



# SLUDGE TECHNOLOGICAL ECOLOGICAL PROGRESS increasing the quality and reuse of sewage sludge

## **Increasing the quality and reuse of sewage sludge- Programme INTERREG South Baltic 2014-2020**

Ecological sewage sludge management: an international project STEP

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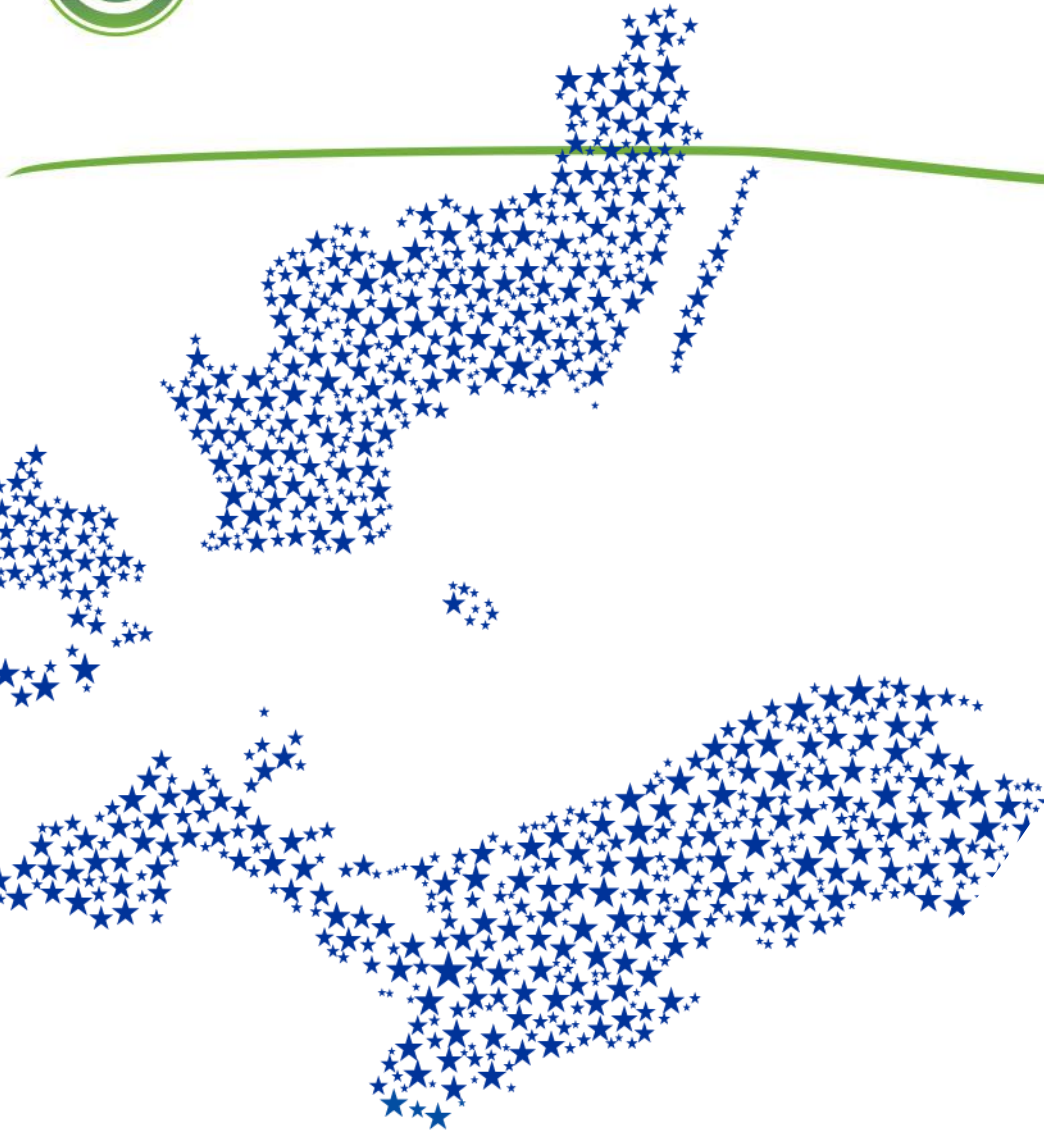
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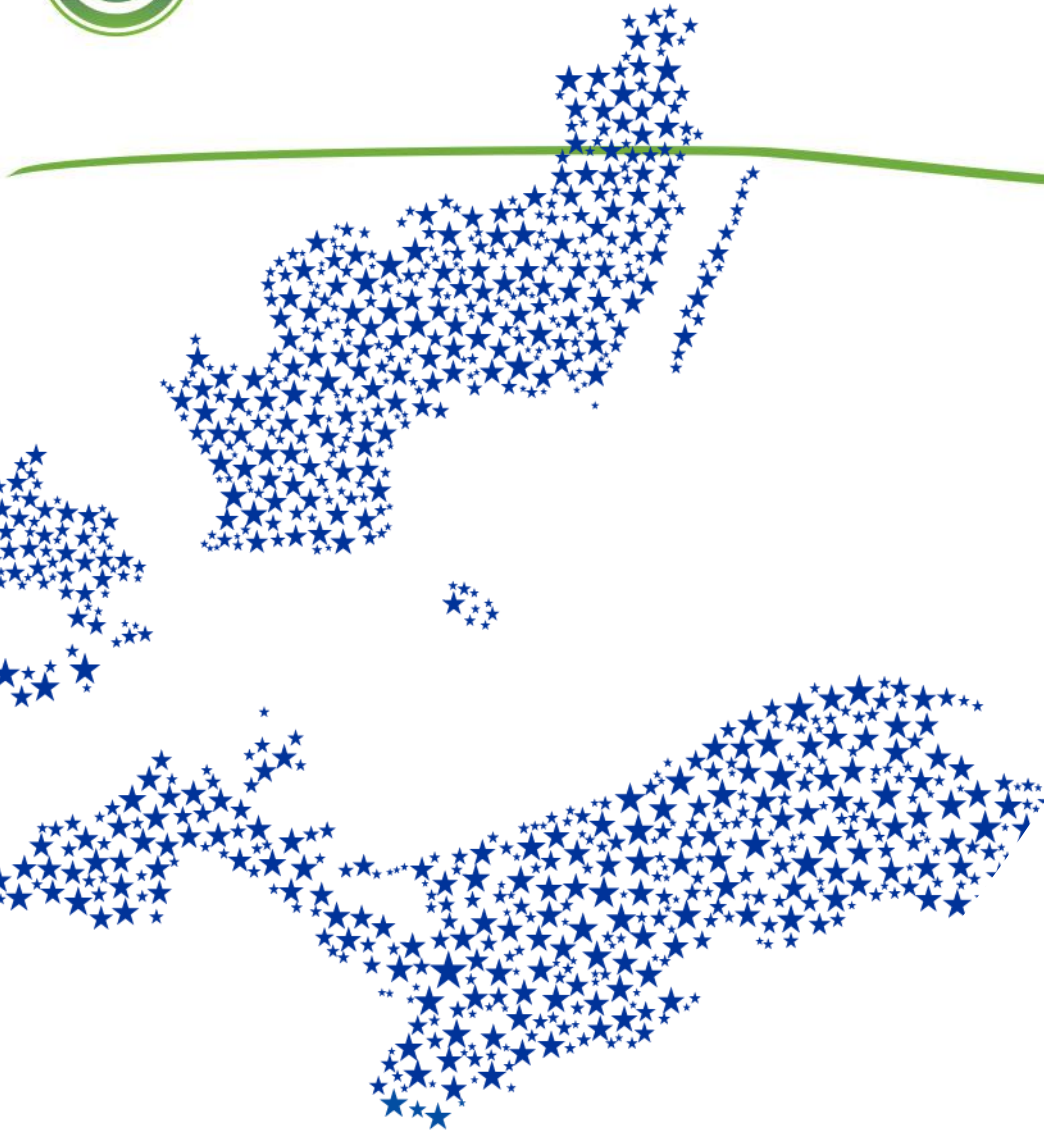


The Interreg South Baltic Program aims to unleash the potential of the South Baltic's in terms of blue and green growth through cross-border cooperation between local and regional entities from Denmark, Germany, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden. Based on the maritime nature of the program, „blue growth” refers to the Baltic Sea's economic potential for economic growth and job creation on the shores of the South Baltic. „Green growth” underlines the need to continue economic growth in balance with the environment, in particular through the use of the rich natural and cultural heritage of the South Baltic in a sustainable way.









Priority Axis 2: Exploiting the environmental and cultural potential of the South Baltic area for blue and green growth.

[Specific objective 2.1](#) : Increased development of natural and cultural heritage resources of the South Baltic area in sustainable tourist destination.

[Specific objective 2.2](#) : Increased use of green technologies to reduce pollutant discharges in South Baltic area





# Partnership and work packages in the Step Project



Höör Municipality,  
partner



Bornholm,  
partner



Klaipėda  
partner



Goleniów,  
partner



Szczecin, lead  
partner







# Project budget

Partner	Budget [EUR]	%
Univeristy of Technology- Szczecin	251 580	22
Bornholm	207 700	18
Municipality Höör	199 125	17
Goleniów	309 850	27
Klaipeda	191 400	17
SUM	1 159 655	100





# Construction of project budget (expenses)

BL1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff costs</li></ul>
BL2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Office and administration</li></ul>
BL3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Travel and accommodation</li></ul>
BL4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• External expertise and services</li></ul>
BL5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equipment</li></ul>
BL6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infrastructure and works</li></ul>





### WP3 – Clean sludge

1. Analysis of the impact of sewage quality on sludge composition.
2. Comparison of sludge management regulations.
3. The use of sludge in agriculture.

### WP4 – Energetic efficiency

1. Sludge as biofuel in sewage treatment plants
2. Energy- efficient composting

### WP5 – Reusing nutrients

1. Guidelines on composting technology
2. Analysis of modern deodorization technologies
3. Database of sludge use and management technologies.

