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1. Has waste management been classed as an essential service in your country?
   Yes, it is an essential service not banned up to day

2. How many workers are affected by the current situation / are you operating with a reduced workforce?
   a. What special measures have you taken to enable operations to continue with a reduced workforce?
   Companies are being highly recommended by the Greek Gov, to introduce distance working methods. For office personnel it seems that more than 50% are working remotely, but for operational personnel everyone is working on the field.
   b. What extra health and safety precautions have you taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your waste workforce?
   Mainly distance more than 1,5 m in the work area and very frequent wash of hands with antiseptic and immediate stay at home for prevention purposes in case a small sign of the virus appears.
   c. Have you / will you, scale back your waste collection frequency?
   Waste collection frequency is lower than before (due to lower waste production per capita)

3. How is your system coping with the increase in face masks and other PPE in household waste?
   a. Do face masks continue to go into residual waste, or have you introduced any special measures for the separate collection of face masks?
   No special measures for face masks separate collection
   b. Have you made any special communications to the general public, for example, do you ask them to make fewer trips to the recycling stations, or to avoid trips to the tips/drop-off centres to get rid of bulky waste items?
   Yes most of the Municipalities ask from citizens through Social Media not to get rid of bulky waste items but only the day to day waste
   c. Are people being given special instructions on how to deal with possibly contaminated waste?
   Not so far

4. Do recycling centres remain open to the general public?
There are only 1-2 recycling centers in Greece, so there is no need for a special measure for the public, but only local policy from the Municipalities that operate them, not to open them to the citizens.

5. **Have the international travel restrictions caused any interruptions with sending waste for processing overseas, importing/exporting waste? How are you managing the waste you cannot ship overseas?**

No implications yet