PAKOMAK Doo Packaging Recovery Organization N. Macedonia

Yerevan, 15 November 2022



Basic Data

Founded: **11.11.2010**

Population: 1,9 million

Total Packaging Waste 2021: **103.500 tons annual**

License granted by the Ministry: From 2011 two times prolonged. New license issued in March 2022 on undefined period.

About Pakomak:

- Not for profit organization
- Founders are companies from obligate industry
- Not vertically integrated company
- Pakomak is not owner of the material

Founders:





What is **PAKOMAK**?

PAKOMAK is a legal entity - collective EPR* scheme or Packaging Recovery Organization who is operating with the management of the packaging waste.

It is the only company which every year is fulfilling the national targets.

From May 2011 it is member of PRO EUROPE and from 2013 member of EXPRA, the largest umbrella organizations of the biggest EPR companies in the Europe.

*EPR means – Extended Producer Responsibility



Goals of PAKOMAK

✓ Fulfil the National Goals for packaging waste, meaning that by 2030,
65% of total packaging waste (plastic, paper, metal cans, glass, wood) in Macedonia must be recycled or energy recovered!

To achieve the goals, PAKOMAK and municipalities has to:

✓ Increase the capacity of communal infrastructure for "primary separate collection" of packaging waste, apart from so called "wet" communal waste (bins, containers, trucks..).

✓ Increase the capacity for "**secondary selection**" of primary collected packaging waste (sorting plants).

✓ Increase the **public awareness** for the need of the separate selection and global and local eco-benefits of recycling.



Five Principles of PAKOMAK

✓ Fulfilment of the Packaging Ordinance with greatest possible ecological benefit and minimum economic effort.

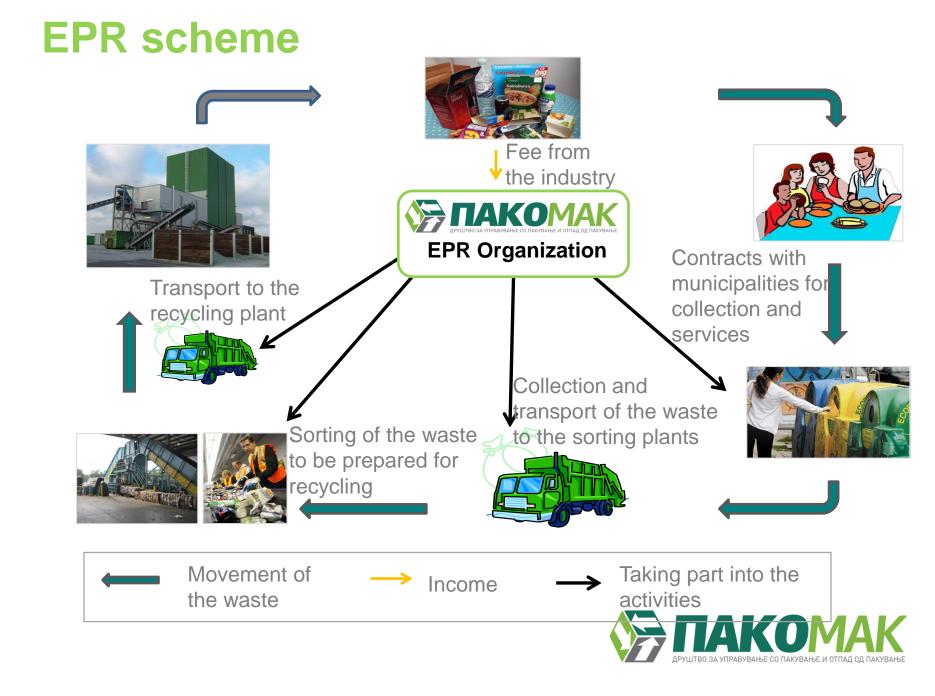
✓ Fee calculation for clients WITHOUT PROFIT; no distribution of unintentional surplus to owners.

