



**ekopak**

The first licensed Packaging Recovery Organisation in  
**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

# OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 2022

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 **PRO EUROPE**  
Packaging Recovery Organisation Europe

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 **Expra**  
Extended  
Producer  
Responsibility  
Alliance



**Amela Hrbat**

Dear clients, partners and friends of Ekopak,

In front of you there is a publication presenting Ekopak's business results for the year 2022. For us, the year 2022. was special because in this year we celebrated ten years of successful operational work. Therefore, we entered this year with great motivation, ambitions and plans, and our efforts paid off.

Results and achieved goals for the year 2022. are presented in the „Annual report on packaging and packaging waste management“, which is regularly delivered every year to the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Those results are the best indicator of our success.

In 2022., we transferred all the set goals and submitted the following amounts of packaging waste for recycling: 1.900 tons of glass packaging, 453 tons of metal packaging, 10.387 tons of paper and cardboard packaging, 2.045 tons of plastic packaging, 715 tons of wooden packaging, 138 tons of multilayer packaging, 20 tons of hazardous materials packaging, which is 15.658 tons in total and required about 870 trucks for transportation.

Ekopak, in cooperation with its partners, a network made of 20 collectors from both public and private sectors, has collected and recycled nearly 120.000 tons of packaging waste since 2012. This amount converted into trucks represents a composition of more than 6.600 trucks, which, lined up one behind the other, would make up the distance from Sarajevo to Konjic. This means that, the mentioned amount of packaging waste did not just end up in nature, nor in the landfill, but ended up in the recycling process where it got a new usable value.

It is necessary to mention that Ekopak also got one of the most significant confirmation for successful operational work in the beginning of last year, which is extended work permit for system operator for the next five years. Therefore, the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism has extended our packaging waste system operator work permit for the next period of 2022–2026.

Beside this primary work, Ekopak also worked on further packaging waste collecting and recycling system development in 2022. We participated in financing and co-financing of infrastructure purchasing processes: underground eco-island in Bihać; packaging waste transportation vehicle purchasing for public waste management utility “Komrad” in Bihać, public waste management utility “Vilenica čistoća” in Novi Travnik, waste management utility “Duga” in Široki Brijeg, public waste management utility “Rad” in Ključ; eco-islands arrangement in Vitez; in cooperation with public waste management utility “Rad” Sarajevo and system operator “Zeos”, we opened the first recycling yard in the city area of Sarajevo; we purchased trash cans for public waste management utility “Rad” Sarajevo for the area of Center Municipality in Sarajevo; we also purchased trash cans for packaging waste collecting for public waste management utility “Rad” Sarajevo for various events, as well as trash cans for public waste management utility “Park” Sarajevo for zoo and children's playground in Sarajevo named Pionirska dolina.

We also purchased glass containers for utility "Vitkom" in Vitez, financed salaries for two workers on packaging waste sorting in public waste management utility "Komus" in Gračanica and supported nets making for "Eko-Zizi" Travnik.

We successfully implemented regional project "Glass packaging management in Western Balkan". This project was implemented in Serbia, North Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina by system operators Sekopak, Pakomak and Ekopak, with the support of German organization GiZ and regional partners NALED in Serbia and Redah in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project included 14 pilot municipalities from those countries, which received containers (bells) for glass packaging collecting: Niš, Sombor, Kragujevac, Varvarin, Bihać, Konjic, Novi Travnik, Ilidža, Tetovo, Bitola, Skoplje, Gevgelija, Ilinden i Štip. During twelve months of the project duration 1.268 tons of glass packaging waste were sent for recycling, 208 tons from Bosnia and Herzegovina only, which is divided into municipalities: 114 tons from Novi Travnik, 64 tons from Bihać, 19 tons from Konjic and 11 tons from Ilidža. One of the project goals was to increase glass packaging recycling rate in those municipalities for 20%. Accomplishment in those local communities from Bosnia and Herzegovina was 27%, thanks to the fact that in those communities 190 containers were placed in total, which is an investment of 100.000 euros.

We conducted a great number of activities to promote recycling of packaging waste, created informational and educational material, various workshops for both children and youth, and conducted a lot of activities in local communities as well.

Ekopak has got an exceptionally good international reputation thanks to the harmonization of our business system with international standards. That is the reason why Ekopak is the only full-fledged member in Bosnia and Herzegovina of two umbrella organizations for packaging and waste: Expra and PRO-Europe, whose headquarters are in Brussels. Our engagement on selective packaging waste collecting and recycling system development is based on legal and transparent way of doing business, in accordance with the best European practices and for the benefit of the entire community.

