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Mission

Providing Support to Bulgarian industry, regional and branch associations for:

- Achieving sustainable development and minimizing environment impacts;
- Improving quality, competitiveness and productivity;
- Avoiding non-tariff trade barriers.





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Activities

- Official position on draft regulations and standards;
- Heading the WG "Environmental management" TC 15 Environment, Participation in Governing Bodies of the Bulgarian Standards Institute, State agency for metrology and Technical Surveillance, Bulgarian Accreditation Services, Workgroup 22 Environment for EU - Bulgaria accession negotiation, etc.;
- ♦ Information dissemination, guides, practical approaches for Cleaner production, ISO 14001, ISO 9001, CSR, standards on environmental indicators, water footprint;

 Elaboration of Sector Guidelines on Best Available Technologies (IED 2010/75)

◆ Studies on implementation of the SUP directive and

♦ Studies for textile wastes — collection and recycling



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Services and Projects

- ◆ Training, management consultation on implementation of ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 19011, ISO DIS 45001, etc;
- ◆ Consultations on implementation of EU Environment directives (IED 2010/75, 2019/904);
- Preparation of proposals for legislation amendments;

 Creation and maintenance of databases – generated, collected and treated municipal wastes, paid taxes and served citizens;



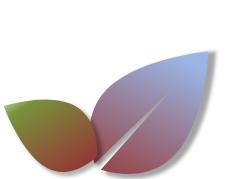
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Projects

- Waste minimization and Cleaner production Projects;
- Training on ISO 9000 and on ISO 14001 (more than 1000 participants);
- Study on environmental performance of major Bulgarian Industrial sectors;
- Preparation of Guidelines for development Solvent Management Plans(SMP) and Reduction Schemes in 15 sectors of industry
- Laboration of SMP for Food Oil, Electro technical and machining, printing, production of paints and varnishes, pharmaceuticals and other Industries.
- implementation of EMAS in industry 2014
- environmental management in Chemical and Textile sectors
- ❖ SWAN digital solid waste reuse platform for Balkans
- Elaboration of variants for implementation of SUP directive
- Citizens and business for better regulation of textile wastes



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- The adoption of European environmental legislation
 - Procedure working groups for preparation of national positions
 - Transpose in BG legislation procedure for public discussions and implementation
- The status of the environment
 - The role of the state to create the framework of the legislation and to control the implementation; monitoring
 - The role of the municipalities municipal wastes management
 - Industry industrial, hazardous and municipal wastes, emissions to the water and air, chemicals

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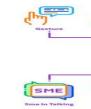
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The total number of SMEs is relatively constant for different types

- 0-9 employees 380 thousand
- 10-49 25 thousand
- 50 249 4600
- The largest number of SMEs is in the trade sector
 - 0-9 employees 135 thousand
 - 10-49 6,5 thousand
 - 50 249 800
- The next important sector is manufacturing
 - 0-9 employees 24 thousand
 - 10-49 5,3 thousand
 - 50 249 1600

The sector for Water supply, waste water, solid waste management, recycling

- 0-9 employees 600
- 10-49 150
- 50 249 60
- The sector for professional and RD activities
 - 0-9 employees 45 thousand
 - 10-49 1000
 - 50 249 120





















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Expenditures for the environment

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Expenditure for environmental protection

- The environmental expenditures (investments and running expenditures) the period 2014 2018 1.9 billion BGN (2016) 3.3 billion BGN (2014).
- Ongoing expenditures predominant share in total environmental expenditures -51.0% (2014) and 76.2% (2017)
- The major part of the expenditures was spent on the collection, treatment and disposal of waste, and for the discharge and treatment of wastewater - an average of 79.2% (2014 - 2018)
- 2018, the total investments and running expenditures is 2 037 mln. BGN, which is 5.3% more than the previous year.
- mainly directed to the acquisition of fixed assets for wastewater discharge and treatment (40.1%) and for waste (25.5%).

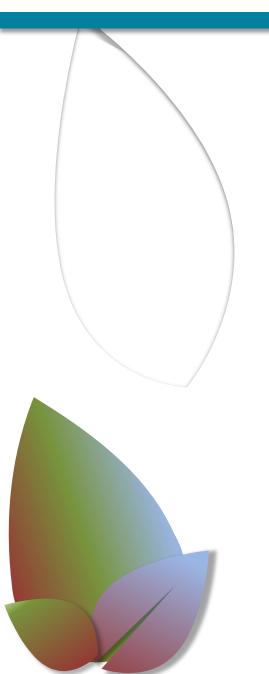
The share of the expenditure from the gross domestic product

 2001 – 2012 - 1.4% (2005) and 2.4% (2008), and the highest share was achieved in 2014 - 4.0%.

The trend and in 2017 - 2018 falls to 1.9% of GDP (current p



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Thank you!

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