

Association Disabled for the Environment EKON

*...social economy and
environment protection*

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General information about EKON

- EKON was established in 2003**
- EKON is one of the leading and the biggest social enterprises in Poland**
- EKON has created more than 900 solid workplaces for disabled people**
- Social added value created by EKON in 2007 was estimated at 7,3 million PLN (2,1 million euro)**
- EKON is a member of Workability International and is present in the Board of Directors in this organisation**
- On the 1st April 2008 EKON was granted with status of „sheltered workshop” as one of first NGO’s in Poland with such status.**



EKON activities in area of environment protection

- ❑ ***EKON provides about 180 000 people with system of selective collecting packaging wastes, using special „yellow bags”.***
 - ❑ *More than 550 disabled people have found a work in this service*
 - ❑ *EKON collects average 8000 Mg of packaging wastes a year*
 - ❑ *The services is free of charge for citizens*
- ❑ ***EKON is active in the field of education for sustainable development as it runs several educational projects***
 - ❑ *The leading educational project is the program „Eko-society of Mazowsze Region”*
- ❑ ***EKON still negotiates with authorities of Warsaw details launching the project of „Recykling-Park” – we are waiting for the written agreement with the city and permission to start the project***



EKON service of collecting packaging wastes

- ❑ ***EKON system is one of the most popular and effective systems in Warsaw and other 3 cities. It's popular name is „EKON Yellow Bags”. This services is free of charge for citizens***
- ❑ ***The system requires EKON to use special squads of disabled people responsible for collecting wasts directly from citizens, special small transporters (vans), and the sorting facility (in plans it will be Recykling-Park)***
- ❑ ***EKON was forced to disable the system in June as the lease of sorting facility was terminated and EKON still doesn't have the permission to start the Recykling-Park project***



Scheme of the service



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EKON Recykling-Park in Warsaw

- EKON is going to lease 28 000 sq meters property in southern Warsaw in order to create „Recykling-Park” for citizens***
- Total cost of this project is estimated at 7 million PLN (2 million euro)***
- We estimate the capability of Recyklin-Park at c.a. 30 000 Mg of packaging wastes and electronics a year with total more than 500 workpaces for disabled people***
- The EKON Recykling-Park will provide citizens with different services:***
 - Leaving electronic and large size wastes***
 - Collecting and leaving packaging wastes***
 - Recykling by „reusing” electronic wastes (selling reused electronic products)***
 - Training and social activities for disabled people***



Thank You for the attention

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