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HUNGARIAN ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISES

Information on the Association

The Hungarian Association of Environmental Enterprises (HAEE) was founded in 1992 to represent the environmental industry in Hungary.

HAEE is a non-profit organization, a professional business federation of the environmental industry. The Association is a major stakeholder, its network and area of expertise and also its knowledge base due to the wide variety of its members enables the association to be the strategic partner of the government and international organizations. HAEE members are companies providing environmental services, R&D institutes, manufacturers&distributors actively searching for the most up-to-date solutions for the national and international environmental issues, like: water supply&treatment, waste treatment&recovery, air pollution control, soil remediation, noise&vibration reduction.

The HEAA with its 230 members represents the Hungarian environmental industry. Its network includes universities, research institutes and green NGOs. HEAA has daily contact with the Hungarian ministries and legislators to represent the Hungarian green industry's interests. HEAA is an active member in 3 international associations (ISWA, NICOLE, EWA) to hence the cooperation between the global initiatives and organizes national and international conferences, attends and represents the Hungarian industry in international forums, negotiations, joint economic committees, B2B events (on average 10-15 conferences are organized by HAEE yearly). Since 2009 HAEE organises the biannual ÖKOINDUSTRIA which is the only International Environmental Industrial Exhibition and Conference in Hungary. In 2007, HAEE has launched the KEXPORT Program to promote the export of innovative environmental technology. KEXPORT became a Cluster in 2011 and helps the Association's since then to disseminate the Hungarian innovations. HAEE has been participating in the project LIFE EWWR+ (LIFE12INF/BE/000459), which also offered the opportunity to get familiar with the LIFE Programme and gave the idea of compiling and leading one LIFE project.

The members of the association:

- *regular members*: service providers in waste treatment, water treatment, clean air, soil remediation and noise reduction, consulting firms, engineering offices, producers of environmental products.
- *associated members* are research institutes and educational institutes and environmental NGOs.

- *supporting members* are producer companies of other industries sharing the values of environmental protection and sustainability.

Services to the HAEE members

➤ Professional work at Working Groups

The Association operates working groups to create common positions on drafted Hungarian environmental legislation and to represent the opinion toward the legislators.

List of working groups:

- Waste Management & treatment
- Water Management & treatment
- Waste to fuel
- Soil Remediation
- Innovation
- Measuring and Sampling

Working Groups organized 8 meetings in 2018.

➤ Events (conferences, exhibition) and Environmental Ball

Conferences:

The association regularly organizes conferences on waste treatment, soil remediation, environmental measuring and sampling.

ÖKOINDUSTRIA Exhibition:

The Association organizes the ÖKOINDUSTRIA International Environmental Industry, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Exhibition every 2nd year. The 5th [ÖKOINDUSTRIA](#) Exhibition was organized in Budapest October 2017.

Environmental and Water Industry's Ball:

The Association organized the 18th Environmental and Water Industry Ball in 2018. The traditional elegant event provides excellent opportunity for networking with the 300 participants, the stakeholders of the environmental industry.

In the year 2018 the Association organized 35 events, 14 conferences with 1650 participants.

➤ Awards

The Hungarian Association of Environmental Enterprises announces the Awards for Environmental Protection each year. The candidates can send their entries in the following categories:

- new development
- international cooperation
- excellent personality

The awarding ceremony takes place at the Environmental Ball. The winners are delivered to the Hungarian Jury of the EBAE (European Business Awards for Environment) that makes decisions on sending them to the European level competition.

➤ Developing international co-operations

The Association is a member in large professional umbrella organizations,

- International Solid Waste Association ([ISWA](#)),
- European Water Association ([EWA](#)),
- Network for Industrial Contaminated Land in Europe ([NICOLE](#)).

The Association is involved in international consortia in EU co-financed projects:

- [GREEN PACK](#) project has been financed by the European Commission and aims to radically change the market of food trays. The main objective of the GREENPACK Consortium is producing prototypes of fully recyclable 100% PET trays for food preservation also by using recycled PET (RPET).

The Association is interested in initiating or joining international consortia to implement international projects to promote environmental protection and sustainability.

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