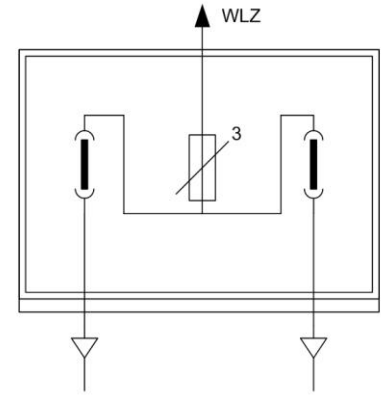
### WP6 – Knowledge transfer

1. Sludge management guide.
2. Cases study.
3. Staff exchange program.





# Pilot installations



- Installation of optimization and deodorization of the composting process– optimization of nutrient content, proces hermetization and a modern system base on a non-thermal plasma reactor for exhaust air deodorization, the deodorization system will be made available to other interested entities.
- Pilot installation for drainage and sludge management from external suppliers ( home sewage treatment plants)- technological and economic assessment of the possibility of sludge managing ( use as biofuel) from external partners and the impact of the installation on the local community- the possibility of sludge management from individual customers.





# STEP – Pilot instalation for drainage and sludge management from external suppliers (home sewage treatments plants)







# STEP – Pilot installation for deodorizing process air from composting







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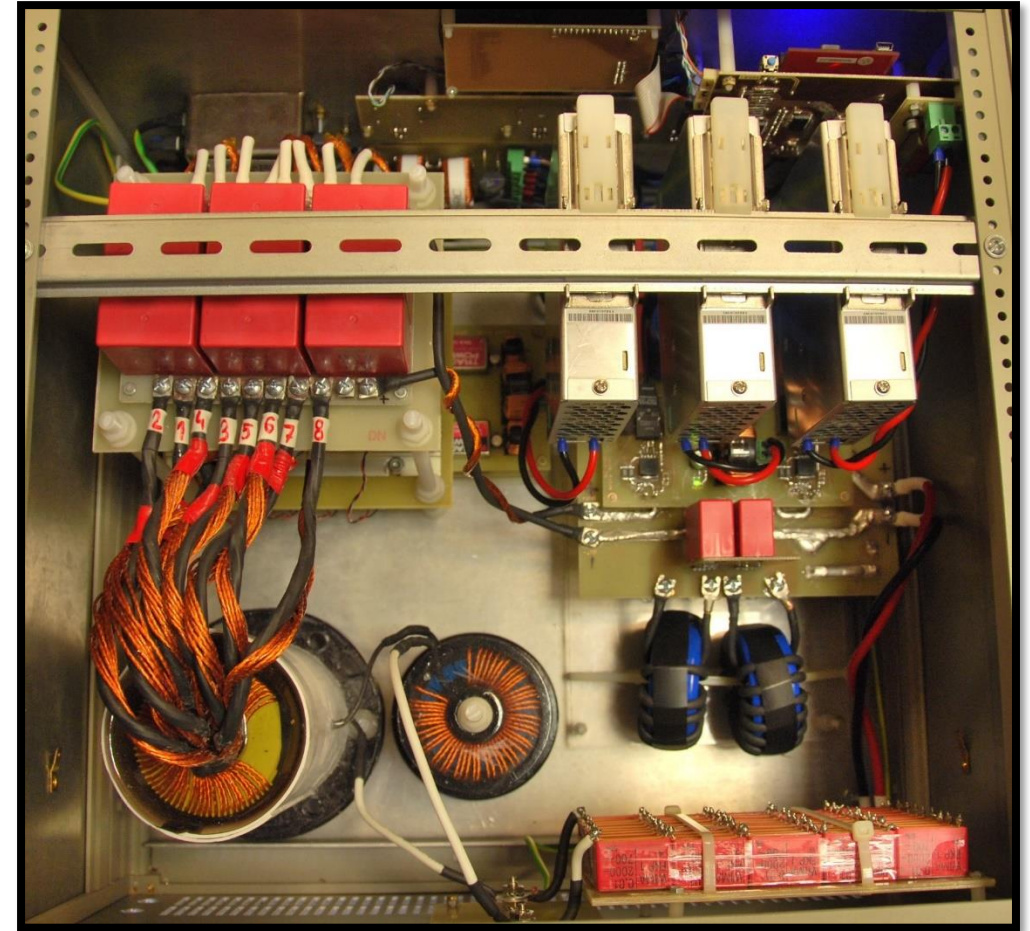
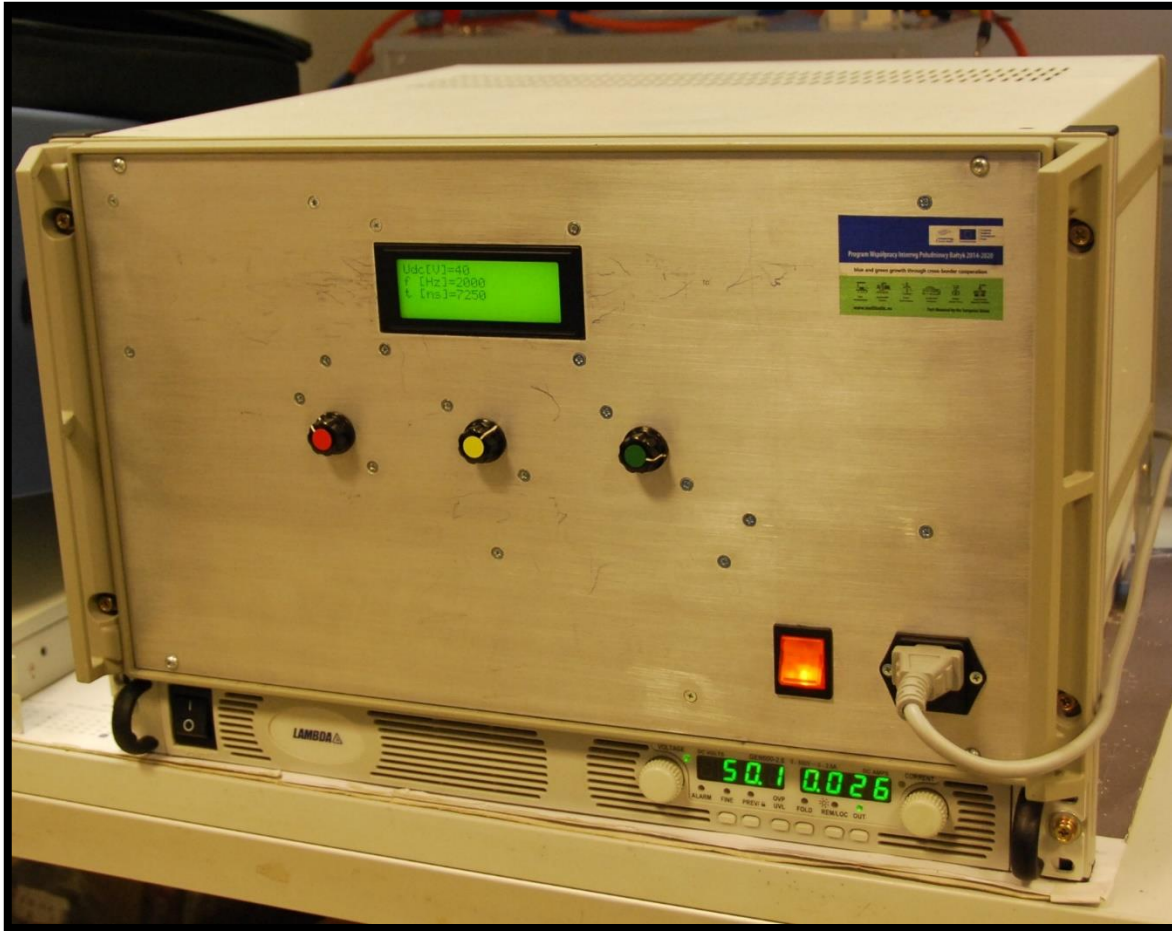
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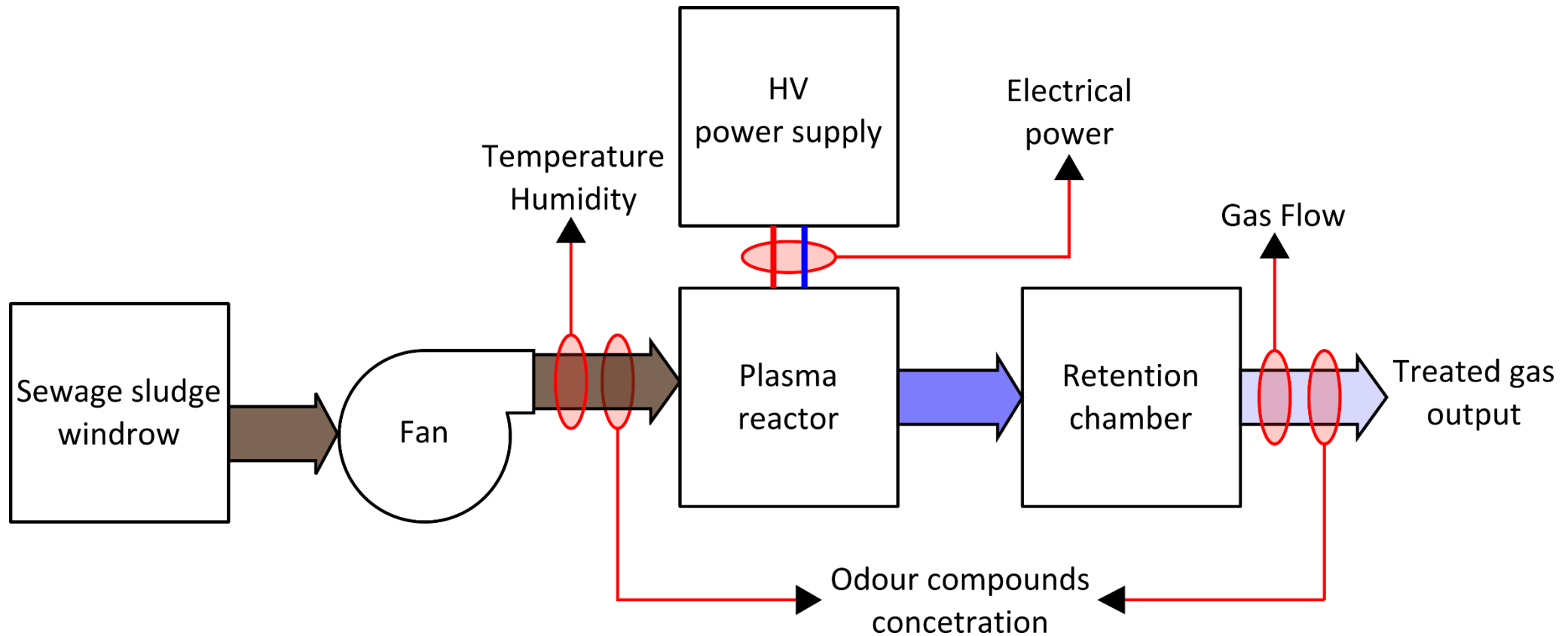
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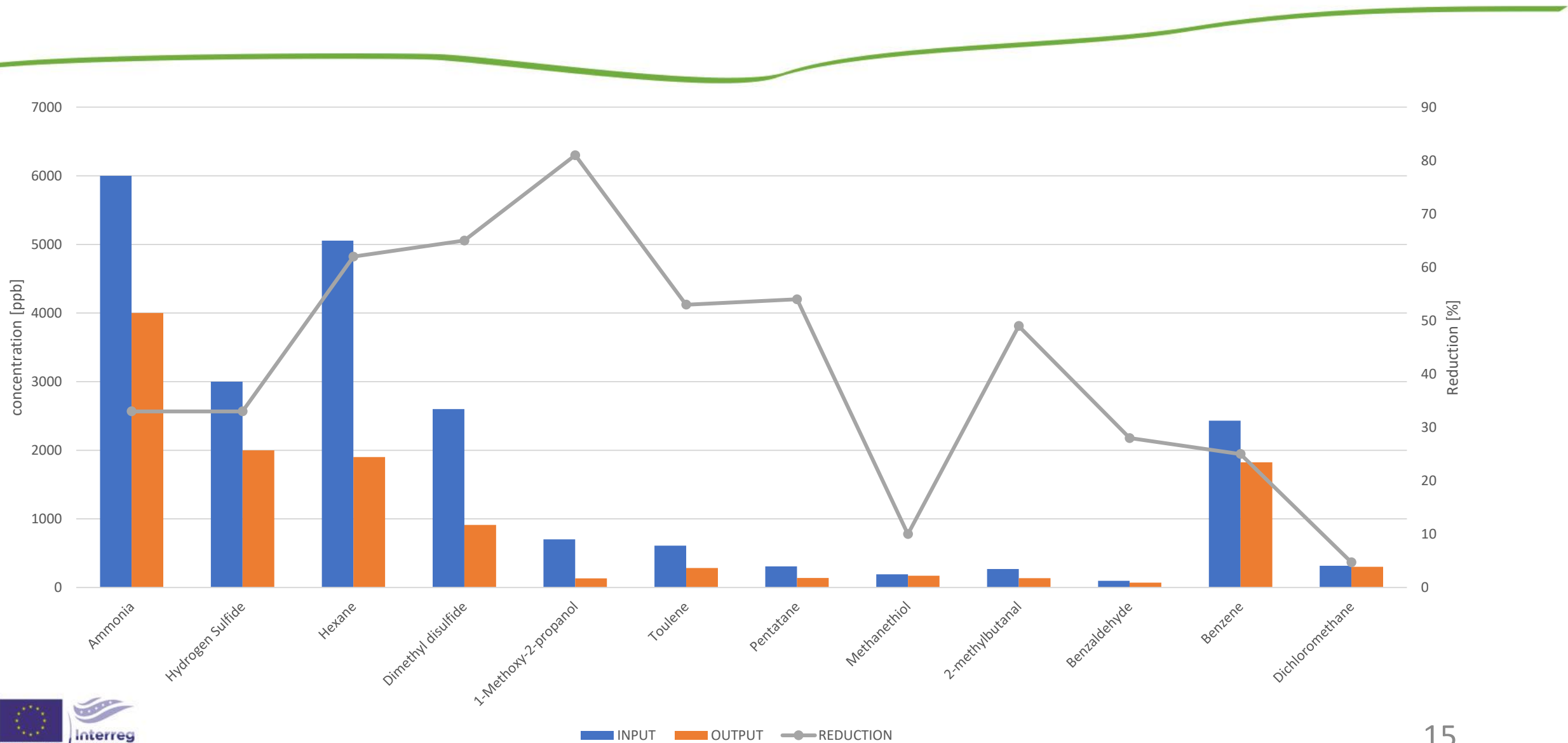
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# Average reduction of malodorous substances- 41%







