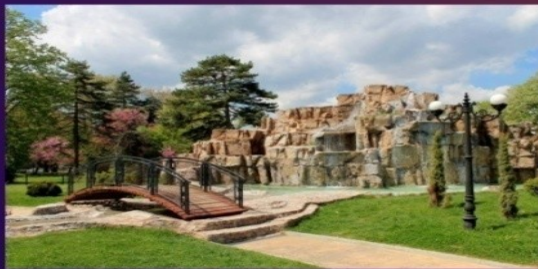


# Svilengrad: On the Road to Zero Waste



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# Svilengrad

**Southeast Bulgaria**

**705 km<sup>2</sup>**

**24 728 population**

**Border town  
between Bulgaria,  
Turkey and Greece**





**First Zero Waste municipality in Bulgaria, innovator in environmental protection and waste management**



**Since 2018: official cooperation with environmental association Za Zemiata - Bulgarian member of Zero Waste Europe**

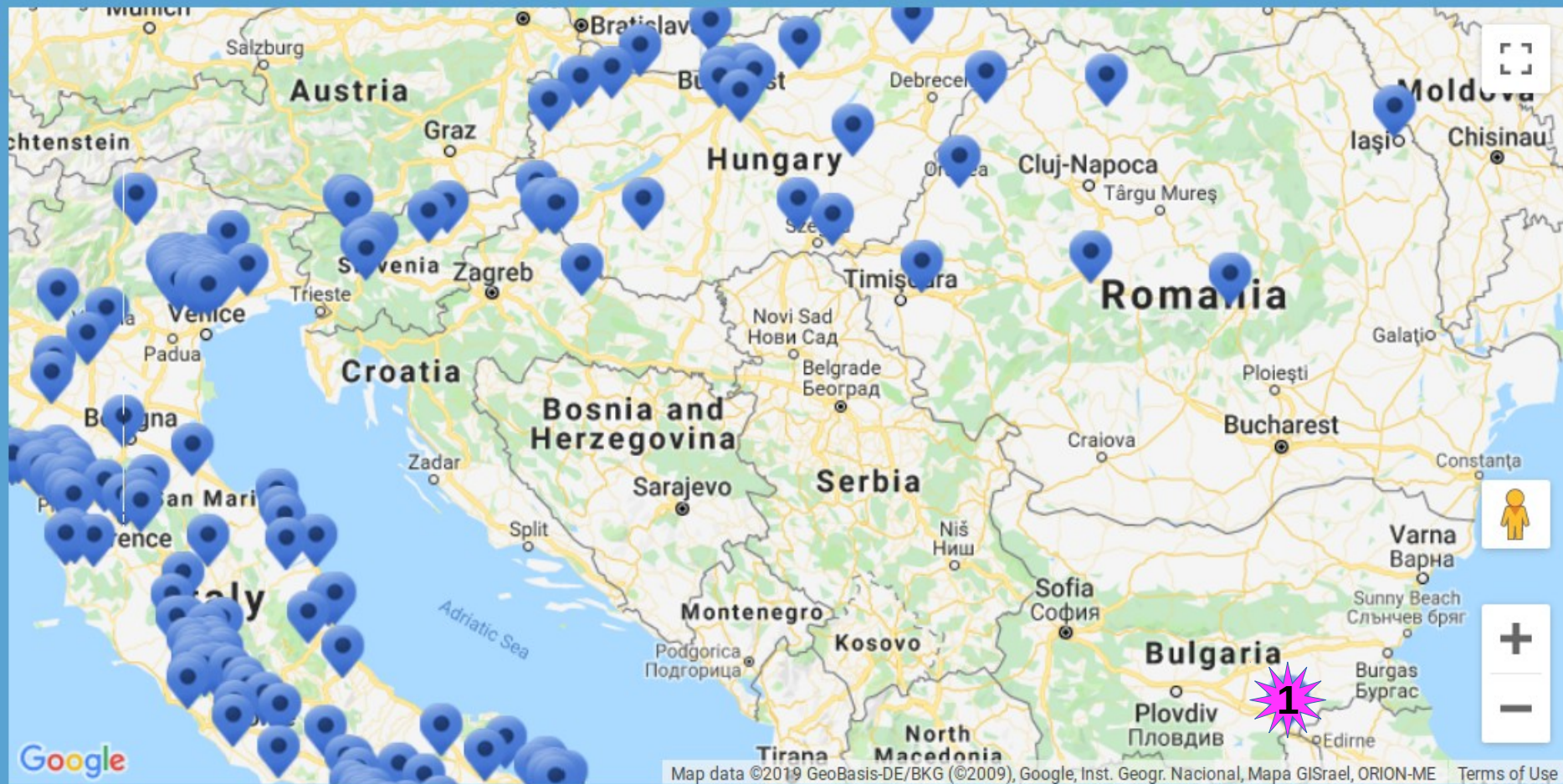
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**Since June 2019 Svilengrad is on the Zero Waste Cities map**