We are the exclusive provider of the right to use the internationally protected "Green Dot" mark in Bosnia and Herzegovina. When buying a product in a packaging, you should buy the one with the "Green Dot" mark – that way you are supporting socially responsible and environmentally conscientious companies which are financially participating in packaging waste recycling system development in our country.

With a dedicated work, high standard of business, as well as legal, transparent and ethical work, we are proud for managing the implementation of our mission, and transferring set goals every year with the great improvement in packaging waste management system development in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our development path is the proof that the establishment of a system is a long process which can not be accomplished during short time. However, it brings us results which we are very proud of.



Vašu AMBALAŽU u Ekopak RECIKLAŽU!

Sincerely yours,  
**Amela Hrbat,**  
Ekopak Managing Director

## OPERATIONAL RESULTS FOR 2022

**15.658 tons** of packaging waste sent to recycling and recovery process

Results and achieved targets for 2022 presented in “Annual report on packaging and packaging waste management” which is annually sent to the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism, are the best confirmation of our success.



GLASS  
PACKAGING



1.900 t

METAL  
PACKAGING



453 t

PAPER AND  
CARDBOARD  
PACKAGING



10.387 t

PLASTIC  
PACKAGING



2.045 t

WOODEN  
PACKAGING



715 t

MULTILAYER  
PACKAGING



138 t

HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS  
PACKAGING



20 t

## OPERATIONAL RESULTS FROM 2012 TO 2022

**118.051 tons** of packaging waste sent to recycling and recovery process

From 2012 until 2022 Ekopak has sent 118.051 tons of packaging waste to recycling and recovery process



**+900** clients **10** cantons in FBiH **21** collectors in FBiH **10** public waste management utilities **11** private companies **17** centers for packaging waste collection

GLASS  
PACKAGING



9.480 t

METAL  
PACKAGING



2.459 t

PAPER AND  
CARDBOARD  
PACKAGING



84.404 t

PLASTIC  
PACKAGING



15.186 t

WOODEN  
PACKAGING



4.389 t

MULTILAYER  
PACKAGING



1.996 t

HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS  
PACKAGING



137 t

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS IN

# 2022



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## Extended license for Ekopak as PRO



Ekopak has accomplished all prescribed conditions and the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism extended our license for PRO for the period 2022 - 2026. This was a symbolic way for Ekopak to start marking 10th anniversary of our successful work. Thus, Ekopak is a pioneer when it comes to recycling system establishment and started working in 2012, when we obtained the first license. This is the third license we obtained and the third confirmation from the Ministry for our successful work.

## Ekopak received valuable acknowledgement "Champions of nature protection, BH Green award 2022"



Ekopak received another great acknowledgement for our work. In City Hall of Cazin on 22nd April 2022 a solemn celebration was held in the name of Earth Day. During the ceremony, Ekopak was awarded a "Champions of nature protection, BH Green award 2022" in category 'economic companies.

## "AmCham Europe" acknowledgement

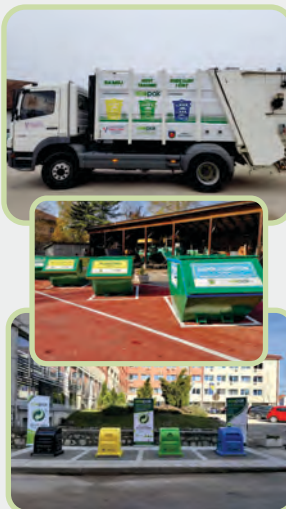


Ekopak obtained another great reward from American Chamber of Commerce named "AmCham Europe", which declared Ekopak one of the most successful examples for contribution to local communities' development in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. Ekopak is a company that cares about ESG principles (Environment, Social, Governance).

# INFRASTRUCTURE IN 2022.

## Investment in infrastructure in 2022

In 2022, Ekopak worked on further development of packaging waste collecting and recycling system. We participated in financing and co-financing of the following infrastructure: underground eco-island in Bihać, packaging waste transportation vehicle purchasing for public waste management utility “Komrad” in Bihać, for public waste management utility “Vilenica čistoća” in Municipality of Novi Travnik, for waste management utility “Duga” in Široki Brijeg and for public waste management utility “Rad” in Ključ, as well as eco-islands renovation in Municipality of Vitez. In cooperation with public waste management utility “Rad” Sarajevo and system operator “Zeos”, we opened the first recycling yard in the city area of Sarajevo. We also purchased waste bins for public waste management utility “Rad” Sarajevo for the area of Center Municipality in Sarajevo and also waste bins for packaging waste collecting for public waste management utility “Rad” Sarajevo for various events. We provided waste bins for public waste management utility “Park” Sarajevo for zoo and children’s playground in Sarajevo named Pionirska dolina. We also purchased containers for glass packaging collection for waste management utility company “Vitkom” in Municipality of Vitez, financed salaries for two workers on packaging waste sorting in public waste management utility company “Komus” in Municipality of Gračanica and supported bins for paper collection for collection for waste management utility company “Eko-Zizi” in Municipality of Travnik.



