

Circular Economy and Industrial Waste Management in Kosovo: A Comprehensive Market Assessment (2025)

1. Executive Summary

The Republic of Kosovo stands at a pivotal moment in its environmental history. As the youngest nation in Europe, it faces the dual challenge of building robust industrial infrastructure while adhering to the increasingly stringent environmental standards mandated by its aspiration for European Union integration. The waste management and recycling sector, historically characterized by linear disposal models—collect, transport, dump—is undergoing a profound structural transformation. This report provides an exhaustive analysis of this transition, mapping the industrial landscape from the massive, capital-intensive metal processors to the burgeoning, artisanal upcycling initiatives led by social entrepreneurs.

The market is currently bifurcated. On one side stands the public municipal infrastructure, managed by Regional Waste Companies (RWCs), which has achieved commendable collection coverage rates of 90-95% in urban areas but struggles significantly with separation at source and financial sustainability.¹ On the other side is a dynamic, rapidly professionalizing private sector. This sector is no longer defined by informal scrap collectors pushing carts but by industrial entities integrating into global supply chains, securing multi-million euro financing from international development banks³, and deploying advanced technologies to produce export-grade raw materials.

Our analysis identifies three primary vectors driving this market evolution. First, the **commoditization of waste**: high global prices for ferrous metals, copper, and virgin polymers have made recycling economically viable, incentivizing companies like Rec-Kos and Plastika to invest in sophisticated processing capabilities. Second, **legislative pressure and alignment**: Kosovo's alignment with the EU Green Deal and the adoption of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy (2021-2030) are forcing a shift from landfilling to recovery.¹ Third,

social innovation: a wave of eco-conscious entrepreneurship is addressing niche waste streams—such as glass and textiles—that traditional industrial players ignore due to lower profit margins.

However, significant bottlenecks remain. The disconnect between public collection systems (which generally do not separate waste) and private processing plants (which require clean feedstock) creates a "purity gap." Industrial recyclers are often forced to bypass municipal sources entirely, establishing their own parallel logistics networks to secure uncontaminated materials.⁴ Furthermore, confusion regarding corporate identities—such as the distinction between local entities and global giants like European Metal Recycling—persists in the market, requiring careful due diligence.

This report dissects these dynamics through a granular examination of key market players including Er-Lis, European Metal Recycling (Obiliq), Te Blerim Luzha, Eurogoma, Rec-Kos, and many others. It serves as a definitive guide for investors, policymakers, and industry stakeholders seeking to navigate Kosovo's emerging circular economy.

2. Macro-Environmental Analysis: Regulatory and Economic Drivers

To understand the operational realities of individual companies like Rec-Kos or Plastika, one must first understand the ecosystem in which they operate. The recycling sector in Kosovo does not exist in a vacuum; it is shaped by a complex interplay of legislative mandates, economic incentives, and international development aid.

2.1. The Legislative Framework and EU Alignment

Kosovo's legal framework for waste management is designed to transpose the *acquis communautaire*—the accumulated body of EU law. The primary legislative instrument is the **Law on Waste**, which establishes the hierarchy of waste management: prevention, preparing for reuse, recycling, recovery, and disposal.¹

Recent policy developments have accelerated the push toward recycling. The Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure (MMPHI) adopted the **Integrated Waste Management Strategy (2021–2030)** in May 2021.¹ This strategy is not merely a bureaucratic document; it sets binding targets for waste reduction and recycling rates that directly impact

business operations. For instance, the strategy mandates the reduction of biodegradable waste sent to landfills and the establishment of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes.

For private companies, this regulatory environment creates both risk and opportunity. The risk lies in tighter enforcement of environmental standards, which could penalize non-compliant operators handling hazardous waste (e.g., Kaqanollt). The opportunity lies in the "polluter pays" principle. As regulations tighten, producers of waste (packaging companies, tire importers like Eurogoma) will increasingly be required to pay for the proper disposal of their products, effectively creating a revenue stream for certified recycling companies.

2.2. The Role of International Finance and the Green Agenda

The recycling sector is capital intensive. Industrial shredders, washing lines, and extruders cost millions of euros. Given the high interest rates and collateral requirements of local commercial banks, international financial institutions (IFIs) have stepped in as the primary engine of sector growth.

The **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)** has emerged as a kingmaker in this space. Their financing is not passive; it is targeted and strategic, often blended with grants to de-risk investments. A prime example is the €6 million loan package provided to Rec-Kos in 2025.³ This financing, delivered in partnership with the Enterprise Expansion Fund II (ENEF II), includes a concessional tranche from the TaiwanICDF. Such funding allows Kosovo companies to leapfrog intermediate technologies and acquire state-of-the-art machinery that ensures their products meet the rigorous quality standards of European foundries and plastic manufacturers.

2.3. The Socio-Economic Dimension: Informal Sector and Inclusion

An analysis of Kosovo's recycling sector cannot ignore the informal workforce. Historically, the collection of recyclables—particularly metals and plastics—has been the domain of the Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptian (RAE) communities. These informal collectors act as the "primary sorters" of the system, extracting value from mixed municipal waste bins.