# STEP – mobile sampler







# STEP – composting process at the sewage treatment plant in Goleniów







# STEP – – composting process at the sewage treatment plant in Goleniów







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# STEP – studies on the impact of the composition of a mixture of various organic raw materials on the composting process of dewatered sewage sludge

Harmonogram badań, etap I

2018 r.																							
Maj				Czerwiec				Lipiec				Sierpień				Wrzesień				Październik			
	p	p	p	p		p		p		p			p			p					pryzma nr.1		
	p	p	p	p		p		p		p			p			p					pryzma nr.2		

- faza przygotowania pryzmy
- faza gorąca, 1- 2 miesiące
- faza dojrzewania, 3- 4 miesiące

- składniki (proporcja masowa)

odwodnione osady ściekowe	słoma	zrębki	inoculum (kompost dojrzały)		
4	1	0.5	0.5	(4:1:1)	pryzma nr. 1
8	1	1	1	(8:1:2)	pryzma nr. 2





# STEP – studies on the impact of the composition of a mixture of various organic raw materials on the composting process of dewatered sewage sludge

parameters	scope of analysis	method	number of samples						
			raw materials			compost			
						stage no. I		stage no. II	
			sludge	barley straw	chips	no.1	no.2	no.1	no.2
physical and chemical	dry mass (d.m.)	PN-R-04006	4	4	4	10	10	11	11
	organic matter (o.m.)	PN-Z-15011-3	4	4	4	10	10	11	11
	C org.	PN-Z-15011-1,3	4	4	4	10	10	11	11
	N tot.	PN-R-04006	4	4	4	10	10	11	11
	P tot.	PN-Z-15011-3	4	4	4	10	10	11	11
heavy metals	Cr	(AAS)	4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Cd		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Ni		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Pb		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Hg		4	-	-	10	10	11	11





# STEP – studies on the impact of the composition of a mixture of various organic raw materials on the composting process of dewatered sewage sludge

speciation analysis	Zn- fr.I	according with Tessier's method	4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Zn- fr.II		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Zn- fr.III		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Zn- fr.IV		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Zn- fr.V		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Cu- fr.I		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Cu- fr.II		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Cu- fr.III		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Cu- fr.IV		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Cu- fr.V		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Ni- fr.I		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Ni- fr.II		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Ni- fr.III		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Ni- fr.IV		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	Ni- fr.V		4	-	-	10	10	11	11
humic substance	FA	according with IHSS method	4	-	-	10	10	11	11
	HA		4	-	-	10	10	11	11