## **The Zero Waste Advisory Council:**

- **includes active citizens, representatives of the business, non-governmental organizations, members of the local Parliament and municipal officials**
- **supports the Municipality of Svilengrad**
- **monitors the implementatino of a Zero Waste Plan**



## **First door-to-door separate collection of packaging in Bulgaria, including:**

- **A pilot area of 1000 single-family houses**
- **Shops and restaurants**
- **the Municipality collects and transports the waste to its Eco center, where collected paper, plastic and metal are baled and sent for recycling**



**2017: Greenest municipality prize in Ecopack Bulgaria competition with an innovative pilot project for separate collection of packaging from high-rise buildings**





**Three “Green eco zones” with electronic access for multi-family residential buildings**



**Mini “green eco zones“ in all kindergartens  
Educational activities and games with kids at  
schools and during public events**



- **Separate collection of electrical and electronic equipment, batteries and other hazardous waste**
- **Separate collection used clothes and shoes from households, sorted and reused or recycled.**
- **The main purpose is to reduce the burning of textile waste and increasing the air quality.**

# Next steps

## Application for European funding for a demonstration project

**Aiming to introduce PAYT (pay-as-you-throw) waste charge by weight using:**

- on-board computer for data collection,**
- ultrasonic sensors to measure waste bin capacity,**
- software information platform for smart waste collection,**
- information and promotion campaign**



