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CEWEP welcomes Energetika Celje, bringing Slovenia into the European Waste-to-Energy network

CEWEP, the Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants, has welcomed Energetika Celje as its newest member, bringing Slovenia into the European Waste-to-Energy network for the first time.

Energetika Celje operates Toplarna Celje, Slovenia's only municipal Waste-to-Energy plant. Commissioned in 2009 the plant treats the non-recyclable fraction of municipal waste from the Savinjska region, with an annual capacity of up to 40,000 tonnes.

Through combined heat and power (CHP) production, the plant recovers around 40,000–45,000 MWh of district heat and around 9,000 MWh of electricity each year, supplying heat to roughly 7,300 households and 350 commercial and public customers via the Celje district heating network. Since commissioning, Toplarna Celje has processed more than 467,300 tonnes of non-recyclable waste – diverting close to one million cubic metres from landfill.

"We are very pleased to welcome Slovenia and Energetika Celje to CEWEP. Waste-to-Energy has an important role to play in Europe's integrated waste and energy systems, particularly by providing a safe and efficient solution for residual waste while recovering valuable energy and materials. We look forward to sharing knowledge and experience with our new Slovenian member," said Paul De Bruycker, President of CEWEP.

Uroš Rošar, CEO of Energetika Celje, added: *"Joining CEWEP is an important milestone for Energetika Celje and for Slovenia. As the operator of Slovenia's only Waste-to-Energy plant, we look forward to contributing our experience of integrating energy recovery with district heating and to learning from leading European operators. In Celje, Waste-to-Energy is more than a solution for non-recyclable waste: it is an integral part of a local circular energy system that provides reliable heat and electricity, reduces dependence on fossil fuels and supports the city's decarbonisation."*

With Energetika Celje, CEWEP's membership now spans 25 countries, united by high environmental standards, low emissions and the efficient recovery of energy from residual waste that cannot be sustainably recycled.

About CEWEP

CEWEP (the Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants) represents operators of Waste-to-Energy facilities across Europe. Its members treat approximately 100 million tonnes of residual waste per year at around 500 plants in 25 countries, recovering energy for heat and electricity supply while enabling material recovery from bottom ash.