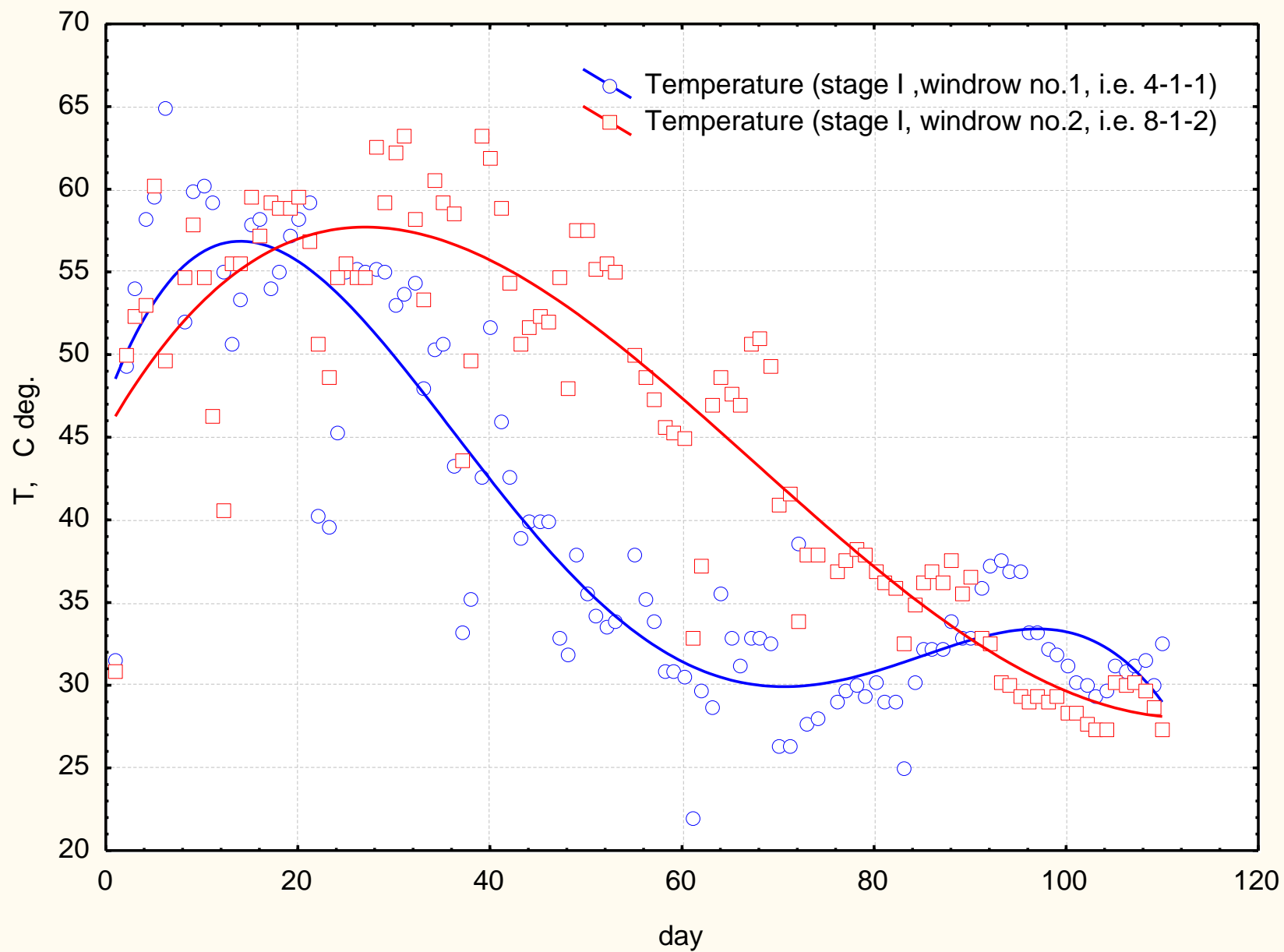




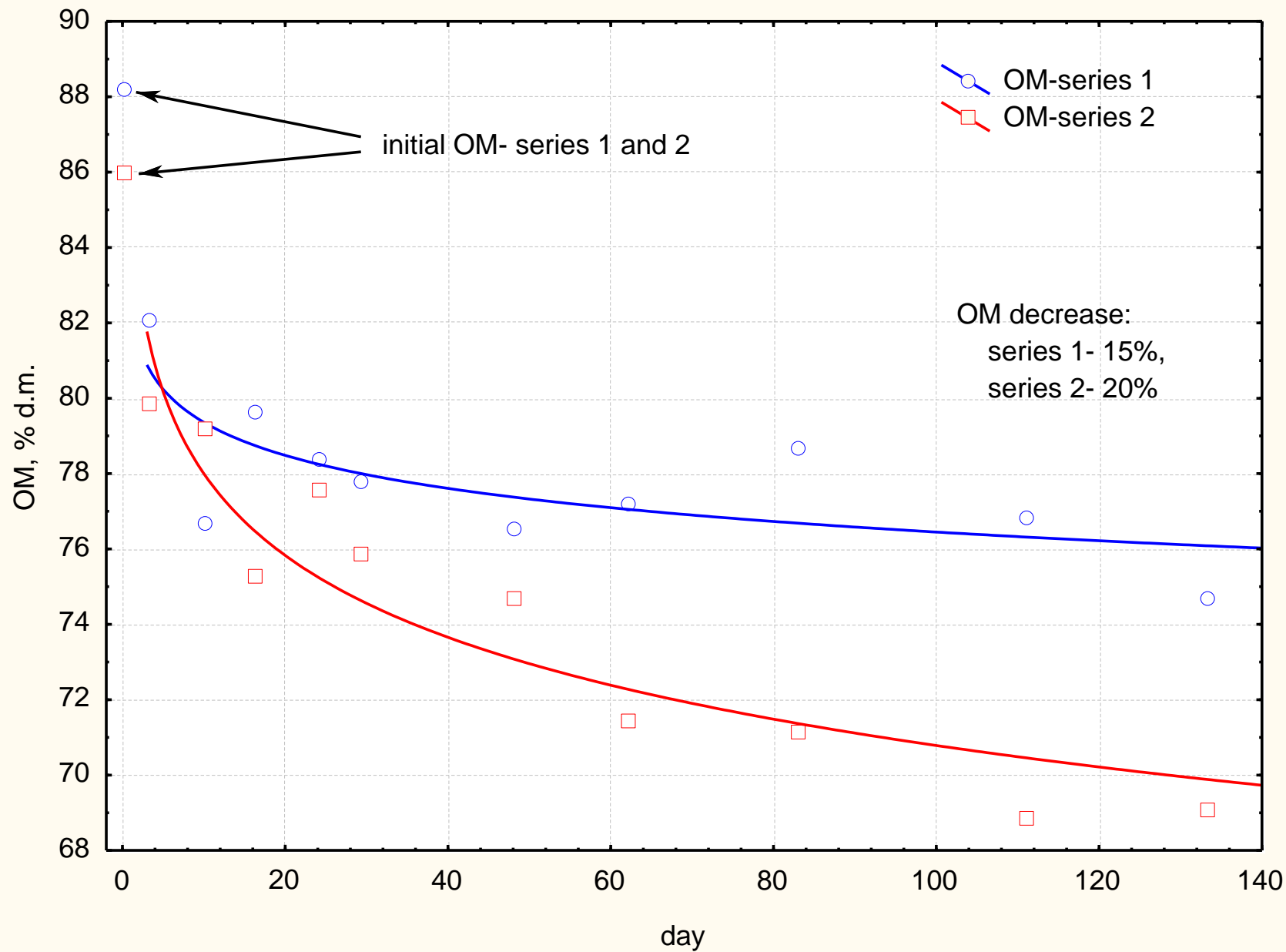
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						stage no. I		stage no. II	
			sludge	barley straw	chips	no.1	no.2	no.1	no.2
sum			108	20	20	270	270	297	297
total			1282						

