



PROJECT INFORMATION

Study tour in Germany for Kazakhstani Experts on BAT and BREF Development in Waste Management



Study tour participants at the
Ennigerloh Waste Disposal Center of
ECOWEST Entsorgungsverbund
Westfalen GmbH

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Green Technologies and Investment
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for Central Asia – CAREC
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Background

The International Green Technologies and Investment Projects Center (IGTIC) develops and implements Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Available Techniques Reference Documents (BREF) of various industry sectors of the Republic of Kazakhstan in alignment with European environmental standards. One of them is a concept of waste treatment.

Project details

The German Environment Agency (UBA) organized a study tour in Germany for Kazakhstani experts on BAT and BREF development in waste management, which was conducted in order to facilitate knowledge exchange and practical insight into various aspects of waste management. The technical site visits covered a wide range of waste treatment facilities operated by companies such as ECOWEST Entsorgungsverbund Westfalen GmbH, Lobbe Holding GmbH & Co. KG, REMONDIS Thermische Abfallverwertung GmbH, and Zweckverband Abfallwirtschaft Westsachsen, including those for the mechanical-biological treatment of residual municipal solid waste, biological treatment of organic waste, and chemical-physical treatment of liquid hazardous waste. Additionally, a sorting plant for lightweight packaging waste, a municipal solid waste incineration plant, and a landfill site were inspected. This was coupled with a workshop on EU BREF development and implementation practices in Waste Management. The exposure visits and enhanced knowledge-sharing served as capacity building for BAT development and adaptation in Kazakhstan and the wider Central Asian region. The project is a logical and strategic continuation of the previously funded AAP project “Strengthening Partnerships for Best Available Technologies with a Focus on Regional Engagement”.

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