✓Transparent and auditable operation.

✓ Equal treatment of clients.

✓ Acting in goodwill partnership with the state ministries and the local communities.





Three basic activities of Pakomak

1. Investment in infrastructure PRIMARY SELECTION

(containers and bins for waste selection, vehicles for waste collection, selection lines)



Three basic activities of Pakomak

2. Waste COLLECTION and TRANSPORT to the recyclers

(with public and private operators)



Costs for this activities are increasing every year due to the incensement of the national goals that should be achieved by Pakomak. For year 2020 Pakomak achieved **60% recycling rate**.



Three basic activities of Pakomak

3. Educational activities and public awareness









Public Awareness Major Activities

Trash for Art - contest

More than 300 arts each year.

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СПЕЦИЈАЛНА НАГРАДА ОД ПИВАРА ПАКОМАК TRASH FOR ART 2022



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1 МЕСТО - КАТЕГОРИЈА ГРАДИНКИ ЭПАКОМАК



Public Awareness Major Activities

ECO Café & restaurants

In the system more than 1800 objects covering 80% of the whole territory.









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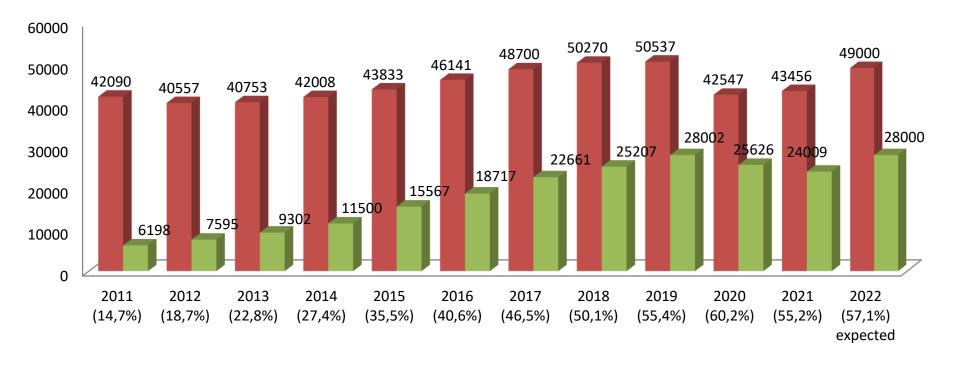
Sound of Green

Eco concert - entrance with one empty PET bottle or aluminum can.





Licensed quantities & Recycling rate



Reported Collected & recycled



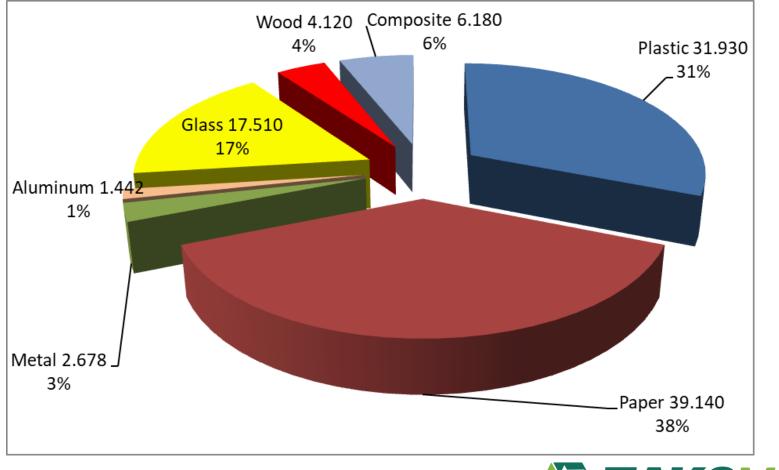
Cooperation with municipalities



- Cooperation with 61 from total 85 municipalities for separate collection.
- Investment in infrastructure.
- **Covering 80%** of whole population of the country.

