

## Short summary of the Stakeholder Consultation Report

### Non-technical summary of the project:

At the Vinča landfill, typical non sanitary landfill has been formed during more than 40 years of operation. The consequence of this landfill creation and operation has been the pollution of the waters of Ošljanski potok (Ošljan stream) and further Ošljanska bara (Ošljan pond), along with the contamination of the surrounding agricultural land and air.

Therefore, the project was developed including; closing of the existing landfill, construction of a leachate treatment facility and a landfill gas treatment and energy recovery facility, and an Energy from Waste facility.

Whereas, 340,000 tonnes of MSW per year will be incinerated in Energy from Waste plant producing electrical and thermal energy, 170,000 tons of MSW per year will be treated and disposed in a new sanitary Landfill.

Over 100,000 tonnes per year of construction and demolition waste will be treated in a Construction and Demolition Waste plant.

The existing landfill – unsanitary dumpsite, Vinča landfill- will be rehabilitated and closed.

The Project will be financed by loans from International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and is being developed to comply with national legislation of the Republic of Serbia.

### Contact Details to get further technical detail and project information

BEO ČISTA ENERGIJA D.O.O. BEOGRAD

Contact Person: Gordana Jelenic, Assistant to Managing Director

Address: Tošin bunar 272v, 11070 Belgrade, Serbia

Telephone number: +381 11 715 4885

Email address: bce@bcenergy.rs

### Summary of economic, social and environmental impacts of the Project

Positive and negative impacts have been presented

#### Positive impacts:

- ⇒ **Environmental:** The key environmental impact of the Vinca Project is the elimination of the currently uncontrolled leachate flow to the site downstream areas. This situation will improve the water quality (Sustainable Development Goal 6).  
Furthermore, the project will have a positive impact on the greenhouse gas emission (Sustainable Development Goal 13), due to the production of renewable energy (electricity and heat production) and thanks to the recovery of landfill gas from the old and new landfills avoiding direct release of methane in the atmosphere.  
Also, the biodiversity will be improved through the controlled management of the old and new landfills and the creation of a green belt.
- ⇒ **Economic impacts:** The project will provide job opportunities and economic benefits for the local population. It will create more than 520 jobs during the construction phase, and about 120 during the 25 years of the operation phase and even more indirect jobs (supporting services such as transport, etc.).
- ⇒ **Social impacts:** The reduction of air pollution implied by the project will have positive influence on health, especially concerning child diseases, but also on the general quality of life of nearby inhabitants.

#### Negative impacts:

The mitigation measures related to the potential negative impact of the project have been discussed with the consultation's participants and the impacted populations.

- ⇒ **Social impacts:** To respond to these issues a specific Resettlement Action Plan has been developed by the City of Belgrade and presented during the consultation.

### **The invitations**

In order to reach out to the largest possible population, the consultation communication was adapted and published in the newspapers. Paper copies of the documents were made available at office locations within Belgrade.

### **Gender Sensitivity**

An analysis of the impacted population has been developed and all identified inhabitants of the area, as well as the affected Roma populations were invited.

It was decided to send the invitations per e-mail and newspaper in order to reach the largest public as possible, including women.

### **Feedbacks received during the consultations**

All comments were responded during the consultations. They concerned how the project will affect the waste collection tax, the mitigation measures to preserve the nature reserve and the archaeological site of Vinca **(1)**, the scope of the treated waste in the EfW facility **(2)**.

The following responses have been provided:

- (1)** As a part of Baseline study, a geophysical examination was carried out in the Vinča landfill zone in order to determinate possible presence of archaeological objects and materials. If, despite the baseline investigations, archaeological materials are discovered during the works anywhere within the planned project area, all works will be immediately suspended, in accordance with Serbian regulations.
- (2)** The scope of the Project is the rehabilitation/ stabilization of the existing landfill, but only waste from old landfill will not be used in the EfW plant.

Through an evaluation form completed by the stakeholders at the end of the consultations, the stakeholders' feedbacks concerning the meetings and the project in general has been received.

Furthermore, comments from NGOs namely Bankwatch, the City of Belgrade, and the Lenders of the project have been considered.

Most of the comments were seeking clarification on the environmental and social baseline data and compliance of the project with the applicable local Serbian regulation / EU regulation.

The comments received raised a concern among the NGOs that the Energy from Waste component of the project might not comply with the new EU Waste Incineration standards.

In this context, the design of the Energy from Waste facility has been amended to be fully aligned with the newly adopted EU Waste Incineration standards.

### **Grievance Mechanism and Procedure**

The different grievance methods have been presented:

- Grievance Expression Process Book (Bulletin boards on the plant sites Grievance Register managed by the Grievance Officer)
- Gold Standard Contact: [help@goldstandard.org](mailto:help@goldstandard.org),
- Telephone access

Community liaison officer, assigned by BCE

Mr. Željko Reberšak, the Site Manager

(Phone: +381 63 556 148)

- Email access: A grievance form is available on BCE's website - <https://www.bcenergy.rs/links.html>.
- City Secretariat for Environmental Protection

Contact Person: Tatjana Živković

Address: Belgrade, 43-45, 27. Marta Street

Telephone number: +381 11 330 9611

Email address: [tatjana.zivkovic@beograd.gov.rs](mailto:tatjana.zivkovic@beograd.gov.rs)

In addition, posters including the necessary information regarding grievances are located on all the individual construction sites, on bulletin boards.

By hand or verbal grievance are also accepted; A Technical Manager informs the Grievance Officer of the project immediately in this case. In addition, the grievances may also be received through direct phone call, post, mail or email.

Furthermore, the City of Belgrade manages communication with citizens in relation to all city communal services through the Belgrade Communal Service (BEOKOM). All questions and complaints in relation to the Project received by BEOKOM will be forwarded to the Grievance Officer. All grievances will be registered and responded to within 30 calendar days, either verbally or in writing.

Finally, the Grievance Officer will conduct monthly follow-up of grievances received, actions implemented, and responses provided to ensure all grievances are closed to the satisfaction of the grievance holder.