## Ekopak handed over 300 bins KJKP Rad Sarajevo

Ekopak acquired and delivered to KJKP RAD Sarajevo 150 black bins for municipal waste disposal and 150 yellow bins for collecting packaging waste.



## Successfully implemented project “Glass Packaging Waste Management in Western Balkan”

We successfully implemented regional project named “Glass Packaging Waste Management in Western Balkan” which took place in Serbia, North Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project was implemented by PROs Sekopak, Pakomak and Ekopak, in cooperation with German organization GIZ, as well as regional partners NALED from Serbia and Redah from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project included 4 municipalities from BiH (Bihać, Konjic, Novi Travnik, Iliđža). During twelve months of the project implementation 1.268 tons of glass packaging waste in total was sent to recycling process, and the recycling rate of glass packaging in those municipalities was increased for 27%. 190 containers for glass packaging waste collecting were placed, which is an investment of 100.000 euros.



## Workshop “Ten years of the Ordinance implementation”

In the organization of the Association of System Operators in FBiH, we organized a workshop named “Ten years of implementation of the Rulebook on packaging and packaging waste management, and the Rulebook on the management of waste of electronic and electrical products, by the key stakeholders of the implementation: goals, results, challenges and suggestions of challenges transcendence”. Representatives of the following authorities attended the workshop: Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism, FBiH Fund for the Environmental Protection, as well as Federal Administration for Inspection Affairs.





## Ekopak joined the spring cleaning campaign in Sarajevo Canton named “ Clean- Recycle”

The Government of Sarajevo Canton and the Ministry of Communal Economy, spatial planning, construction and environmental protection of Sarajevo Canton in cooperation with the public waste utility company KJKP Rad d.o.o Sarajevo, KJKP Park Sarajevo and other project partners – ZEOS-eco-system, Ekopak and NGO Prljavi grad Sarajevo, organized the spring action of cleaning and improvement of separate waste collection called “ Clean-Recycle”.



## Recycling of packaging waste at the official FIFA World Cup Trophy Tour by Coca Cola in Sarajevo!

In organisation of Coca-Cola, the fifth world tour of the original FIFA's trophy, which visited 51 countries to inspire and share the magic with fans around the world, included the Trophy's arrival in Sarajevo for the second time.

Ekopak and its partner KJKP Rad Sarajevo were in charge of taking over the collected packaging waste.



## Ekopak and NGO „Save the Children“ signed a memorandum of understanding



Ekopak completed the long-standing success story of operational work in establishing an efficient recycling system in our country by planning activities for the youngest members of local communities.

This time Ekopak signed a memorandum of understanding with the respected international NGO „Save the Children“, with the primary goal: the inclusion of children in recycling processes.

With this project, Ekopak directly contributed raising the awareness of children about the importance of packaging waste recycling and environmental protection. Through interactive workshops and trainings children will become better acquainted with the recycling system in BiH.

## Ekopak introduced Municipality of Tomislavgrad into the recycling system

Ekopak signed a contract with the Municipality of Tomislavgrad on the accession of this municipality to the recycling system. The



contract was signed by the municipal mayor Ivan Buntić, director of JKP Tomislavgrad Nikola Krstanović and MD of Ekopak Amela Hrbat.

## 19.370 kg were collected during Sarajevo Film Festival

In 2022, the Coca-Cola HBC BH company, in cooperation with Ekopak and KJKP Rad, implemented the project "Recycle me. Give me a life", which is part of the global program "World without waste."

During the 8 days of the Sarajevo Film Festival 19.370 kg of packaging waste was collected, which Ekopak sent to recycling process.



## We renewed the information boards near the underground containers in Sarajevo

Ekopak renewed the information billboards on the eco-islands in the following streets: -Kaptol Street in Centar municipality, -Trg Heroja in Hrasno -Džemal Bijedić Street in Čengić Vila in the Municipality of

Novo Sarajevo m-Samir Čatović Kobra and Bjelašnička Streets in Ilidža Municipality.

