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LDK Consultants completes the National Healthcare Waste Management Plan for the Greek Ministry of Environment

LDK Consultants recently completed a project of significant importance, regarding the elaboration of the waste management plan for waste originating from healthcare facilities nationwide for the Greek Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works.

The main objective of the plan is to ensure the sound management of healthcare waste in respect to human health and the environment, in reference to municipal-type, infectious and other hazardous waste. Healthcare units include public, private and military hospitals, health clinics, healthcare facilities of social security organisations, local health centres, diagnostic clinics, microbiological laboratories, dental clinics, as well as veterinary clinics, along with all entities (state or private) involved in healthcare waste management. The project was funded by the European Cohesion Fund.

The elaboration of the project included an initial evaluation of the current state in healthcare waste production, composition and management, both for liquid and solid waste. A thorough review of the existing legal framework in other European Countries was carried out and a practical guide was produced in reference to the preparation of Internal Regulations on Healthcare Waste Management, for healthcare units. Moreover, legislative documentation was drafted regarding the provision of technical specifications for the safe and sound management of this type of waste, their collection, storage, transport and further management practices and techniques, incorporating the applicable Best Available Techniques (BATs) for waste management. A very important part of the project comprises the preparation of a draft legislative document for the substitution of the Greek Joint Ministerial Decision (JMD) 37591/2031/2003 (Official Gazette 1419/B) regulating healthcare waste management up to now, as well as the preparation of a similar type documentation for the actual National Healthcare Waste Management Plan to enter into force, setting out targets and tools for efficient healthcare waste management.