

## **Invitation to comment on Serbian VINČA Landfill Gas and Energy from Waste facilities**

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The Vinča landfill site has been operated for more than 40 years at the Vinča locality, located approximately 12 km east of Belgrade city centre. This existing landfill does not meet Serbian or EU standards for Sanitary Landfills and poses a source of pollution for groundwaters and surrounding soils. The City of Belgrade through the Local Waste Management Plan 2011-2020, adopted by the City Assembly of Belgrade in 2011, envisaged the improvement of waste collection and transport practices, an increase in waste re-use and recycling, the construction of waste treatment (including energy from waste) facilities, the remediation of the existing landfill and the creation of a new sanitary landfill at Vinča. On 21st August 2015, as part of its Waste Management System, the City of Belgrade decided to improve the current solid waste disposal practice through a Public Private Partnership. On 29 September 2017 after going through international procurement process, the Public Private Partnership contract has been signed between the City of Belgrade and BEO ČISTA ENERGIJA D.O.O. BEOGRAD for services of treatment and disposal of solid municipal waste.

The project, which includes the following main features:

- The remediation of the existing landfill and the construction of a new sanitary landfill both associated with a landfill gas facility;
- The construction of a state-of-the-art Energy from Waste facility.

Biogas will be collected from both the existing and the new landfills and the landfill gas facility will generate electricity. The Energy from Waste facility will generate a combination of electricity and heat, which will be respectively distributed to the national grid and to the district heating network, avoiding emissions.

To valorise the avoided emissions, BEO ČISTA ENERGIJA D.O.O. BEOGRAD completed registration under Gold Standard certification process in January 2020. The project will be certified as carbon project with the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Gold Standard Foundation and will generate carbon credits through the capture of methane on the landfill and production of biogas as well as non-fossil electricity and heat.

The local stakeholder consultation and design consultation meeting as per Gold Standard requirements was held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. BEO ČISTA ENERGIJA D.O.O. BEOGRAD conveys thanks to all who were involved in the stakeholder consultation process and provided their fruitful feedback due to which BEO ČISTA ENERGIJA D.O.O. BEOGRAD succeeded in registering the project Vinča under Gold Standard. It also seeks to encompass other important socio-economic-environmental benefits that are an integral part of the project, such as reduction of water pollution, improvement of energy efficiency, improvement of air quality in the areas, creation of new jobs opportunities, protection of waste picker's population.

A "Stakeholder Feedback Round" is part of the Gold Standard for the global goals inclusion process and has now to be provided.

We hereby invite everyone to provide comments on the project mentioned above.

The following documents are available for your review and feedback:

- Project Design Document
- Local Stakeholder Consultation Report.
  - Minutes of Consultation Meeting

You are especially encouraged to take a look at the 'Minutes of physical meeting' and 'Assessment of all comments' sections in the Local Stakeholder Consultation report, as well as the sections pertaining to the Local Stakeholder Consultation in the Project Design Document.

Documents are available on:

- BEO ČISTA ENERGIJA D.O.O. BEOGRAD website: [www.bcenergy.rs](http://www.bcenergy.rs)
- BEO ČISTA ENERGIJA D.O.O. BEOGRAD Office: Tosin Bunar 272v, 11070 Belgrade, Serbia

The comments can be provided through e-mail or hardcopy to the following addresses/persons no later than 2 months from the publication of notice, which means until the 04/06/2021

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