**Old landfill: Closed down, 60 acres restored and already afforested**



**A modern waste water treatment facility in operation since 3 years**



**A new composting facility for separately collected green and biodegradable waste**

**Capacity: 3000 tons per year**

**Funded by European structural and investment funds**

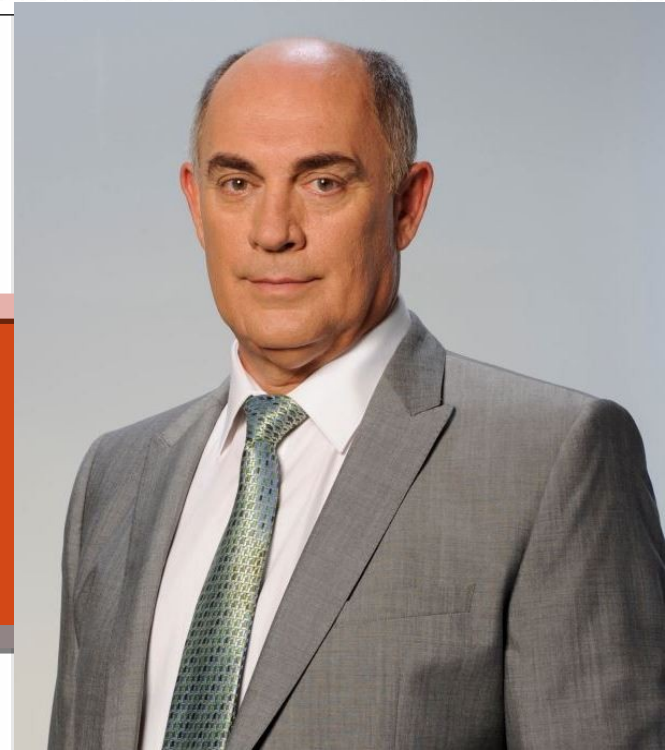


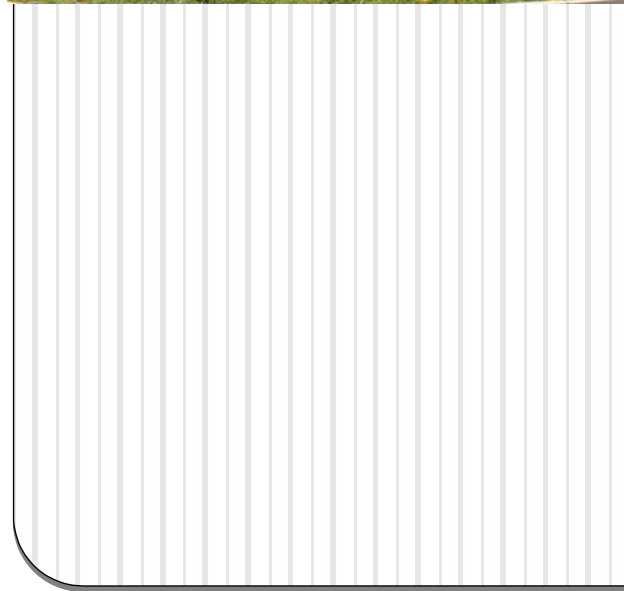
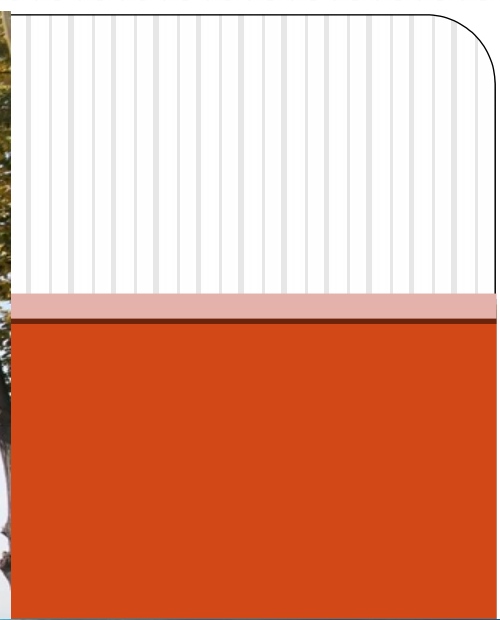
**Svilengrad has begun a difficult journey towards Zero Waste, striving to make its modest contribution in solving the global environmental problems caused by humankind**

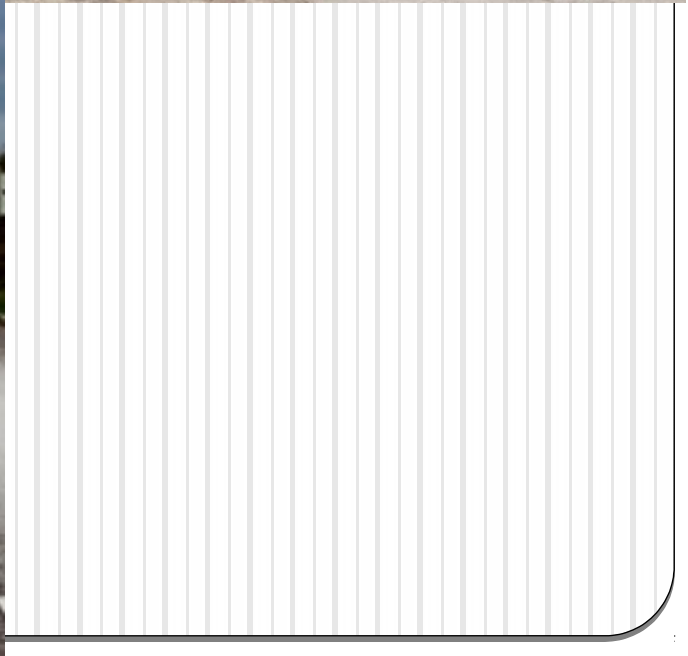
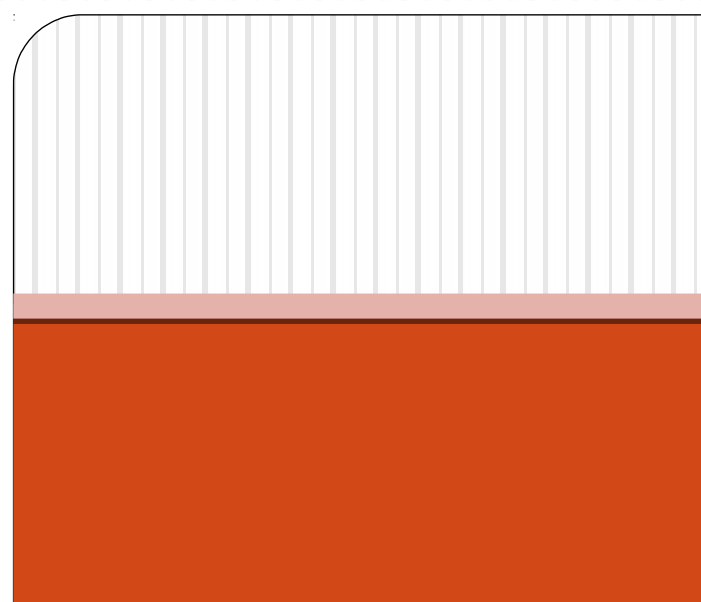