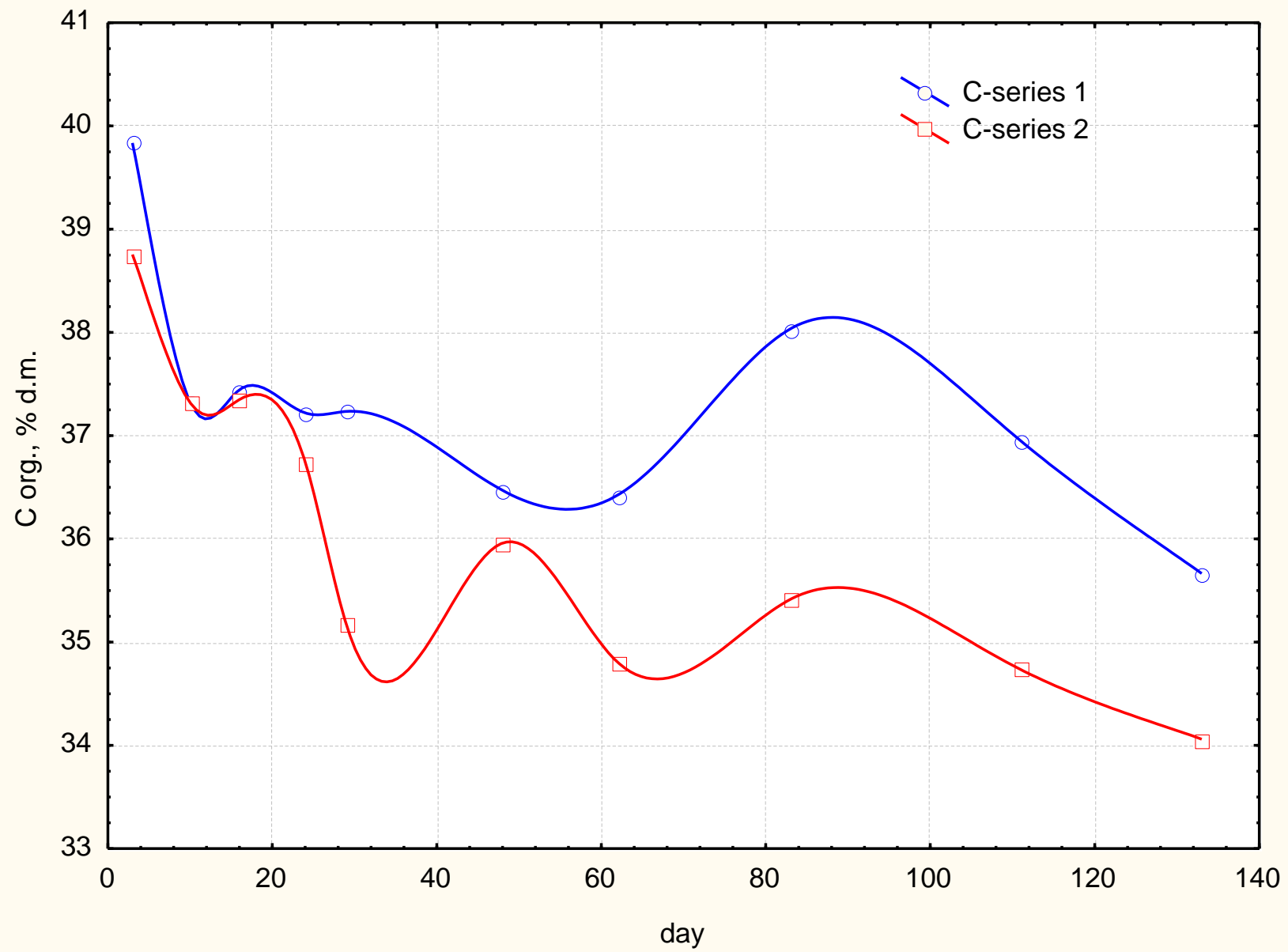




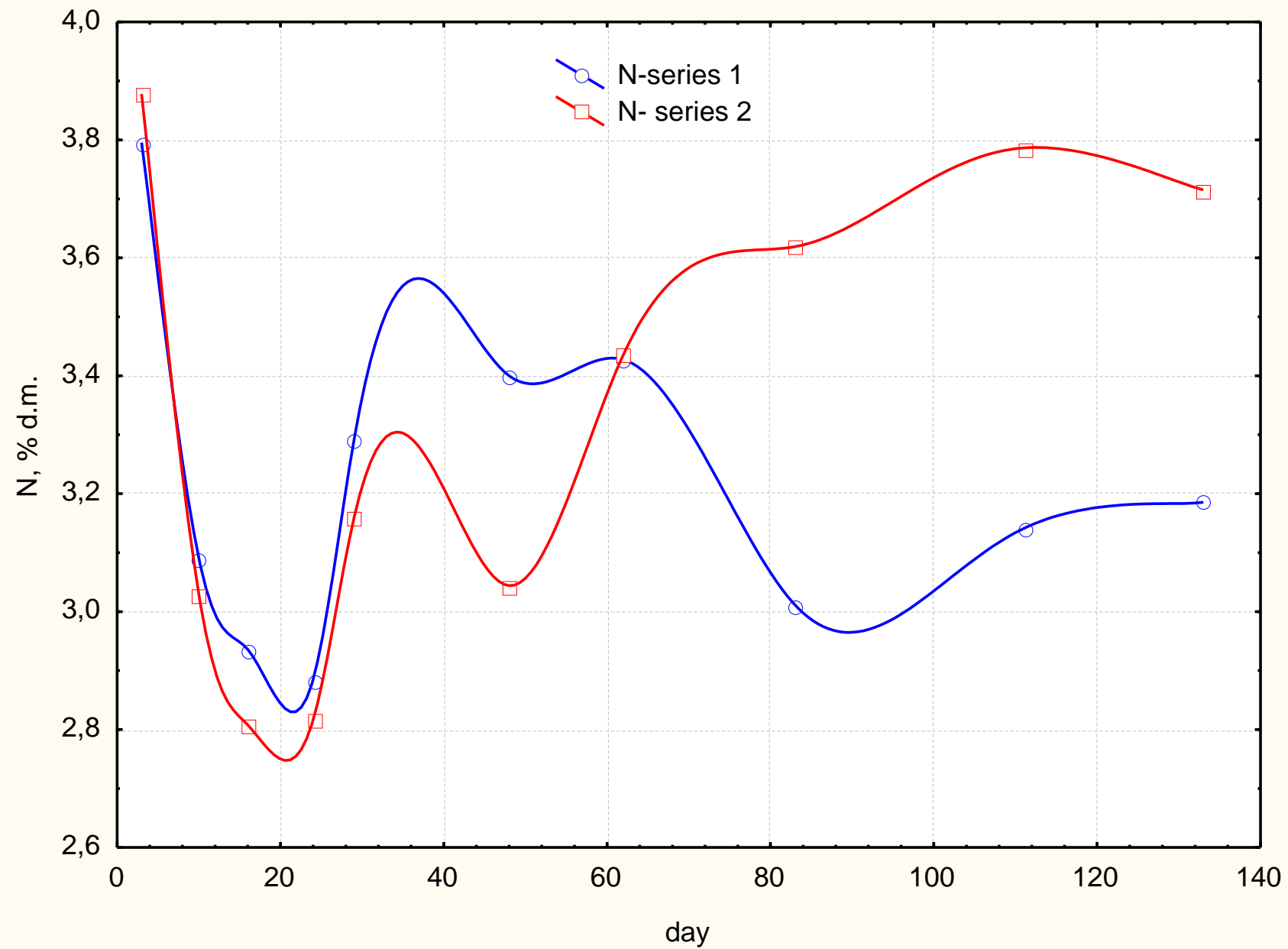
















## **COUNCIL DIRECTIVE**

**of 12 June 1986**

**on the protection of the environment, and in particular of the soil, when sewage sludge is  
used in agriculture**

**(86/278/EEC)**

## **Regulation of the Minister of the Environment**

**of 6 February 2015**

**on the municipal sewage sludge**





STAGE I, series 1	the sample identification	Zn, mg/kg d.m.	Cu, mg/kg d.m..	Cr, mg/kg d.m..	Cd, mg/kg d.m.	Pb, mg/kg d.m.	Ni, mg/kg d.m.	Hg, mg/kg d.m..
compost (4-1-1)	I/1/1	405,50 ± 4,24	182,50 ± 4,95	34,75 ± 0,35	1,00 ± 0,00	29,25 ± 1,06	12,75 ± 1,06	0,420±0,066
	I/1/2	431,75 ± 22,98	202,50 ± 2,83	35,75 ± 0,35	1,00 ± 0,00	29,50 ± 0,71	13,00 ± 0,00	0,382±0,045
	I/1/3	439,00 ± 27,58	192,75 ± 1,06	37,75 ± 0,35	0,75 ± 0,35	36,75 ± 0,35	13,75 ± 0,35	0,379±0,021
	I/1/4	378,50 ± 21,92	170,00 ± 8,49	54,00 ± 2,83	1,00 ± 0,00	27,75 ± 2,47	19,25 ± 1,06	0,312±0,033
	I/1/5	423,25 ± 15,20	193,75 ± 6,72	57,75 ± 6,72	1,00 ± 0,00	32,00 ± 0,71	20,50 ± 0,71	0,375±0,034
	I/1/6	393,75 ± 30,05	175,50 ± 0,71	22,50 ± 2,12	0,75 ± 0,35	29,75 ± 0,35	8,25 ± 0,35	0,325±0,016
	I/1/7	400,25 ± 20,86	179,50 ± 2,12	50,75 ± 1,06	0,50 ± 0,00	31,00 ± 0,71	16,50 ± 0,00	0,364±0,025
	I/1/8	421,00±8,48	184,25±0,35	33,50 ± 0,71	1,25 ± 0,35	29,75±0,35	13,25±0,35	0,347±0,020
	I/1/9	429,00±1,41	190,25±1,06	45,00 ± 2,12	1,00 ± 0,71	32,50±0,707	15,75±0,35	0,377±0,020
	I/1/10	453,50±12,02	201,25±1,06	47,75 ± 0,35	1,25 ± 0,35	32,25±1,06	17,00±0,71	0,371±0,003
sewage sludge		551,75±3,18	225,25±2,47	26,25±1,06	0,50±0,00	48,50±0,00	10,50±0,71	0,551±0,075
86/278/EEC		2500÷4000	1000÷1700	-	20÷40	750÷1200	300÷400	16÷25
Dz.U. poz.257, 2015 r.		2500	1000	500	20	750	300	16





STAGE I, series 2	the sample identification	Zn, mg/kg d.m.	Cu, mg/kg d.m..	Cr, mg/kg d.m..	Cd, mg/kg d.m.	Pb, mg/kg d.m.	Ni, mg/kg d.m.	Hg, mg/kg d.m..
compost (8-1-2)	I/2/1	441,50±4,95	189,00±3,53	37,75 ± 2,47	0,05 ± 0,00	33,75±0,35	13,50±0,71	0,386±0,064
	I/2/2	475,25±1,77	204,25±0,35	53,25 ± 1,77	0,05 ± 0,71	34,50±0,71	18,25±0,35	0,508±0,054
	I/2/3	482,75±16,61	208,75±1,77	46,00 ± 1,41	0,05 ± 0,35	36,50±2,12	16,25±0,35	0,466±0,076
	I/2/4	484,50±19,80	212,25±2,47	48,00 ± 2,83	1,00 ± 0,71	37,00±1,41	16,50±1,41	0,428±0,042
	I/2/5	509,31±18,12	219,08±2,94	71,34 ± 4,72	0,79 ± 0,30	40,13±3,71	22,47±2,08	0,448±0,035
	I/2/6	532,50±18,38	238,95±5,59	72,25 ± 3,89	1,25 ± 0,35	41,0±0,00	24,25±0,35	0,449±0,014
	I/2/7	548,71±2,53	235,50±0,71	35,68 ± 0,25	1,01 ± 0,01	41,71±1,00	14,07±0,81	0,491±0,064
	I/2/8	533,50 ± 44,55	245,75 ± 1,77	43,75 ± 1,77	1,00 ± 0,00	40,50 ± 0,00	16,00 ± 1,41	0,531±0,033
	I/2/9	562,00 ± 30,41	255,25 ± 2,47	40,50 ± 1,41	0,25 ± 0,35	41,75 ± 0,35	15,25 ± 0,35	0,513±0,033
	I/2/10	555,00 ± 31,11	253,50 ± 4,95	58,75 ± 7,42	0,50 ± 0,00	41,25 ± 0,35	22,00 ± 2,12	0,548±0,050
86/278/EEC		2500÷4000	1000÷1700	-	20÷40	750÷1200	300÷400	16÷25
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## COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 August 2001

**establishing ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to soil improvers and growing media**

*(notified under document number C(2001) 2597)*

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

**(2001/688/EC)**

## **Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

of 18 June 2008

on the implementation of certain provisions of the Act on Fertilizers and Fertilization





# STEP – studies on the impact of the composition of a mixture of various organic raw materials on the composting process of dewatered sewage sludge

elements, mg/kg d.m.	acording with:		compost after 133 days - Goleniów	
	Polish regulations	EU regulations	series no. 1 (4-1-1)	series no. 2 (8-1-2)
Cr	100	100	48	58
Cd	5	1	1,3	0,5
Ni	60	50	17	22
Pb	140	100	32	41
Hg	2	1	0,37	0,55
Zn	-	300	<b>453</b>	<b>555</b>
Cu	-	100	<b>201</b>	<b>253</b>





## Sequential extraction conditions according to Tessier methodology

stage	fraction	extractant	conditions	
			time	temperature
FI	replaceable	10 cm <sup>3</sup> 1M CH <sub>3</sub> COONH <sub>4</sub> ; pH=7	1h	ca 20°C
FII	carbonate	20 cm <sup>3</sup> 1M CH <sub>3</sub> COONa with H <sub>3</sub> COOH; pH=2	5h	ca 20°C
FIII	Associated with Fe/Mn oxides	20 cm <sup>3</sup> 0,4 M NH <sub>2</sub> OH·HCl w 25% (v/v) CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	5h	95°C
FIV	Associated with a humic substance	a) 5cm <sup>3</sup> 0,02 M HNO <sub>3</sub> + 5cm <sup>3</sup> 30% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , pH=2 b) 5cm <sup>3</sup> 30% H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , pH=2 c) 10 cm <sup>3</sup> 3,2M CH <sub>3</sub> COONH <sub>4</sub> in 20% (v/v) HNO <sub>3</sub>	a) 2h b) 3h c) 0,5h	a) 85°C, b) 85°C, c) ca 20°C
FV	remained	Marked as the difference between the total concentration and the sum of the fractions FI, FII, FIII, FIV		





## Average Zn content in fractions according to Tessier methodology (stage I)

series 1	average Zn content in fractions, [mg/kg s.m.]					
	fr. I	fr. II	fr. III	fr. IV	fr. V	total
1/1	16,58	117,00	160,00	62,88	49,05	405,50
2/1	10,28	90,75	181,88	101,75	47,10	431,75
3/1	13,58	102,00	177,13	85,50	60,80	439,00
4/1	14,40	82,00	152,63	85,88	43,60	378,50
5/1	14,10	88,50	186,88	94,25	39,53	423,25
6/1	16,20	68,50	148,50	105,50	55,05	393,75
7/1	13,50	63,75	169,88	112,63	40,50	400,25
8/1	8,85	69,50	162,75	120,50	59,40	421,00
9/1	9,30	67,00	157,00	141,00	54,70	429,00
10/1	10,80	71,63	148,25	145,50	77,33	453,50
sludge	28,95	146,63	253,25	91,13	31,80	551,75