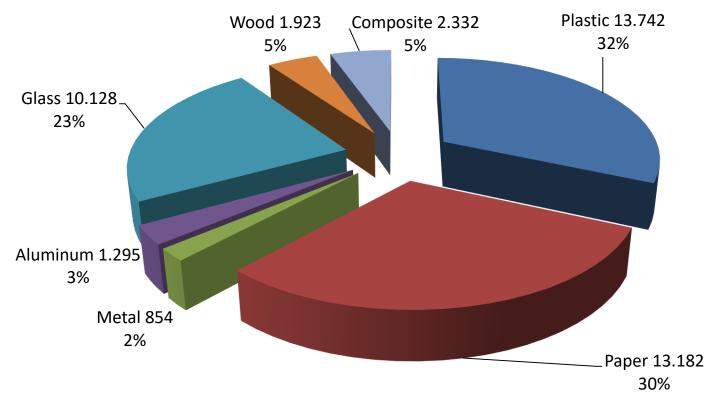


Market share per material in 2021 (103.000 tons) for whole market





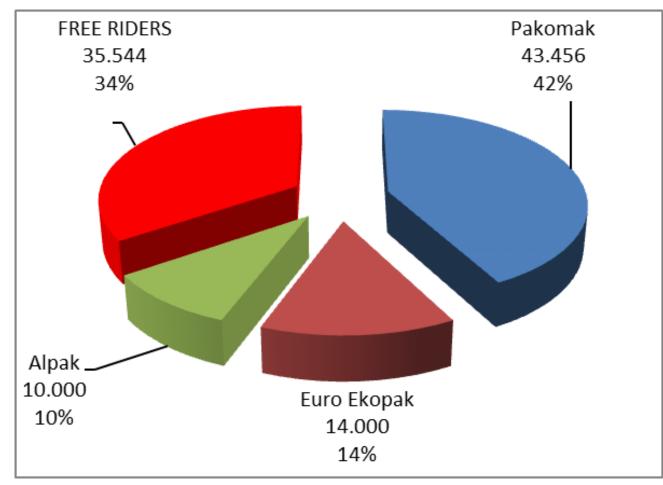
Pakomak share per material in 2021 (43.456 tons)



Note: Share for the glass, plastic and aluminum in the Pakomak system is slightly bigger comparing whole market, due to the fact that the founders of Pakomak are the biggest generators of those materials on the market.



PRO Competitors and free riders in 2021 (tons)



Note: By the law PRO is not allowed to have more than 49% market share!!!



Challenges when implementing EPR

Commitment from the Ministries' and Municipalities! Make the implementable Law!

Find a way to make all obliged industry to report producers/importers REAL packaging waste quantities!

Do not allow to much EPR's, max 3! Competition on quality service, not on fees!

Develop a network of legal and licensed waste collectors and make them partners in the system!

Consider Informal Sector if you have it!

DO NOT GIVE UP! BE PERSISTENT! It is a process that takes year!



Changes in the Law for Packaging Waste (year 2021) and new EPR Law

No	Subject	Old law	New law	Comment
1	Fees for the obliged companies	Free decision prices.	Minimal prices set by the law.	No discounts for clients, eliminating unfair competition.
2	PRO expenditures	Free decision for PRO investment.	Investment from revenue from fees set by the law: - 65% for infrastructure & collection cost, - 10% for marketing activities, - 25% for office and administration.	Fair competition.
З	Payment	Payment by obliged industry with no obligations.	On time payment set by the law. If the company has overdue for 6 months PRO should cancel the contract.	PRO liquidity.
4	Obliged companies	Small companies free from obligation.	All companies are obliged to pay fees.	Decrease of freerides.
5	Obliged companies secondary responsibility	No responsibility for obliged companies if PRO do not fulfill national targets.	If PRO do not fulfill national targets obliged companies also pay penalties to the state budget.	Advantage for serious PRO's on the market.
6	Bank guarantee	No bank guarantee from PRO.	Bank guarantee is requested from each PRO issued in favor of Ministry of environment.	Advantage for serious PRO's on the market.

