

CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

SLAVUTYCH 2024 - Ukraine

? | *How can we improve the household waste management system in our community?*

The Assembly brought together **45 citizens** of Slavutych, randomly selected to reflect the city's socio-demographic and geographic diversity, including gender, age, education, and place of residence. Over three sessions – combining learning, deliberation, and collective decision making – participants developed **33 recommendations** for local authorities, which were presented for consideration and further action. They also committed to supporting better waste management practices within their community.

Recommendations (highlights)

- Launch a public awareness campaign and produce short videos promoting proper waste sorting.
- Eliminate illegal landfills across the city through community participation.
- Establish an Eco-Commission to provide public oversight and jointly analyse environmental issues in co-operation with local businesses.
- Require the Housing and Utilities Centre and management companies to set up designated collection areas for grass and household waste, as well as composting.
- Install clearly labelled sorting containers.
- Create secure, roofed, and sanitary-compliant collection sites for sorted waste from multi-apartment buildings.
- Set up six sorting pavilions across the city within a year, allowing for waste separation into five categories.
- Conduct professional waste audits in each district.
- Involve bulk recyclables buyers based on audit findings to improve recycling efficiency and sustainability.

Impact

In January 2025, the city prepared a draft Action Plan for 2025–2026 inspired by the Assembly's recommendations and implementation is already underway:

A major *Eco Information Campaign* was launched.

A *Working Group* of municipal officials, experts, and civil society representatives was created to oversee and monitor progress.

13 Action Workshops engaged residents, businesses, and local enterprises to develop waste collection models and practical solutions.

A *survey* in the Kyivskyi Quarter identified barriers and readiness for waste sorting.

A *Paper recycling challenge* among schools and municipal institutions encouraged collective environmental responsibility.

A *morphological study* of municipal waste was carried out to determine container, equipment, and infrastructure needs for effective waste management.

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