

ANNEXES

1. ANNEXES: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR RESEARCHERS

I please you to introduce yourself shortly, and say about your meeting with selective waste management. When did you meet with the topic firstly?

Austrian situation

How do you currently see the situation of selective waste collection in Austria? Are you satisfied with that?

What is your opinion about the plastic recycling habits in your country?

What is your opinion on the current plastic waste regulations in Austria? Are the current ordinances sufficient for a circular economy? Do more stringent measures need to be taken? Or is it the stricter enforcement of the current rules that is missing to increase efficiency?

Are you satisfied with the selective plastic waste management in Austria?

What needs to be changed in Austrian legislation to make the transition to a circular economy for plastics more efficient?

Is it currently possible to talk about a circular economy in any economic sector in your country?

Attitudes of economic and social actors

What is your opinion about the attitudes of the Austrian inhabitants in the issue of selective waste collection? How can we achieve better result in a point of your opinion?

What do you think about the attitudes of waste management companies towards separate collection? Do these companies receive adequate support from the Austrian State to expand and modernise their recycling systems?

How far do you think domestic legislation is helping to increase the recycling rate of plastics?

Is it possible to say that internal recycling is currently (even partially) taking place in some production companies?

Can it be stated that internal recycling is currently (even partially) taking place in some trading companies?

Do you see an effort in the trading companies to encourage customers to collect separately the plastic waste generated by the products they buy? Are there any companies where plastic packaging can be returned to the retail unit?

Do you think the average consumer thinks responsibly about their plastic waste?

Do you think the relevant economic actors take into account the waste hierarchy model for plastic waste?

Dates, and statistics

Do you have data on where and from what sources (e.g. packaging) most plastic waste is generated in our country?

What kind of statistics do you have about plastics recycling and circular economy?

What are the trends in plastic recycling in your country? (I am thinking here of the recycling rate or the ecological footprint of plastics) Is it different from other EU countries?

Based on your research date, which of the plastic waste type are generate the most plastic waste?

Is there a result of the which types of plastic waste recycling in Austria are good and bad (LDPE PP PET)?

Recycling/practices

How do you see the recycling of plastics in your country?

What is your opinion on the Austrian plastics recycling infrastructure?

What is the state of technology in this field in the companies engaged in this activity? Is there a need for expansion? (either in terms of upgrading existing technology or increasing the number of companies involved) Is it financially worthwhile to process used plastics?

What best plastic recycling practices are you aware of that are used in our country? Please also mention household, business and packaging practices that prevent plastic waste and/or promote the transition to a circular economy?

Questions related to EU

How do you see the European Union's waste policy, with its emphasis on the selective recycling of plastics and the shift to a circular economy? Do these attach with Austrian efforts?

Do you have any information, how your country's situation looks like compares with other countries in the EU in terms of plastics recycling?

Are there significant differences in governmental attitudes to plastic recycling among EU Member States? In your opinion, where does Austria stand? What types of practices should be adapted from other Member States to Austria?

Which countries are good examples in the field of plastic waste management? Have EU rules contributed to their success? Is there a "secret to success" for these countries?

Are there significant differences in people's attitudes in plastic recycling between EU Member States? Do you think people's attitudes are influenced by legislation?

Are there significant differences among EU Member States in the processing infrastructure for plastic recycling?

To what extent is education for responsible waste management present in the education system in each Member State? How is our country doing in this respect? Is there a need to integrate education for responsible waste management into the curriculum: are there examples of this in the world?

What are your opinion on financial incentives for the selective collection of plastic? For example, should there be less municipal tax, who has smaller bins?

Have you got any information to compare Austria and Hungary in plastic waste management? If yes, what are the similarities, and the differences?

2. ANNEXES: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR COMPANIES EXPERTS

I please you to introduce yourself shortly, and say about your meeting with selective waste management. When did you meet with the topic firstly?

Hungarian situation

How do you currently see the situation of selective waste collection in Austria? Are you satisfied with that?

What is your opinion about the plastic recycling habits in your country?

What is your opinion on the current plastic waste regulations in Austria? Are the current ordinances sufficient for a circular economy? Do more stringent measures need to be taken? Or is it the stricter enforcement of the current rules that is missing to increase efficiency?

Are you satisfied with the selective plastic waste management in Hungary?

What needs to be changed in Hungarian legislation to make the transition to a circular economy for plastics more efficient?

Is it currently possible to talk about a circular economy in any economic sector in your country?

Attitudes of economic and social actors

What is your opinion about the attitudes of the Hungarian inhabitants in the issue of selective waste collection? How can we achieve better result in a point of your opinion?

What do you think about the attitudes of waste management companies towards separate collection? Do these companies receive adequate support from the Hungarian State to expand and modernise their recycling systems?

How far do you think domestic legislation is helping to increase the recycling rate of plastics?

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Can it be stated that internal recycling is currently (even partially) taking place in some trading companies?

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Do you think the average consumer thinks responsibly about their plastic waste?

Do you think the relevant economic actors take into account the waste hierarchy model for plastic waste?

Recycling/practices

How do you see the recycling of plastics in your country?

What is your opinion on the Hungarian plastics recycling infrastructure?

What is the state of technology in this field in the companies engaged in this activity? Is there a need for expansion? (either in terms of upgrading existing technology or increasing the number of companies involved) Is it financially worthwhile to process used plastics?

What best plastic recycling practices are you aware of that are used in our country? Please also mention household, business and packaging practices that prevent plastic waste and/or promote the transition to a circular economy?

Questions related to EU

How do you see the European Union's waste policy, with its emphasis on the selective recycling of plastics and the shift to a circular economy? Do these attach with Hungarian efforts?

Do you have any information, how your country's situation looks like compares with other countries in the EU in terms of plastics recycling?

Are there significant differences in governmental attitudes to plastic recycling among EU Member States? In your opinion, where does Hungary stand? What types of practices should be adapted from other Member States to Hungary?

Which countries are good examples in the field of plastic waste management? Have EU rules contributed to their success? Is there a "secret to success" for these countries?

Are there significant differences in people's attitudes in plastic recycling between EU Member States? Do you think people's attitudes are influenced by legislation?

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To what extent is education for responsible waste management present in the education system in each Member State? How is our country doing in this respect? Is there a need to integrate education for responsible waste management into the curriculum: are there examples of this in the world?

What are your opinion on financial incentives for the selective collection of plastic? For example, should there be less municipal tax, who has smaller bins?

Issues related to the operation of company

Is it worthwhile to recycle plastic waste in Hungary today?

Do they receive any support from the Hungarian State? If so, under what conditions?

What is your opinion on the Hungarian laws and regulations currently in force regarding selective waste management and the implementation of the circular economy of plastics?

Do they receive support from the European Union? If so, under what conditions? What is the current state of infrastructure?

What are your views on the EU laws and legislation currently in force on the implementation of selective waste management, including the circular economy of plastics?

How can you persuade customers (companies) to stop using virgin packaging and to buy and use recycled packaging? What is attractive about working with plastics processing companies?

Are there any public or EU tenders for plastic processing companies? In your opinion, are they really a way forward and do they really promote a circular economy for plastics?

Do you feel that the demand for plastics processing has changed over the last decade? If so, is this due to a change in attitudes of people/businesses or is it due to a change in laws/regulations that has caused the trend to change?

How would you define your company in the plastics recycling market?

Which service would you describe as the most successful?

What trends do you see in the recycling of plastic food packaging?