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**Presentation of the Situation Analysis  
part of EIDHR-funded project: “Inclusion of informal Roma  
waste collectors into formal waste schemes”**

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Speaking points  
Ambassador Aivo Orav  
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**Dear Deputy Minister Mr. Ibrahim,**  
**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Today's presentation of the initial findings of the Situation Analysis for the Inclusion of informal Roma waste collector into the formal waste schemes will hopefully bring better living standards to the Roma people.

The analysis was performed by the EIDHR funded project Inclusion of informal Roma waste collectors into the formal waste schemes. The project aims to help informal waste collectors to become part of the formal waste management on local level by developing a model by the municipalities, private/public utility companies, representatives of employment agencies, Association of Informal Waste Collectors, private recycling companies and the civil society.

The environmental protection and social rights are on top of the EU agenda. These are also priorities of any country aspiring to become a member of the European Union.

The recycling industry and implementation of the Law on managing packaging waste might enable better living standards for approximately 5000 persons and their families.

Through this project, the City of Skopje, municipalities of Kocani and Strumica will be supported to develop action plans for identifying solutions for sustaining recycling and enabling sustainable livelihood for the Roma informal waste collectors.

Cooperation with the municipalities is crucial, since working together will increase the public awareness about informal waste collectors, recycling as well as will provide the conditions for sustainable recycling programmes in the country.

Integration of informal waste collectors into the formal waste collection system will achieve two-fold goal: 1) employment of marginalised groups will be increased and 2) clean leaving environment for the citizens will be ensured.

I wish you a lot of success in achieving all those goals!

Thank you for your attention.