

# VARAM sign a memorandum of cooperation on the management of textile waste

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Parliamentary Secretary Artur Toms Plešs, Ministry for Environment and Regional Development, has today participated in the opening of the “No to Drag” campaign and signed a memorandum of cooperation with industry on the establishment and implementation of a sustainable system for the management of textile waste.

Parliamentary Secretary Artur Tom Plešs: The “No to Drag” campaign and the Memorandum of Cooperation signed today highlights the issue of establishing a system for the management of textile waste, which is one of the priorities of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development. . The Waste Management Act will soon introduce requirements to ensure the shared collection of textile waste U. I am pleased that the signed Memorandum of Cooperation shows that our objective is shared, but it is equally important to educate the consumer, because the volume of textile waste depends on our consumption, so such campaigns and the signed memorandum are particularly important. "

The purpose of the Memorandum of Cooperation is to develop closer cooperation with the parties involved in the Memorandum in order to establish an efficient system for the management of textile waste, including by providing the collection infrastructure available to citizens throughout the territory of Latvia. The Parliamentary Secretary signed the Memorandum of Cooperation together with the 13 institutions and companies involved in the sector.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development has committed to working purposefully to make it possible for Latvian residents to transfer texsilmaterials separately from 2023. . Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council provides that such a system should be established by Member States by 1 January 2025 at the latest. m. This will reduce pollution and the burden on landfills of municipal waste, enabling citizens to re-use or recycle textiles.

Sustainable management of textile waste goes hand in hand with the new Circular Economy Action Plan, which offers new initiatives planned throughout the product life cycle to modernise and transform the economy and at the same time protect the environment. . The aim of the plan is to ensure that the products produced are sustainable and durable, thereby encouraging the

public to focus on the benefits of the circular economy, the efficient use of resources.

The plan also foresees the phasing-out of disposable plastic products, the promotion of new business models that will contribute to the sorting, re-use, etc. of textile waste, as well as measures to prevent and reduce waste generation.

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