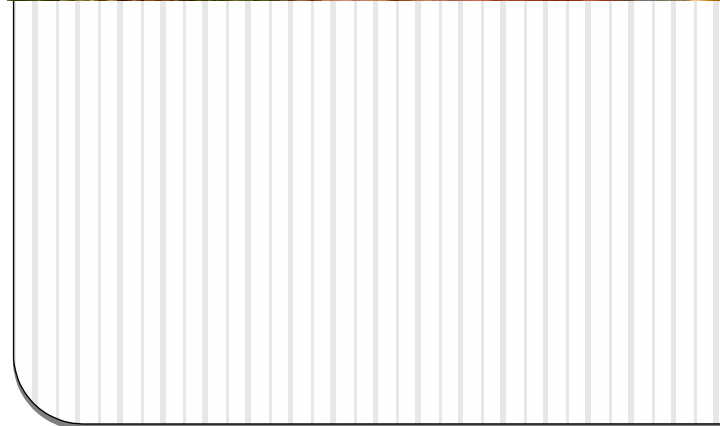
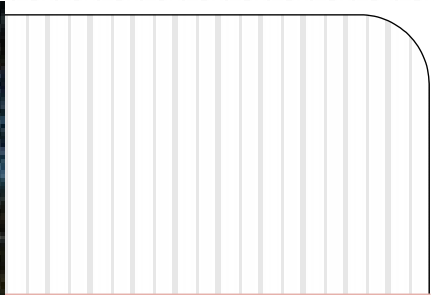
***„Svilengrad is the pioneer in separate waste collection in Bulgaria. We are the first municipality to introduce the ‘door-to-door’ collection method to make it easier for citizens to separate, and we have achieved very good results and a cleaner environment“***

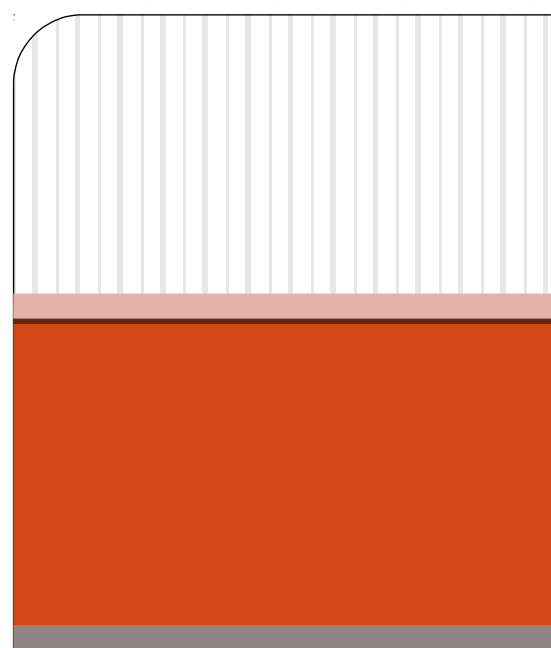
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