

After the meeting in Snina...

COMPARING THE RECYCLING SYSTEMS OF THE TWO CITIES (MANLLEU – SNINA) CONTACTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

To: M. Dolors Colom Baucells

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Dear sir/madam,

We are 8 students from INS Antoni Pous that travelled to Slovakia for an Erasmus + project called Highway to Health. There we did some workshops about recycling materials (some of the aspects we worked on can be seen following this link) and we could observe that there are some differences with the recycling system we use in Manlleu.

Specifically we could observe that in Slovakia different containers and different colours are used. These are some questions we would like to know:

-Why are there different containers if the countries are part of the same European Union?

-Why is there a metal container in Slovakia and we don't have one?

-Why do they separate materials in a blue (paper) and yellow (plastic) container and here we place these materials together?

Thank you very much for your help.

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Good morning,

Here you will find the answer to your questions:

-Why are there different containers if the countries are part of the same European Union?

Because the EU sets the objectives of waste prevention and selective collection to be reached across Europe (eg fractions to be collected and percentages) but it is up to the Member States to define the different systems to reach these objectives.

-Why is there a metal container in Slovakia and we don't have one?

We do have it in Manlleu. We collect metal containers (beverage cans, preserves, metal cans ...) together with paper and cardboard, plastics and tetra packs in the same container: the multiproduct (blue and yellow) container.

We collect the other metals (non product containers) through the waste collection point: we collect shelves, bed bases, bicycle wheels, pans, pots...

-Why do they separate materials in blue (paper) and yellow (plastic) containers and here we place these materials together?

Because in the Osona area we opted for a system that made things easier for the citizens, in the sense that people don't have to separate so many fractions at home. Our system takes up less space on the street and recovers more product containers than using the separate igloo system.

I hope to have helped you.

Have a good ending of the course !!!

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