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Start-up for the “Pre-feasibility Study for Regionalized Waste Management in the Southern Region of Azerbaijan” project / Kick-off meeting held on 12 March 2015 in Baku.

After financing in 2012 the preparation of a ‘15 Year Waste Strategy’ for the City of Lankaran, the European Union follows up on this initiative with support for a new project for the approximately 900,000 inhabitants of the Lankaran Economic Region. The region comprises 6 rayons from the southern part of the country, namely Lankaran, Astara, Lerik, Jalilabad, Masalli and Yardimli.

The economic and population growth in the region means the local population produces every year more waste. The current collection and disposal systems in the 6 rayons are not sufficient and do not fulfil the required environmental standards. Thus, the Ministry of Economy and Industry has decided to develop a Pre-Feasibility Study and a Regional Investment Plan to examine the opportunity and benefits of establishing an integrated regional solid waste system in the Southern Region of Azerbaijan with appropriate collection and transport systems, waste treatment and recycling facilities and environmentally sound landfill sites. Besides the previously mentioned purpose, another objective of this study is to provide technical inputs to the Government of Azerbaijan for the preparation and development of a National Solid Waste Management Strategy.

As a result of the previously mentioned decision, on 12 March 2015, the project “Pre-feasibility Study for Regionalized Waste Management in the Southern Region of Azerbaijan” has been officially launched. On this occasion, a kick-off meeting has been organised between the representatives of the Ministry of Economy and Industry, of the EU Delegation and of the Implementation Consultant. The project is carried out by a consortium of three private companies specialized in waste management advisory services: ICP Germany as consortium lead in association with EPTA Greece and ENVIROPLAN Greece. During this first meeting, the project partners expressed their expectations concerning this initiative, made decisions concerning implementation and established the Coordination Group, the project coordination and information body.

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