

## NEWSLETTER

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# The Water Cycle



## Improvement in collection and treatment helps reducing pollution

Published the new EU Commission report on the implementation of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, showing that 95% of waste water in the EU is collected and 88% is biologically treated. While the trend is positive, there is still work to do – 1% of urban wastewater is still not collected and over 6% is not sufficiently well treated to meet secondary biological treatment standards. The current level of investments in many Member States is too low to reach and maintain compliance with the Directive in the long term, with several EU towns or cities still needing to build or modernise their infrastructure for collecting waste water, as well as to put modern treatment plants in place. For further information, click [here](#).

## Going with the flow!

An EU-funded DP Renewables project (completed this March) is commercialising two hydrokinetic turbines (25 kW and 60 kW), which involves an emerging technology that generates electricity from the kinetic energy in flowing water, picked up from waves, tides or currents. This new technology could provide a clean, predictable and infinite form of renewable energy. Learn more [here](#).



## Craft reward in Zugló

In September, the people of Zugló were able to receive an unusual reward thanks to Tropa Verde, and could win a class on how to create animal figures with wood. Isn't it original? What will be next? Check out our city's ["rewards" page](#) to stay informed.



## Bottle caps collection interrupted in Santiago

Because of COVID19 the collection of bottle caps in the sociocultural centers of the city council of Santiago was paralyzed.

Despite this temporary situation, the collection of other types of waste, such as batteries or used cooking oil, continues to be carried out normally.



## Opole keeps you informed

Opole Tropa Verde's [Facebook page](#) has been very active in recent weeks. There, you can get interesting news from Opole and Poland entities, and how they deal in ecology, circular economy, and many more.

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