Fr (I + II + III)= 230,7

Fr (IV + V)= 228,8

**conclusion:** the sum of bioavailable Zn form is 230,7 mg/kg s.m. and is less than the allowable value- 300 mg/kg s.m.





## Average Cu content in fractions according to Tessier methodology (stage I)

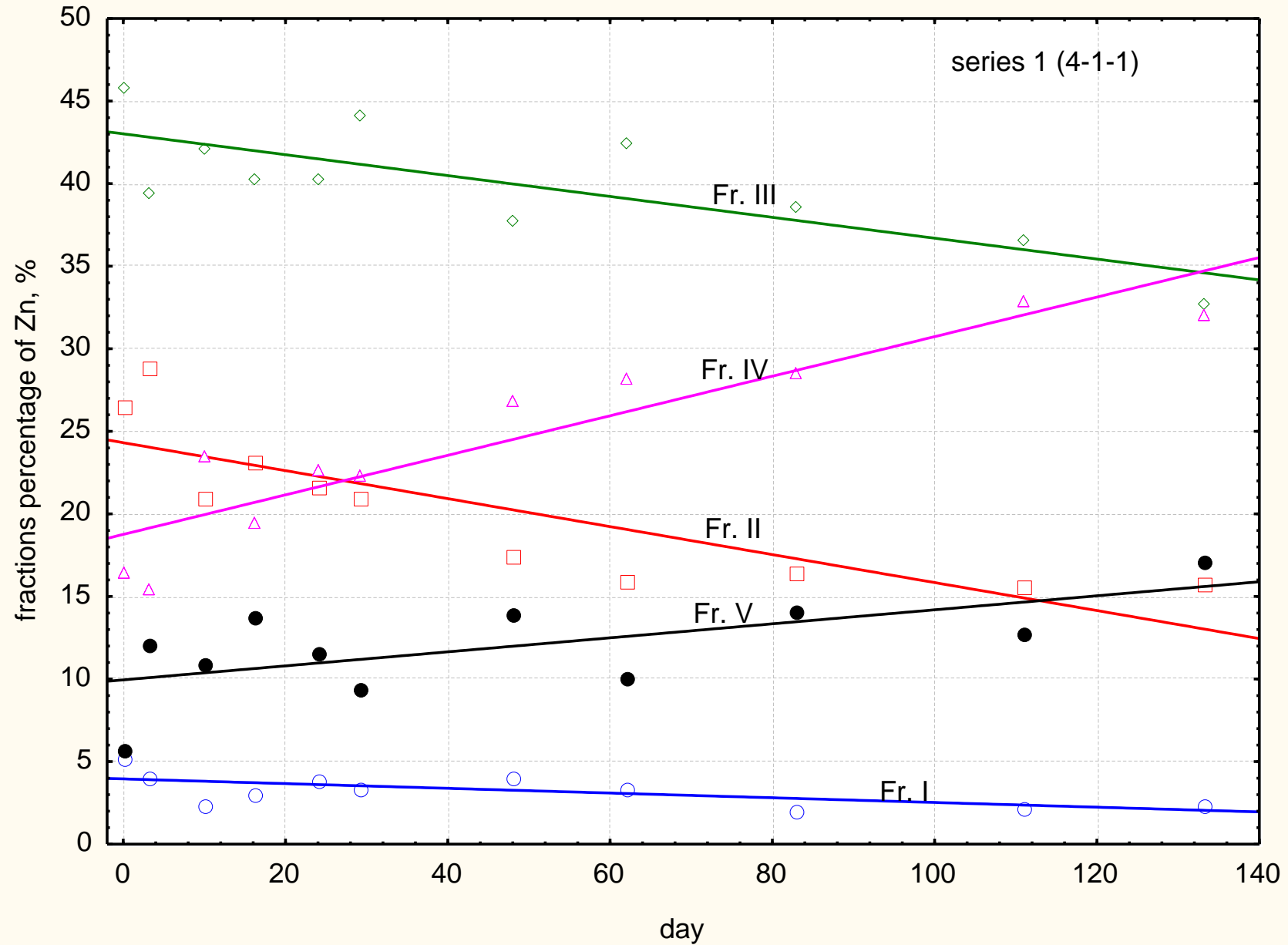
series 1	average Cu content in fractions, [mg/kg s.m.]					
	fr. I	fr. II	fr. III	fr. IV	fr. V	total
1/1	18,00	6,75	5,25	117,63	34,88	182,50
2/1	6,38	2,63	3,63	145,50	44,38	202,50
3/1	7,13	3,00	3,75	132,00	46,88	192,75
4/1	6,08	2,25	3,63	120,25	37,80	170,00
5/1	6,08	2,13	4,50	133,00	48,05	193,75
6/1	5,48	1,75	2,88	120,50	44,90	175,50
7/1	4,13	1,38	3,00	129,38	41,63	179,50
8/1	3,15	1,63	2,88	122,00	54,60	184,25
9/1	3,45	2,13	3,00	122,63	59,05	190,25
10/1	3,90	2,13	2,63	125,88	66,73	201,25
sludge	27,75	8,88	9,00	131,38	48,25	225,25

