



Press release

RCERO Ljubljana, one of the largest centres of its kind in Europe, opened

The upgrade of the regional waste management centre (RCERO Ljubljana) is the biggest cohesion project in the field of environment in Slovenia.

The project encompasses 37 municipalities, and for this reason the regional centre is a unique example of good practices in relation to integration and cooperation of municipalities as well as a connecting element in the field of waste management treatment in Slovenia.

In one of the largest centres of its kind in Europe waste from approximately one third of Slovenian residents will be processed in the facilities for mechanical biological waste treatment equipped with state-of-the-art and sustainable technology.

We are proud because Ljubljana recorded the highest share of separately collected waste among European capitals (in 2014 we recycled 63 percent of waste) and Ljubljana is also the first European capital to embark on the path towards a Zero Waste society. This is also one of the reasons we have been awarded the prestigious title **European Green Capital 2016** and made an important step towards further economic and social development.

With the start of operation of Ljubljana's regional centre we will be more efficient in fulfilling the commitment common to all cities, regions and EU members: to manage natural resources sustainably and to contribute towards the transition into a circular economy.



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ADVANTAGES OF THE PROJECT RCERO LJUBLJANA UPGRADE

- Long-term solution of the waste management issue for one third of Slovenia (700,000 residents);
- the best and the most contemporary waste management system in Slovenia;
- the most advanced, sustainable technology for waste management on a European scale;
- production of green electrical energy from a renewable source, biogas;
- production of electrical and heat energy to be used directly in the facility;
- after the treatment only some 20 percent of waste will end up in the landfill, as it will be unsuitable for reuse as raw materials or energy products, but without having adverse impacts on the environment;
- biological waste will be processed into convenient compost to be used for gardening and landfill maintenance;
- green jobs;
- production of secondary fuel from the light fraction of the mixed municipal waste;
- an example of good practice in relation to integration and cooperation of municipalities as well as a connecting element in the field of waste management treatment in Slovenia between municipalities and regions.

More information: <http://www.ljubljana.si/en/living-in-ljubljana/focus/100619/detail.html>