

MN-NRW sustainable materials and solid waste exchange delegation

Dates: 12/6-12/16/2024

Duesseldorf, Luenen, Muenster, Saerbeck (Steinfurt County)

elements:

- supermarket/chain grocery store--recycling of bottles; packaging
- visit to incinerator (Duesseldorf)
- Visit to Remondis, Europe's largest industrial recycling company
- Visit to City of Muenster (zero-waste strategy for city)
- Conversations at NRW environment ministry w/ technical staff [1 day]
- Networking dinner w/ deputy minister of environment and circular economy leaders from NRW state
- Visit to Saerbeck Bioenergy Park w/ focus on county waste management operations: Steinfurt County
- Anaerobic digester
- Final all-day workshop to assess information & insights and develop specific next steps for MN

WHO:

Up to 15 participants from non-state entities

Overview schedule

Friday, 12/6	Sat, 12/7	Sunday, 12/8	Monday, 12/9	Tuesday, 12/10	Wedn, 12/13	Th, 12/14	Friday, 12/15	Sat
	Duesseldorf	Dues.	Dues.	Dues.	Muenster	Muenster	Muenster	<i>Departures</i>
<i>Depart MN for Germany</i>	<i>Arrive to Germany</i>	<i>Cultural day</i>	<i>Site visit day 1</i>	<i>Technical briefings @ Ministry of Env. & Transp.</i>	<i>Site visit day 2</i>	<i>Site visit day 3</i>	<i>Workshop day</i>	
	<i>Individual arrivals to Germany</i>	Morning: Guided city tour	Morning: 9:00-1:00 Grocery store Recycling concepts [visits to 2 types of supermarkets]	Morning: 8:00-12:00 *welcomes *History & policy of waste management in Germany, EU, NRW *waste stream planning *landfill monitoring	Morning: 9:30-12:00 Visit to Remondis (ind. Recycling)	Morning: Steinfurt County waste management system w/ GHG emissions goals & resource efficiency goals	Morning: Workshop on insights & next steps, pt. 1	<i>Individual departures</i>
	<i>Hotel: Voco Hotel Seestern Duesseldorf [hotel for full week]</i>	Afternoon: Museum of Art Xmas Market	Afternoon: Visit to Duesseldorf City incinerator	Afternoon: *incinerators & air quality maintenance *circular economy solutions	Afternoon: Muenster waste management system—zero waste strategy	Afternoon: Visit to Saerbeck, Bioenergy Park	Afternoon: Workshop on insights & next steps, pt. 2	
	Group dinner 1	Group dinner 2	Open for individual activities	Group dinner 3: 6:00-9:00 PM Networking Dinner w/ deputy minister & NRW partners	6:00-8:00 Muenster Xmas Market	Group dinner 4	group dinner 5	