbside collection
3. Containers in central location
4. According to schedule
5. No idea
Results: Chybie RCC: Attitude of individuals towards waste collection, environment and recovery of materials

Is recovery of materials from waste stream important for you?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
Results - Chybie RCC
The main source of information about environmental protection

1. Education at school
2. Courses/workshops
3. Educational programmes
4. Internet, other media
5. Friends, relatives
Profile of respondents in MCC Jastrzębie (ruble and renovation waste)

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7. Promotion leaflets
8. Other source
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5. Friends, relatives
6. Educational campaigns and other events
Is it time for conclusions?

It’s a good idea!
Conclusions

• The main goals have been achieved and data for detailed analysis has been collected

• The results indicate high percentage of Internet sources for waste collection related information

• The attitude towards environment protection and separated waste collection is leaning towards high awareness by residents of importance of these activities

• The individuals propose some measures for improvement of the waste collection

• Deeper analysis will be provided in the article after the conference
Thank you for your attention

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