Fr (I + II + III)= 8,7

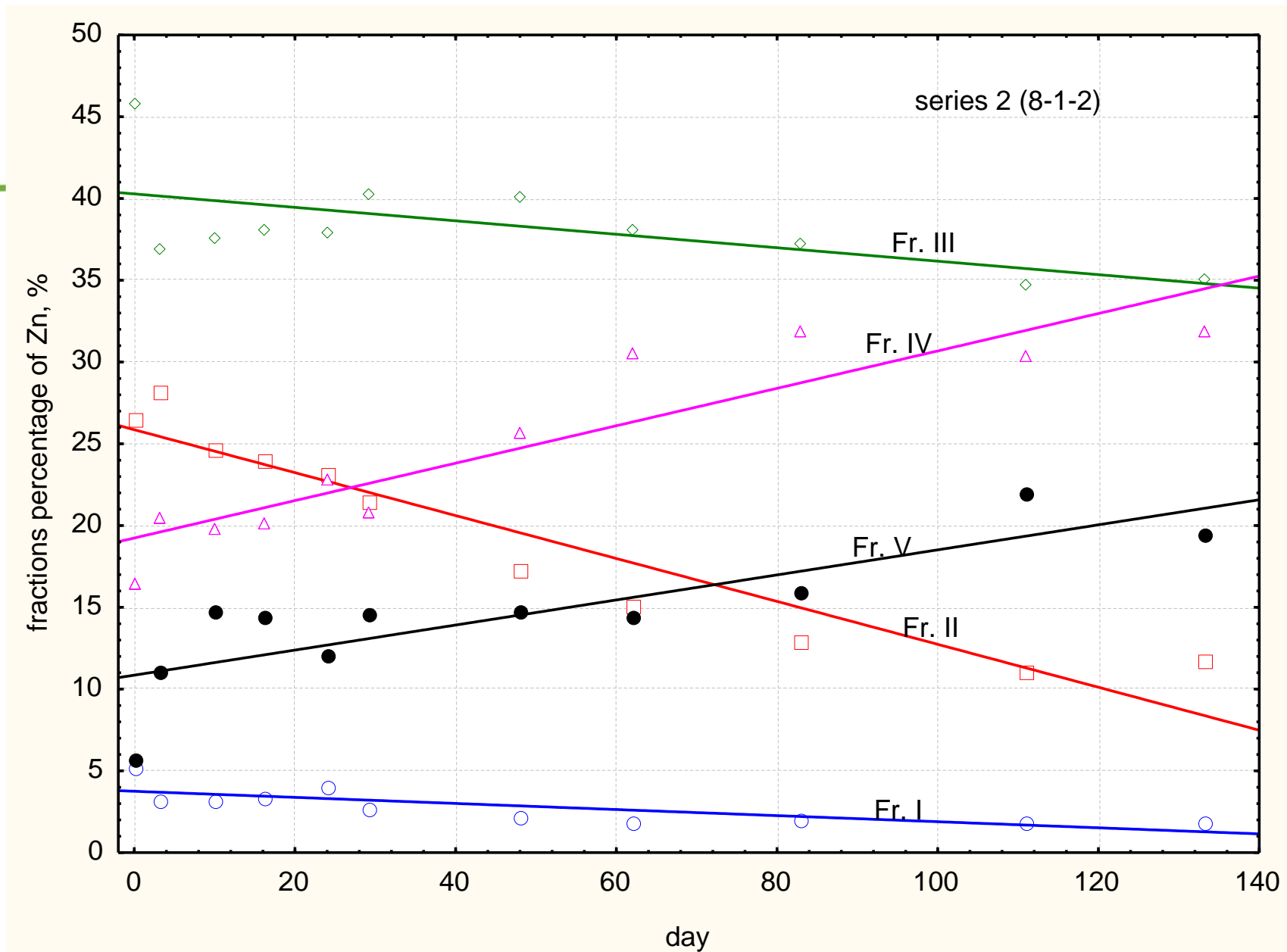
Fr (IV + V)= 192,6

**Conclusion:** the sum of bioavailable Cu form is 8,7 mg/kg s.m. And is less than the allowable value - 200 mg/kg s.m.

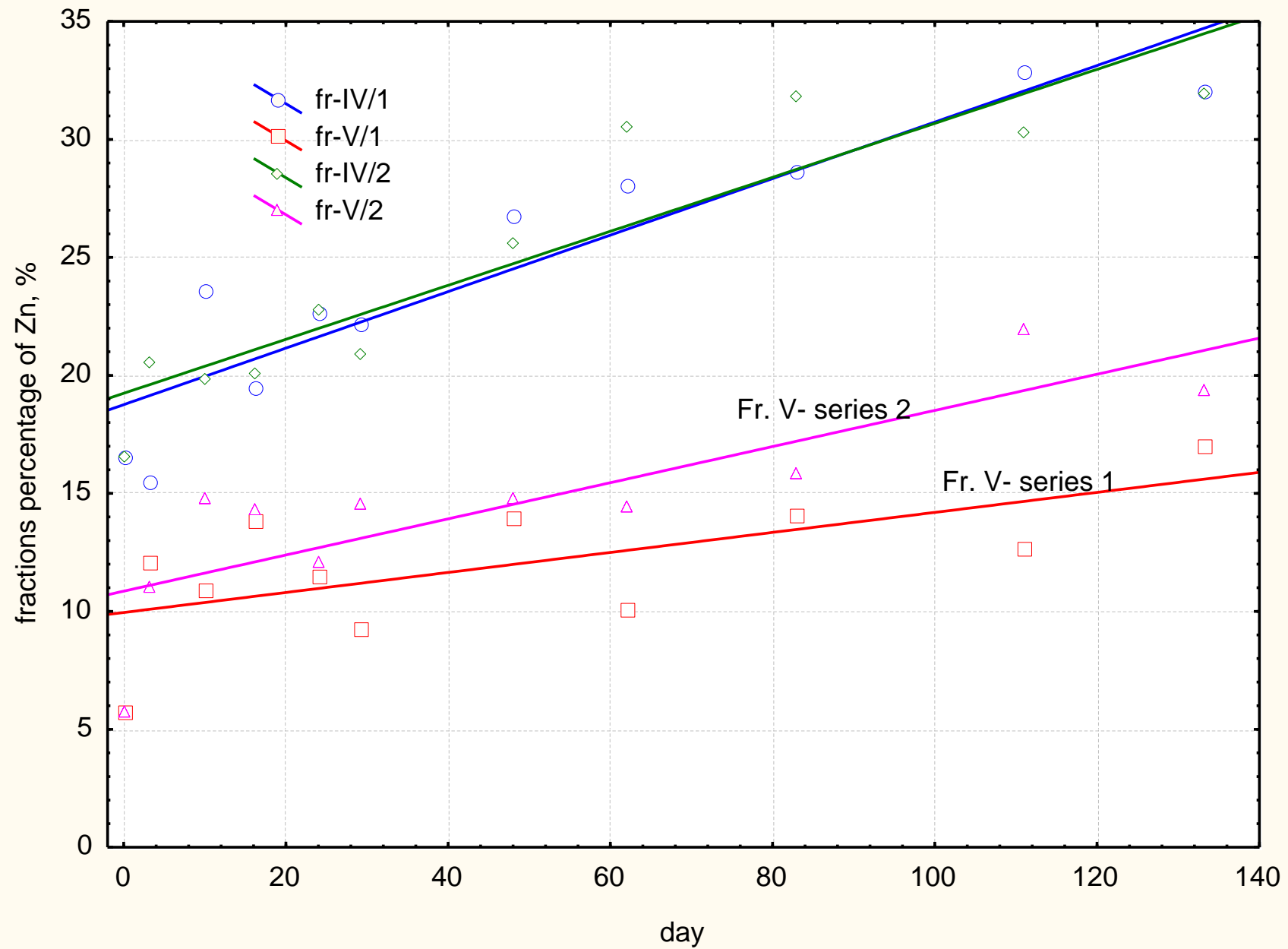












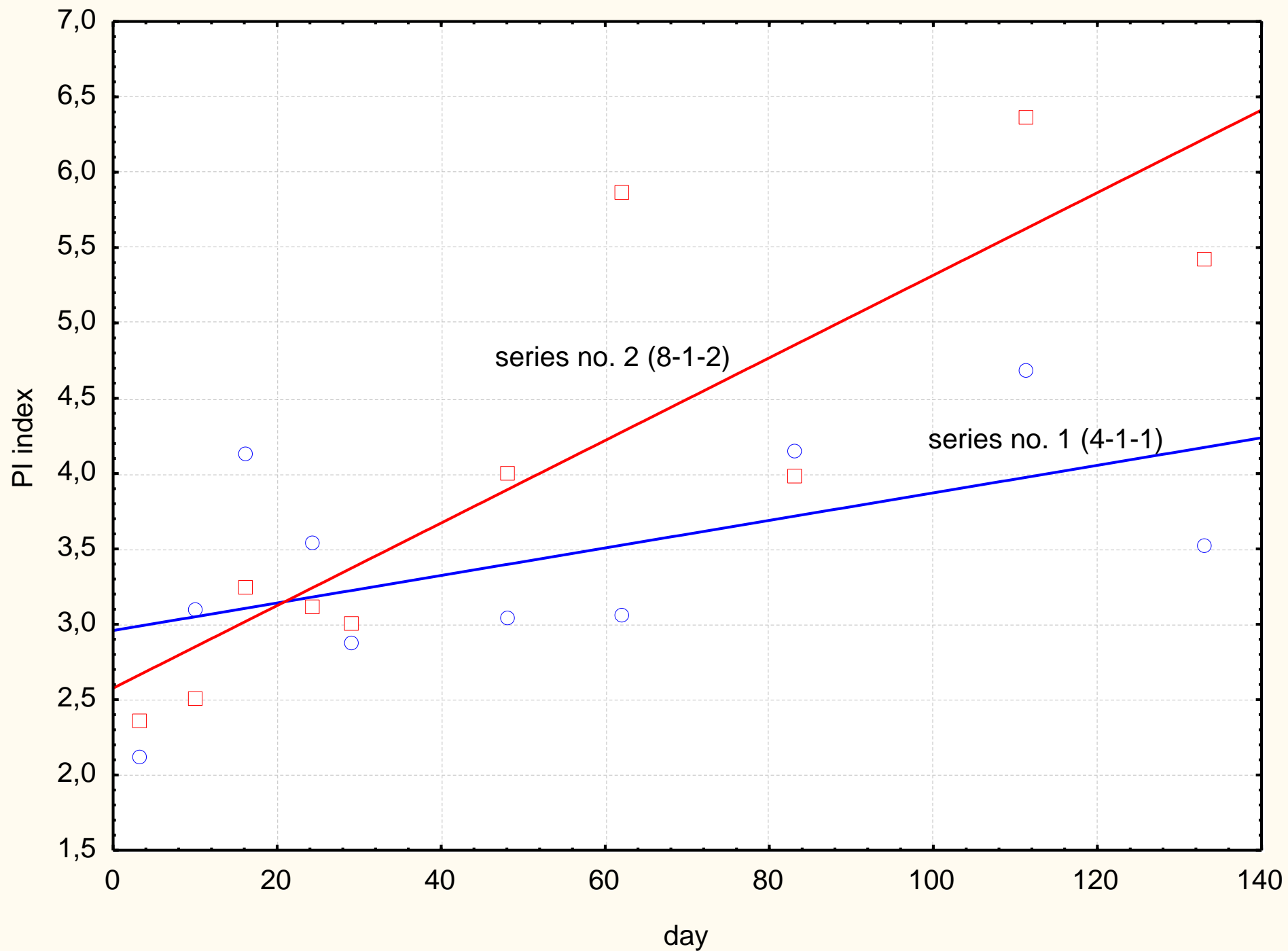




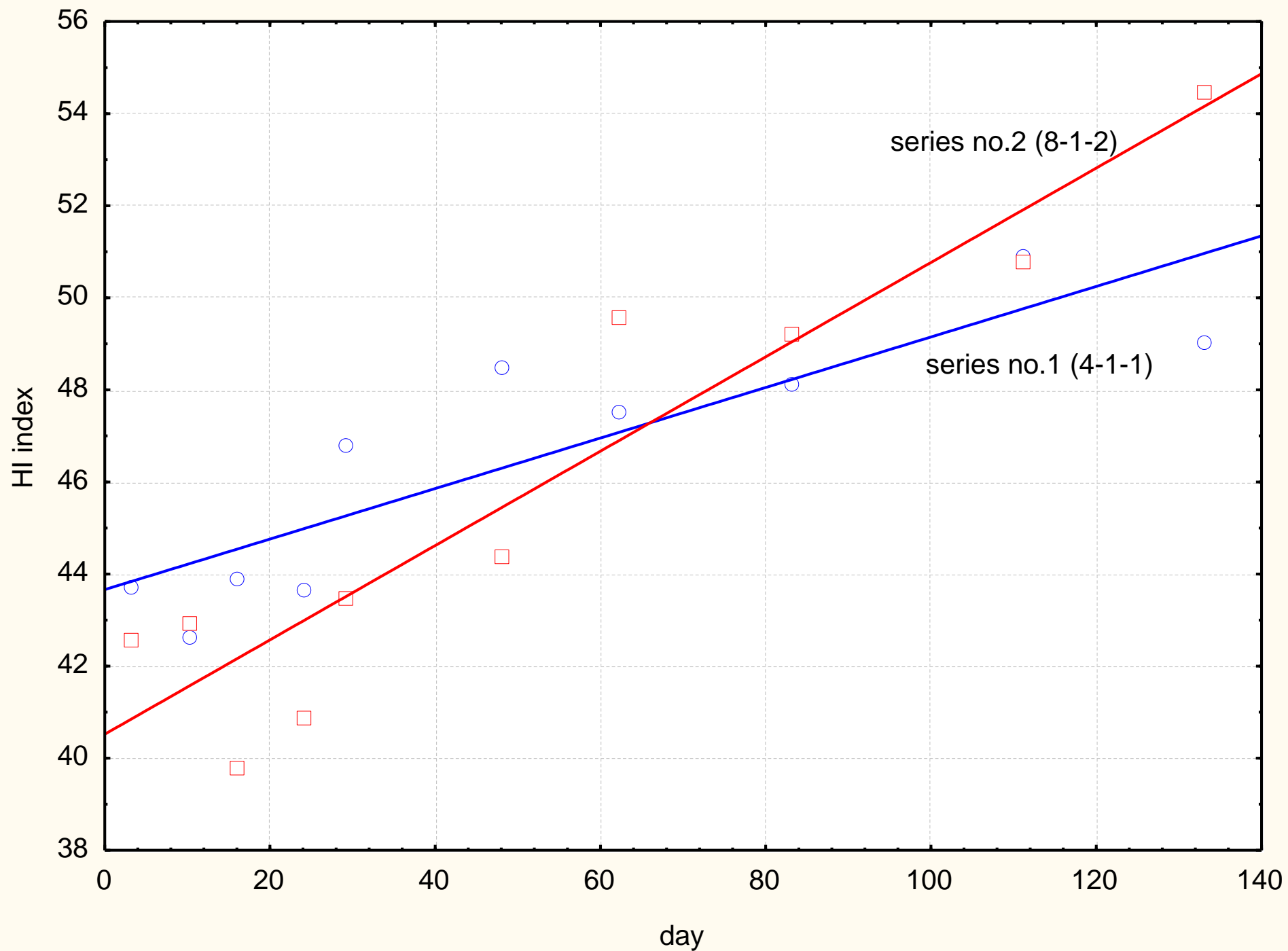
# Content of humic substance and values of humification indexes in samples of composts and sludge, stage I.

