

# PROBLEMS RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ALBANIAN LEGISLATION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

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## Abstract

The increase of population, demographic movement towards urban areas and also the inadequate social infrastructure has contributed in the increase of waste, particularly inerts. Waste legislation aims to minimize the impact of waste into the environment and to improve the efficiency of the usage of resources in Albania. The main objective of this study is to prevent environmental degradation, and promoting environmental sustainability. National Policy of Waste Management is based on four steps: Planning, Education, Resources and Legislation. This policy intends to improve waste management, reducing environmental risks and improving human health according to EC requirements. The biggest problem regarding to waste management in Albania does not consist in the lack of law, but in the lack of institutional management planning, and technical capacities and human as well. It is also noticed the lack of experience/tradition, economic resources, and networks to collect and treat the waste. Waste management in Albania has been identified as a significant environmental issue in a number of strategic documents of Environmental Research, with the aim of: Constructing of infrastructure for urban waste treatment, selective collection, recycling and disposing of them. Taking action to eliminate the uncontrolled disposal and incineration of municipal waste that continues to pose a threat to health and environment. Developing a clear strategy for waste disposal.

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