

EcoPaperLoop Questionnaire on policy and regulations

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1 Introduction

EcoPaperLoop (Ecodesign for the Enhancement of Central Europe Paper Based Products Recycling Loop) is a currently running research project with participating partners from several CE countries. Its main objective is optimization of paper recycling loop in the region, particularly the enhancement of paper for recycling quality. This may only be achieved by increasing awareness among all concerned stakeholders and adoption of new policy guidelines, regulations and legislation regarding ecodesign, improved collection strategies as well as recycling technologies.

The main objective of this questionnaire is to obtain information on knowledge and implementation of current EU and local legislation, regulations, directives, laws, decrees and other legal documents in the field of collection, sorting, recycling, recovery, use and trade of paper and board for recycling, and final products made from recovered and recycled fibres. **The second objective is to obtain proposals** for improvements which would be the basis for new legislation in this area.

2 Content

The questionnaire addresses the main stakeholders involved in paper and board recycling loop as well as Public authorities; it consists of four main parts:

1. **respondents affiliation**, status, responsibility in paper and board recycling loop, general data about institution or company,
2. **information about current paper streams**, objectives and goals of paper recycling, recyclability issues, quantities and quality of collected paper within the country, region, company ...,
3. **information about the implementation of EU and local legislation**, directives, laws, decrees ...
4. proposals for new regulations (voluntary schemes, guidelines, new legislation ...

Part 1: Respondent affiliation

Name of respondent (contact person) _____

Name of the institution/company _____

Contact data (e-mail, phone) _____

Field

- government, ministry
- state agency
- regional authority
- regional/local agency
- waste management company, collector of paper for recycling
- papermaking, paper converting, packaging, printing and publishing company
- trading company
- public, research institution
- other _____

Number of employees

- < 10
- 11-100
- >101

Population covered (state and local authority, agencies only)

- < 1000
- 1001-100,000
- >100,001

Main activity/responsibility

- adoption and implementation of legislation
- authorization for the plants and control
- defence of consumers rights
- environment and sustainability
- research/development
- design and publishing of printed products/packaging
- paper and/or board production
- paper and/or board supplier
- printing/packaging production
- trading company (shopping centres for end users)
- waste collecting, sorting, processing, landfill deposition
- other _____

Part 2: Paper recycling policy and goals

What are your main goals regarding paper for recycling, coherently with the directive CE/98/2008?

- sustainability (retrieving of fibres as natural resource)
- extraction of raw material for paper recycling
- energy (used paper as a source of energy)
- composting
- waste management
- trade (reselling, export)
- other _____

State the quantities of generated or handled paper for recycling (all types/classes, total in 000 t), coherently with the directive CE/98/2008

- generated _____
- collected _____
- sorted _____
- utilized _____

Classify generated or handled paper for recycling (by types/classes total in 000 t)

- newsprint _____
- printing/writing paper _____
- packaging paper/board/corrugated board _____
- other _____

Do you use the standard EN 643 for classification of the paper for recycling?

- yes
- no

If yes, what grades (state the 5 major grades) of paper for recycling are you mostly dealing with?

What is the estimated share of sorted/classified waste/collected paper in % in your activity/organization? _____

Does your organization use green public procurement for the paper supply?

- yes
- no
- in which way _____

In your opinion should the recovered paper be used coherently with the directive CE/98/2008 to produce (up to 100 %):

- newsprint
- printing/writing paper
- food/pharmaceutical packaging (contact with food or drugs)
- corrugated board
- tissue paper
- other paper products

Do you think that paper recycling rate should be increased and product quality improved?

- yes, substantially
- yes, a little
- no
- I do not know

Do you think that the quality of paper for recycling is adequately supervised, according to EN 643?

- yes
- no

List the most important parameters for evaluation of recovered paper quality?

Part 3: Legislation

Name the EU directives/regulations dealing with paper for recycling or paper recyclability

- the ones directly concerning your activities
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- the ones you are only aware of
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Name local/regional/state directives/regulations/laws/decrees regarding paper collection, paper re-use or paper recyclability you know

- the ones directly concerning your activities
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- the ones you are only aware of
-

Express your opinion about the EU and local/regional legislation concerning paper collection and recycling

- overregulated (too many directives/regulations/laws/decrees)
- acceptable
- not well regulated field

In your opinion is cooperation of different organisations within the ERPA (European Recovered Paper Association) and FEAD (European Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Service)

- beneficial
- necessary
- advisable
- other

What do you think is missing in current legislation?

- professionalism
- comprehensibility
- traceability
- completeness
- others

What is the relation and communication between legislative authorities and industrial companies regarding paper recycling issues?

- satisfactory
 - partly satisfactory, if yes please specify why
 - unsatisfactory, if yes please specify why
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Explain the most frequent problems regarding paper recycling within current environmental legislation

Easiness to comply with the currently valid rules concerning paper recycling?

- easy
 - reasonable
 - difficult (explain)
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What particular areas (paper collection , sorting, evaluation of paper for recycling,...) are not well regulated by the existing legislation? (explain)

Part 4: New proposals

In the case that current legislation concerning paper recycling does not meet your expectations what are your main suggestions and comments regarding paper collection, sorting, recycling, recyclability evaluation, green public procurement,...

What is your opinion about green public procurement (print/packaging buying)?

- should be an obligation for state/regional/public buyers
- should be general policy, supported by tax policy
- is not important

What is your support/proposal of optimal use of collected paper for recycling, that should be regulated by legislation and tax policy in the future:

- sorting of collected paper for recycling at the collection point
- minimal content of 20 % of recycled fibres in all papers and board produced, for non-permanent final printing /packaging product
- other _____

Would you be in favour of the existence of a recyclability evaluation method?

- yes
- no
- not important

Would you be in favour of a mandatory purchasing of recyclable products within GPP scheme?

- yes
- no
- not important

What do you think are the most important aspects in the future for paper recycling?

- improved legislation
- higher awareness of recyclability issues
- technological progress
- education of all concerned actors
- others

Thank you for supporting the EcoPaperLoop project by your answers!