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EU-HCWM

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Situation

- Healthcare waste in Albania is very badly managed
- The structures for healthcare waste management are weak in human resources and facilities
- The position of healthcare manager not properly assigned
- Low implementation of the legislation in place
- The system from the generation of waste to the treatment (privately owned is very problematic)





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Support from the project

- Evaluation of the situation and identification of gaps
- Establish communication and information share between actors and managers (workshops and dissemination of information)
- Establish a good learning system via training materials and web platform
- Engage institutions on sustainable solutions for the future
- Put efforts in the system to advance the process of compliance with the required legal framework



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Progress made

- Training materials translated and good base of information and learning has been developed dissemination started;
- The MoH and NCCE have been approached and participated in the project – national workshop, regular meetings, agreement on the situation and potential solutions;
- Project recognized and well accepted by the managers of healthcare waste;
- The responsible personnel for the healthcare waste and companies are open to participate in future trainings



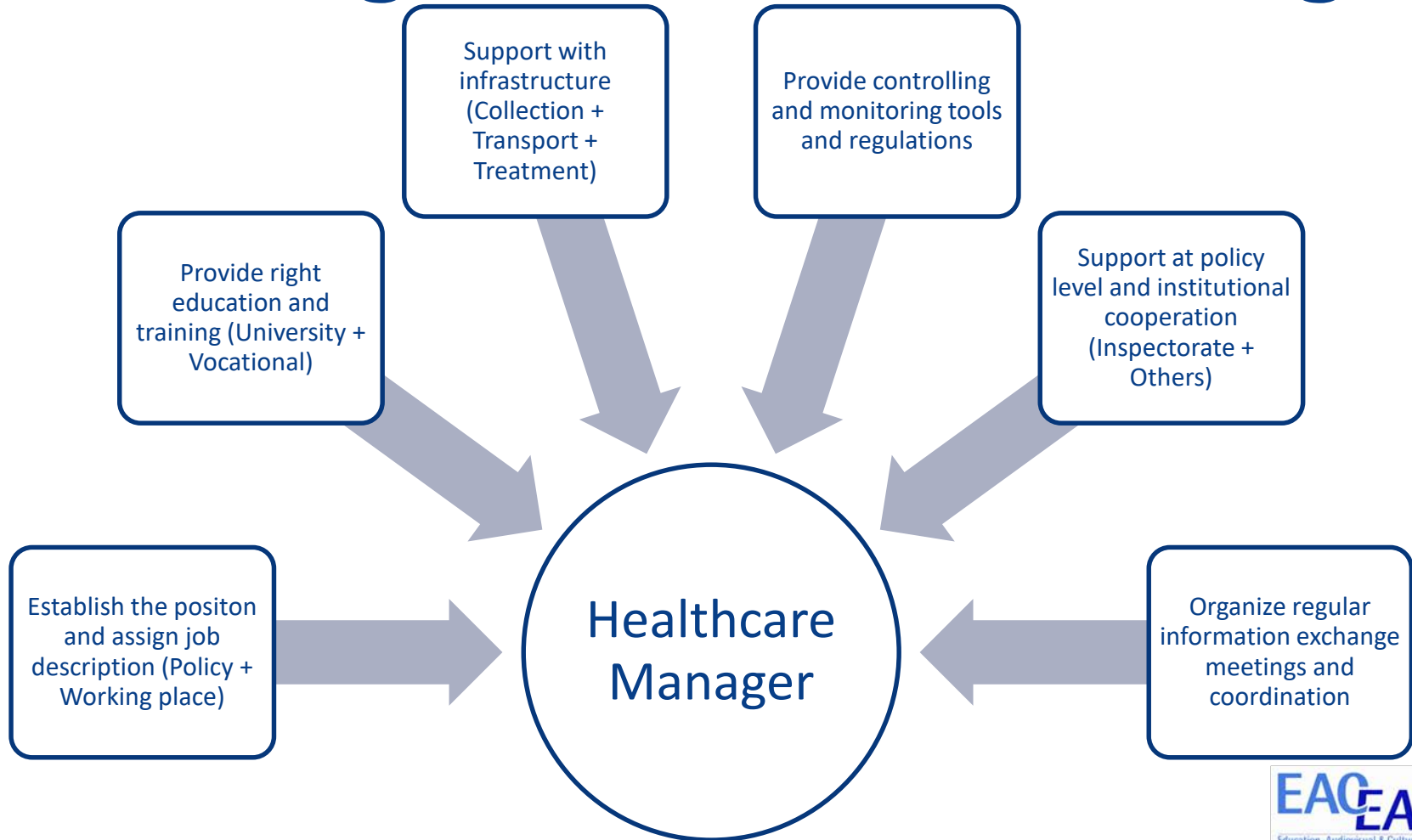
Future plans

- REC Albania is currently working with the Ministry of Health to establish a mechanism through which the healthcare waste managers will be properly assigned and vocational training is provided to them regular.
- It has been understood that a Ministry order could initiate the process of well establishment of the position of the HCWM at HealthCare Centers and make the training course obligatory for the professionals.
- According to the Albanian legislation the NCCE acknowledges the courses which are accredited in one of the countries of EU. Therefore, this might even make the process easier the implementation of the results. However the final product will be submitted to NCCE to enforce its implantation.



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Challenges for the HCW manager





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