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Agenda-Promoting and Ensuring proper disposal of Hazardous and Electronic waste

Hazardous and Electronic waste is one of our most important and pressing problems currently facing us as a organization, the proper disposal and management of all these materials should be much higher on the agenda of organizations like this council and the E.U

We ourselves produce around 1.3 million tonnes of hazardous materials, 1 million tonnes of which are from the manufacturing and industrial sectors of our economy, 45% of the above given number (1.3 million tonnes) is recycled, the rest are stored in monitored in special sites, burned of or disposed in different sides around the country, We produce around 110 thousand tonnes of electronic waste, 48.2% of which is recycled, the rest are disposed like the above disposal methods, except that they are stored separately.

We are very close to achieving the SDG goals set by the UNEA, we should complete them in the upcoming years, the increase of hazardous and electronic waste accumulation might hamper that upwards climb, therefore we must find more ways to reduce the WEEE (Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment) percentage in the EU and in other Countries

We need to prevent the inefficient, dangerous and negligent disposal and replace with a preferably domestic and much more safer and efficient method of disposal, we should use this system until our recycling percentage goes up all the way to 100%, we can then stop with the disposal and reuse every single item. Our SDG goals must also soon be updated in the near future as we are going to reach it very soon.

WEEE is a much safer item but still highly dangerous, we can recycle it much easier than hazardous waste, Hazardous Waste is much more dangerous and harder to recycle, for now we have built a storage site in western Finland, but we will soon need to find ways to recycle Hazardous Waste.

Cost is also a major concern, such ways of disposal will also demand higher prices, and workers must be paid more since they are handling such dangerous chemicals

So, in conclusion, We must Find newer ways to safely and cheaply dispose of WEEE and Hazardous Waste, while at the same time increasing our recycling percentage, as the figure given above is likely to grow even more, so we need to find and implement cost-effective ideas to stop the inefficient, dangerous and negligent disposal of such types of waste

Thank you for reading.

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