

RECYCLING in Croatia.

Since the 1st of July 2013, Croatia is a part of the EU, meaning that every rule which applies to all other EU countries, also applies to Croatia. However, that doesn't mean that Croatia is recycling the same amount of materials as other countries in the EU. For example, Germany recycles and composts up to 64% of its waste, Slovenia (a neighboring country of Croatia) up to 62%, while Croatia recycles only 16%.

The majority of the problem is caused by the general public which is not used to the concept of recycling. The Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection is trying to educate people and encourage them to recycle more.

In our area, citizens were given flyers with detailed instructions on what and how to recycle, depending on whether they live in a house or a building. They were also given different colored plastic bags for different types of material. Everyone is expected to separate five groups of material: paper, plastic and metal, glass, textile, and bio-waste.





It was also announced that RFID chips are going to be installed into waste bins in order to gather information about the waste from individual households.

WE CONDUCTED A SMALL SURVEY AMONG THE STUDENTS FROM OUR SCHOOL, IN WHICH WE ASKED 60 OF THEM IF THEY ACTIVELY RECYCLE ON A DAILY BASIS.

47 STUDENTS SAID THAT THEY DO.

WE ALSO ASKED THEM IF THEY STARTED RECYCLING AFTER THE GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN, AND THE MAJORITY SAID THAT THEY DID.