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Zagreb, 08.08.2026.

SUBJECT: Urgent request for an Expression of Interest - Acceptance, Treatment and Final Disposal of Buried Hazardous Waste from Gospić, Croatia

Dear Sir or Madam,

we are contacting you on behalf of the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund, a national extra-budgetary public institution established to finance and support programmes and projects in environmental protection, waste management, energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. In performing its public mandate, the Fund coordinates the assessment of practicable solutions for the removal and appropriate management of unlawfully deposited waste at the former industrial complex at Bilajska 50 in Gospić, Croatia.

To this end, we are conducting an urgent market assessment to identify suitably permitted, experienced, and technically capable operators within Croatia and other eligible jurisdictions.

The purpose of this enquiry is to establish available market capacity, acceptance feasible technical routes, regulatory requirements, indicative lead times and preliminary pricing for acceptance, treatment and/or permanent disposal of the buried waste.

At this stage, the Fund requests a non-binding expression of interest and the completion of the accompanying Market Research Questionnaire.

The Fund invites responses from operators within Croatia and other eligible jurisdictions that can demonstrate appropriate permits, technical capability, capacity and experience, including the ability to meet applicable EU requirements for cross-border shipment of waste where relevant.

Technical Basis and Waste Characterization

According to the environmental expert findings prepared by the Faculty of Geotechnical Engineering (University of Zagreb), and made publicly available by USKOK on 6 August 2026, the current investigation basis includes:

Quantity & Volume: Approximately 32.915 tonnes of buried heterogeneous technogenic material, with an upper-bound geometric volume estimate of approximately 41.374 m³.

Affected Area: An estimated 14.267 m² of the plateau.

Waste Depth: Generally around 4–5 m, with localized depths ranging from 1 to 8 m.

Composition: Mixed plastic/polymer-organic, fine-grained technogenic, mineral, and construction fractions, partly mixed with soil and stone. Waste codes identified in the available documentation include: 19 12 11*, 18 01 03*, 18 01 04, 19 12 12, 17 05 04.

Hazardous Properties: Representative samples exhibit HP14 ecotoxic properties, with microplastics and elevated metals reported in the affected environment.



Environmental Risks: Identified groundwater migration pathways and downstream PFAS findings, strictly requiring controlled excavation, specialized handling, and robust environmental protection measures.

Important Note:

- Detailed technical documentation, including the expert report, laboratory analyses and supporting information, can be found at:
 - <https://uskok.hr/hr/priopcenja/priopcenje-uskok-s-obzirom-na-velik-interes-javnosti-u-vezi-s-rezultatima-provedenog> and
 - <https://www.fzoeu.hr/hr/obavijest-o-provodjenju-analize-trzista-za-nabavu-usluge-zbrinjavanja-zakopanog-otpada-u-gospicu-faza-3/10793>.
- Please note that the above figures represent preliminary investigation findings and do not constitute final measured quantities or a final waste classification. Additional waste characterisation, confirmation of EWC/LoW codes, facility pre-acceptance procedures, shipment approvals and weighbridge verification will be required.

Please confirm, at your earliest possible convenience, whether your company is interested in further technical dialogue and could potentially provide final disposal, treatment and disposal, transport/treatment/disposal, or a complete remediation service including excavation and preparation.

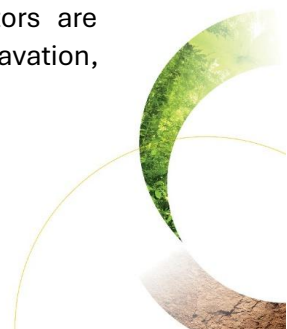
We kindly ask you to complete the attached **questionnaire**, specifically highlighting:

- **Feasibility:** Whether the described waste can be accepted, subject to further testing and final classification.
- **Capacity:** Currently available and reservable capacity, maximum daily/monthly intake rates, and the earliest possible acceptance date.
- **Logistics & Compliance:** Required analyses, pre-treatment, packaging, and necessary cross-border shipment conditions.
- **Qualifications:** Qualifications: The proposed treatment, recovery and/or disposal facility, applicable recovery (R) or disposal (D) operations, valid permits, available capacities and relevant experience.
- **Commercials:** Indicative unit rates (€/t), mobilisation periods, throughput capacities, key assumptions, exclusions and the validity period of your response.

Given the ongoing environmental risks and the need to assess remediation options without delay, we would greatly appreciate your prompt response, by 24.8.2026..

If a complete response cannot be prepared immediately, we would welcome a brief preliminary expression of interest indicating whether participation appears feasible and when a detailed response could be submitted.

To maximise market participation and accelerate implementation, consortium arrangements, joint submissions and cooperation with suitably qualified partners or subcontractors are expressly encouraged, particularly where combined capabilities are required for excavation, characterization, packaging, transport, notification, treatment and final disposal.





In addition to price and overall value for money, the proposed mobilisation date, acceptance schedule and total completion period will be among the most important considerations in assessing practicable solutions. Respondents should therefore identify the earliest achievable start date, realistic throughput and any measures that could shorten the implementation period.

This enquiry is conducted solely for market research and planning purposes. It does not constitute an invitation to tender, a commitment to award a contract or a guarantee of quantities.

Any future activities will remain subject to technical verification, applicable Croatian and EU legislation, permitting requirements, approvals by competent authorities and formal procurement procedures.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@fzoeu.hr.

Best regards,

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