Strategic projects for the next 5 years

- Instalment of **Reverse Vending Machines** (RVM) in order at least 80% of the population to be able to use the machines. "Deposit without deposit" or "Incentive Based System".
- Instalment of **IGLO containers with SMART sensors** for receiving info about their location and fullness of the containers with packaging waste.
- Installment of Line for Secondary Selection for plastic and metal.



Project in partnership with Embassy of Switzerland

SMART system for packaging waste management





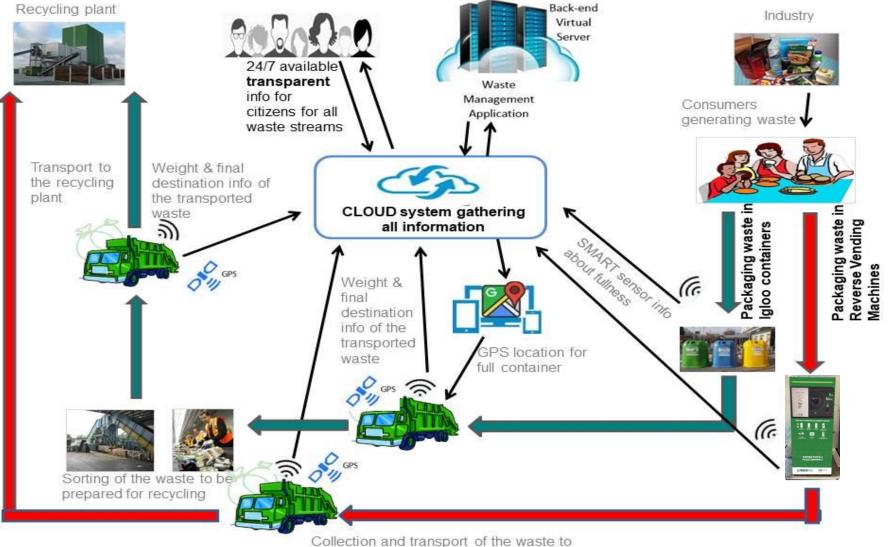
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the sorting plants by separate trucks

SMART sensors for waste management

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICsyY_DRK6E

Pakomak has developed SMART sensors and software for their management. Implementation in the period 11.2022 – 12.2023 SMART sensor characteristics:

- For containers up to 5m3
- Info about fullness & location of the container, tilt info, battery level info
- IP67 protection against moisture and debris
- Battery life time 6-8 years
- Operating network to communicate GPRS and NB IoT.
- Operating temperature: 30 °C to + 70 °C



Expected results:

• Optimizing collection routes and reduce collection costs by 30%.



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What are the benefits for involved parties?

By using the system:

- **1. Citizens** will receive Green points which can be used for paying:
 - public services
 - communal taxes
 - certain products or discounts in retail stores
 - humanitarian donation

2. Retail chains

- Increase of visiting clients in the stores
- Citizen will spend received green points in the retail stores
- · Social responsibility of the company
- Positive public awareness as part of the system
- Digital signage media for marketing activities
- 3. Pakomak
 - Collection of the packaging waste material
 - Education of the citizens



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What are the benefits for involved parties?

By using the system:

4. Municipalities

- Less waste on the landfill and reduction of waste disposal costs due to the collection of packaging waste
- Ecologically clean municipality and educated population
- Promotion for the municipality



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RVM - Incentive system

No PRICE ESCALATION od the products. Citizens DO NOT PAY extra money when purchase a product, being returned when packaging (bottle/can) is returned to the RVM.

No need for IMPLEMENTATION IN WHOLE COUNTRY. Can be implemented step by step, municipality by municipality, region by region.

Citizens will be EDUCATED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS while recycling their waste, through messages generated by the system.



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Make Waste Selection and Recycling a Habit in Our Lives!

Thank You!

