

## **Decentralized Forum ARAD 4-6 November 2010:**

### **Conclusions of the workgroup 'Environment and local waste management':**

**1. Working on a policy on several levels:**

Local policy on environment has to be fitted in an European (F.e.: prohibition to dump household waste in open air), national and regional policy. Main points must be: prevention, reuse and "the polluter must pay". The contribution of the families must be based on the financial means of this families.

**2. Effects on other domains:**

Local policy on environment is important, not only because of the environment, but also because of the positive effects on health, on tourism, ...

**3. A coherent whole of measures:**

A good local policy on environment means that a range of decisions on legal, technical and communicative level has to be made. This decisions have to be coordinated as a whole. F.e. it wouldn't be fair to ask the citizens to give their household waste separately to the community-waste service and afterwards dump it all together because there are no possibilities to process the waste products to new raw materials.

**4. Cooperation with experts from abroad:**

To make a local policy on environment you can be inspired by experts from abroad. Some of them have experience for several years on this item. Successful experiments have been set up in the past in cooperation between Romanian communities and Belgian organizations like OVAM, VLACO and Interleuven on the technical part. With Somepro VZW there was a cooperation on the item of communication with the inhabitants of the community about local policy on environment.

**5. Involving the inhabitants:**

The inhabitants have to be involved in this policy from the beginning. Therefore all kind of forms of communication have to be used. Communication to the individual inhabitant is important, but also the organized inhabitants have to be seen as a target group. Cooperation with a local school, youth movement, men and women organization, an environment group, mutuality, , is important to sensitize people about the importance of environment for future generations. You can find ideas to work on prevention, separation of household waste, organizing action days on environment in cooperation with youth movements, ... can be found in the brochure made by Somepro VZW (Romanian and English version). To order at: [info@somepro.be](mailto:info@somepro.be) .

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