STAGE I	sample symbol	humic substance						C org., [g/kg s.m.]	humification index	
		specific, [g/kg d.m.]			non specific, [% d.m.]				PI, [-] (HA/FA)	HI, [%] (C <sub>HA</sub> /C <sub>tot</sub> )100
		HA	FA	Total	lignin	cellulose	hemicell.			
series 1	I/1/1	174,22	81,96	256,18	18,28	9,37	15,21	398,35	2,13	43,74
	I/1/2	159,29	51,12	210,41	30,25	10,83	11,14	373,25	3,12	42,68
	I/1/3	164,58	39,69	204,27	29,48	14,40	7,55	374,45	4,15	43,95
	I/1/4	162,63	45,77	208,40	34,26	11,56	12,87	372,20	3,55	43,69
	I/1/5	174,33	60,56	234,89	22,94	10,56	8,57	372,35	2,88	46,82
	I/1/6	176,84	57,96	234,80	29,41	11,54	10,31	364,70	3,05	48,49
	I/1/7	173,29	56,36	229,65	24,90	8,12	9,63	364,25	3,07	47,58
	I/1/8	183,18	44,02	227,20	27,61	10,11	3,56	380,35	4,16	48,16
	I/1/9	188,23	40,12	228,36	30,83	11,94	2,49	369,50	4,69	50,94
	I/1/10	174,93	49,60	224,53	29,87	10,41	0,68	356,65	3,53	49,05
series 2	I/2/1	164,99	69,39	234,38	25,18	11,76	5,75	387,55	2,38	42,57
	I/2/2	160,43	63,60	224,03	27,29	11,23	9,49	373,20	2,52	42,99
	I/2/3	148,81	45,80	194,61	30,61	13,86	10,56	373,50	3,25	39,84
	I/2/4	150,20	48,09	198,29	27,68	11,53	9,43	367,45	3,12	40,88
	I/2/5	152,95	50,58	203,53	26,45	13,53	16,43	351,70	3,02	43,49
	I/2/6	159,74	39,80	199,54	31,83	10,81	4,38	359,60	4,01	44,42
	I/2/7	172,65	29,40	202,05	32,30	8,50	5,54	347,90	5,87	49,63
	I/2/8	174,44	43,77	218,21	26,96	6,10	4,14	354,15	3,99	49,25
	I/2/9	176,44	27,66	204,09	26,96	5,40	2,27	347,35	6,38	50,80
	I/2/10	185,69	34,17	219,86	26,31	5,76	2,58	340,60	5,43	54,52
sewage sludge		169,73	105,38	275,11	14,27	3,53	13,64	339,15	1,61	50,04













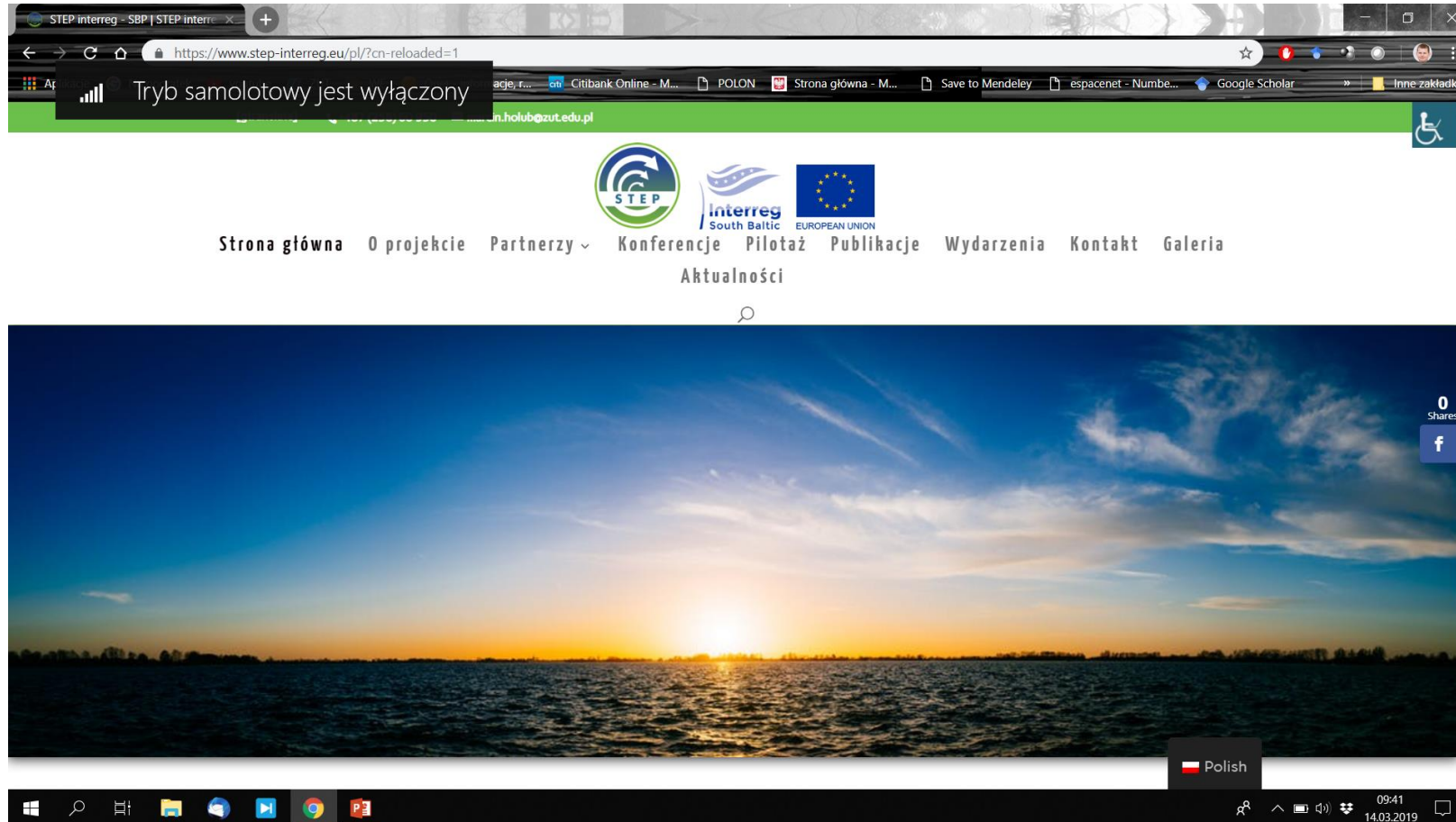
# Conclusions (preliminary) after I stage analysis

1. In comparison to the mixture (input) of sewage sludge with straw in mass proportion 4/1 (4-1-1), doubling the amount of sewage sludge to the level of 8/1 (8-1-2) results in the thermophilic phase (above 45°C) lasting 30 days longer.
2. The values of the HI and PI humification indexes in the compost samples in both prisms over the entire study period indicate a high degree of organic matter humification and its progress in the composting process.
3. The contents of heavy metals in the sewage sludge do not increase the limits for their agricultural use.
4. The total content of Zn and Cu in samples of composts, classified as soil improver, taken from both prisms, exceeds the limit values, i.e:
  - prism 4/1: Zn= 453 > 300 mg/kg s.m.; Cu= 201 >100 mg/kg s.m.
  - prism 8/1: Zn= 555 > 300 mg/kg s.m.; Cu= 253 >100 mg/kg s.m.
5. Total content Zn i Cu in samples of composts excluding the forms permanently associated with the soil matrix (IV and V) - bio unavailable, is lower than the limit values, i.e:
  - prism 4/1: Zn= 230 > 300 mg/kg s.m.; Cu= 8,7 >100 mg/kg s.m.
  - prism 8/1: Zn= 270 > 300 mg/kg s.m.; Cu= 8,3 >100 mg/kg s.m.





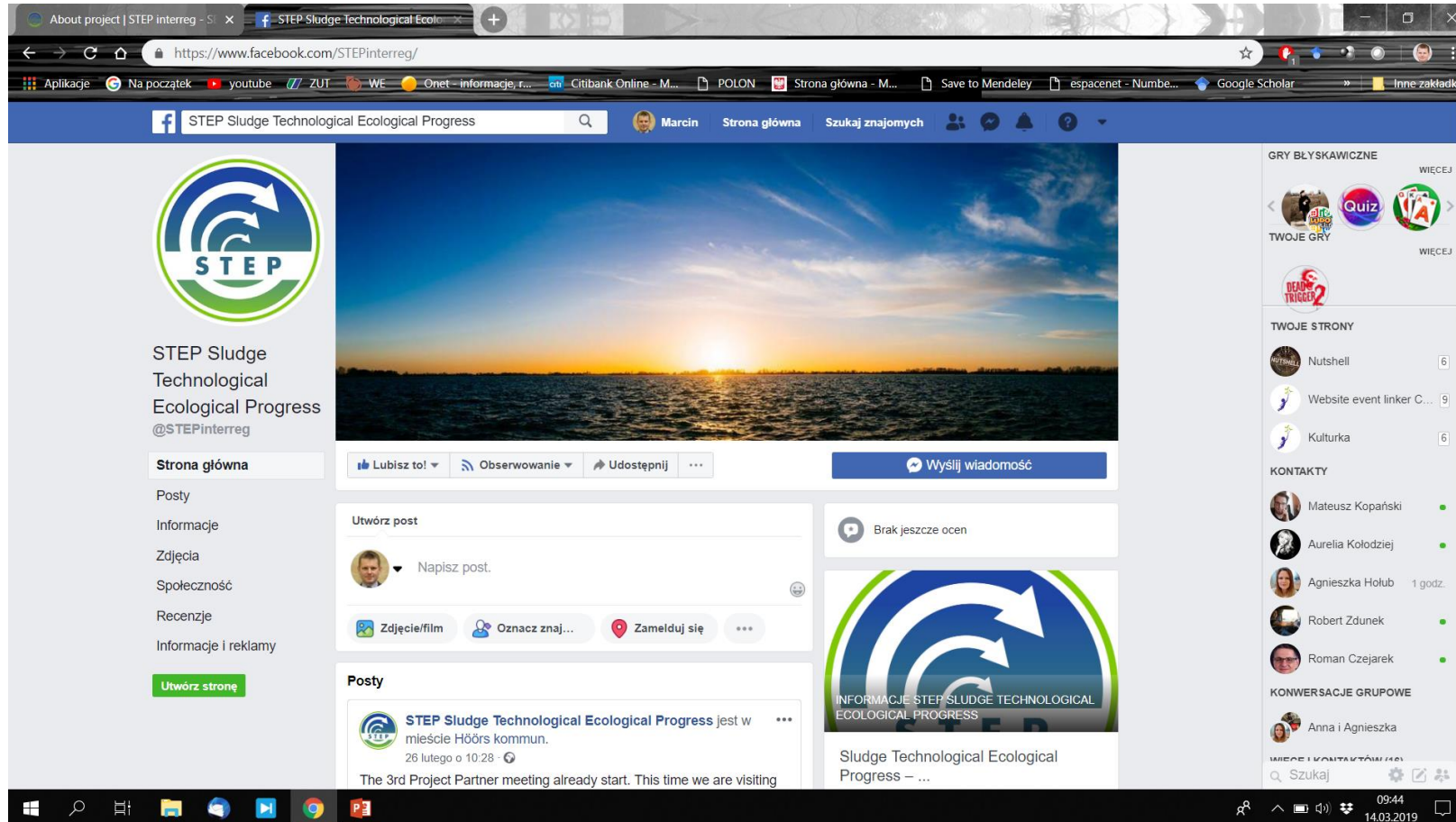
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