Billboards were thoroughly cleaned and new posters and bird protection were installed as well.



## Ekopak organized a meeting of 13 public waste management utilities from FBiH in Bihać

Meeting of public waste management utilities, Ekopak's business partners, was held in Bihać Municipality in organization of Ekopak. The meeting was attended by all 13 public utilities: JKP Komrad, JKP Vitkom d.o.o Vitez, JKP Vilenica čistoća d.o.o Novi Travnik, JKP Kostajnica d.o.o Kreševo, JKP Rad d.o.o Ključ, KJKP Rad Sarajevo, JKP Bašbunar d.o.o

Travnik, JKP Standard d.o.o Konjic, JKP Bioštica d.o.o Olovo, JKP Komunalac d.o.o Kladanj, JKP d.o.o Tomislavgrad, JKP Komus d.o.o Gračanica, and JP ViK d.o.o Kiseljak.

At the meeting previous results achieved by these utilities were analyzed.



## Gathering with private packaging waste collectors

In the beautiful surroundings of Hotel Hercegovina in Ilidža, we gathered with the following companies representatives: Papir servis d.o.o Sarajevo, Eko Industrijski otpad Zizi d.o.o Dolac na Lašvi, DUGA d.o.o Biogradi, KEMEKO – BH d.o.o Lukavac, Ladanušić čistoća d.o.o Rakitno-Posušje, Eko- servis d.o.o Tešanj, Eco-line d.o.o Orašje, and Amar Plast d.o.o Gradačac.

At the meeting results achieved in the previous 10 years of Ekopak's operational work were analyzed and plans for the current year were presented as well.



# EDUCATION AND PROMOTIONS IN 2022

Education of children and young people about the importance of packaging waste recycling, as well as environmental protection in general, is one of the most important goals for Ekopak. Therefore, Ekopak launched many educational projects, but also supported several students projects and educational institutions project in this subject area.



## Workshop in elementary school Aleksa Šantić Sarajevo

As part of the Earth Day celebration, Ekopak held a creative-educational workshop called "Mjesec dana Ekopak karavana" in elementary school "Aleksa Šantić" Sarajevo.



## Gathering with the children in Posušje

Gathering with children from elementary school "Ivan Mažuranić" Posušje proved that when little hands are put together everything is possible! We enjoyed teaching them about recycling, the recycling system in our country, but also about ways to protect the environment by properly sorting waste and recovery of different types of packaging.



## World Environment day in "Pionirska dolina" in Sarajevo

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Ekopak organized fun and educational workshops for children in "Pionirska dolina" in Sarajevo.

## Friendship trees all around Bosnia and Herzegovina

On the occasion of marking 10 years of operational work of Ekopak, we planted Friendship trees in Municipalities of Tuzla, Banja Luka, Čitluk, Zenica, Kreševo and Blidinje.

## Workshop with the students from the Faculty of Science

Ekopak held workshops for students at the Faculty of Science in Sarajevo as part of the activities from the signed agreement on cooperation with Sarajevo University.

## Board game "Recycling is not a hassle"

In cooperation with the marketing agency Republic from Sarajevo Ekopak created an educational and entertaining game for children "Recycling is not a hassle". In this way, children will be able to learn how to properly recycle packaging waste with the game.



## Promotion of „Green Dot“ trademark all around Bosnia and Herzegovina

In 2022. Ekopak organized "Green dot" promotions in Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Zenica, Čitluk, Vitez and Mostar which were held in the Mercator and Konzum shopping centers. On that occasion, Ekopak educated the public about the importance and meaning of this sign, which communicates the social responsibility of the companies that use it in the segment of packaging waste recycling and environmental protection in general.





## The project "Mjesec dana Ekopak karavana" made children happy all around Bosnia and Herzegovina

As part of marking ten years of successful operational work, Ekopak implemented an interesting educational project named "Mjesec dana Ekopak karavana". Thus, Ekopak stayed in all major cities of FBiH and socialized with children in kindergartens and schools, and through fun and educational workshops, taught them about the importance of recycling, environmental protection, and how to properly dispose of packaging waste.

**PROMOTION OF  
THE SYSTEM IN 2022.**

**52**

press  
release

**12**

interviews

**180**  
announcement



**14.500**  
followers

**616**  
announcement



**230**  
followers

**180**  
announcement



**550**  
followers

**150**

media  
release

**65.000**

views on  
[www.ekopak.ba](http://www.ekopak.ba)



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