Initiatives like the "Mitrovica Recycles" project, funded by the EU and implemented by the Danish Refugee Council, have sought to formalize this labor.⁵ By establishing social enterprises like **Treciklo** and integrating informal collectors into the formal value chain, these

programs aim to provide dignity, safety, and stable incomes.⁵ For industrial buyers like Rec-Kos or Te Blerim Luzha, these formalization efforts are crucial because they stabilize the supply chain. Informal collection is volatile; formalized, contract-based collection provides the predictable feedstock volumes necessary to run industrial plants efficiently.

3. The Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metal Sector: The Industrial Backbone

Metal recycling constitutes the most mature segment of Kosovo's circular economy. Unlike plastics, which degrade, or glass, which is heavy and cheap, metal retains high value and can be recycled indefinitely. This intrinsic economic value has fostered a robust ecosystem of collectors, aggregators, and exporters.

3.1. Rec-Kos (Inter-Emex): The Market Leader

Rec-Kos, also known in various contexts through its operational history or associated entities like Inter-Emex, stands as a titan in the regional recycling landscape. It is not merely a scrap yard; it is a sophisticated industrial processing hub that acts as the primary gateway for Kosovo's scrap metal to reach global markets.

3.1.1. Operational Scale and Capabilities

Rec-Kos operates at a scale that differentiates it from local competitors. It is the **second-largest exporter in Kosovo**³, a statistic that underscores the sheer volume of material passing through its gates. The company's operations cover the full cycle: collection, processing, sorting, and trading.

The company handles a diverse portfolio of materials:

- **Non-ferrous metals:** Copper, aluminum, brass, zinc, lead, and stainless steel.⁶
- **Ferrous metals:** Iron and steel scrap derived from demolition and end-of-life vehicles.
- **Specialized streams:** Electronics (WEEE), waste plastics, and waste oils.⁶

What sets Rec-Kos apart is its processing depth. Snippet data reveals that the company performs "hand cleaning" to achieve up to **99.9% purity**.⁷ In the metal trade, purity is paramount. Foundries in Turkey or Italy impose strict penalties for impurities (like plastic or rubber attached to steel). By investing in labor-intensive or mechanized cleaning, Rec-Kos captures the value premium associated with "furnace-ready" scrap.

3.1.2. Strategic Expansion and EBRD Partnership

The year 2025 marks a transformative era for Rec-Kos. The company secured a **€6 million financing package** from the EBRD and ENEF II.³ This investment is targeted at specific operational upgrades that reveal the company's strategic direction:

- New Processing Facility:** Construction of a new plant near the Drenas Industrial Park.³ Moving to an industrial park suggests a scaling up of logistics and power infrastructure.
- Advanced Machinery:** Acquisition of machines for processing tires, cables, and batteries. This indicates a diversification strategy. Cable recycling (stripping insulation to recover copper) is highly profitable, while battery recycling positions them in the growing energy-storage waste market.
- Environmental Compliance:** The inclusion of a wastewater treatment plant in the investment plan ³ highlights the shift toward environmentally compliant industrial operations, a prerequisite for maintaining EBRD support.

3.1.3. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Relevance/Source
Entity Name	Rec-Kos LLC	7
Owner	Adriatik Shaqiri	3
Website	www.reckos.net	6
Export Markets	Turkey, Italy, Bulgaria,	7

	Greece, UK, Sweden	
Key Offering	99.9% Pure Metal Scrap	⁷

3.2. European Metal Recycling (Obiliq): Navigating Identity

A critical task in this market assessment is clarifying the identity of **European Metal Recycling** operating in Obiliq. The name is identical to that of **European Metal Recycling Ltd. (EMR Group)**, a UK-based global multinational with revenue in the billions.

3.2.1. The Distinction

Our research confirms the existence of a local entity: **EUROPEAN METAL RECYCLING SH.P.K.** located in Obiliq, Republic of Kosovo.⁸ However, there is no evidence in the provided material or public corporate histories of the UK giant¹⁰ that links the Obiliq facility to the EMR Group network. The UK group lists its locations extensively in the UK, USA, and Northern Europe¹¹, but does not list Kosovo.

Therefore, stakeholders must treat the Obiliq entity as a **local independent operator**. The use of the name may be descriptive or coincidental, but it does not imply the backing of the EMR Group's balance sheet or technical resources.

3.2.2. Local Operations

Despite the lack of multinational affiliation, the local European Metal Recycling Sh.p.k. is an active participant in the market. Business registries list its activities as:

- **Importers-exporters of waste and scrap.**⁹
- **Car breakers:** Dismantling end-of-life vehicles.¹³
- **Pipeline laying contractors:** A diversification into construction services.¹³

This activity profile is typical for medium-sized Kosovo operators who combine scrap collection with construction support services. The "car breaker" designation is particularly

relevant, as Obiliq is an industrial zone where dismantling operations can feed steel scrap directly into regional markets.

3.2.3. Contact Intelligence (Local Entity)

Attribute	Detail	Source
Entity Name	EUROPEAN METAL RECYCLING SH.P.K.	9
Location	Obiliq, Kosovo	8
Phone	+383 49 590 091	9
Classification	Private Limited Company (SH.P.K.)	9

3.3. Te Blerim Luzha: The Aggregator Model

Te Blerim Luzha represents the "aggregator" tier of the waste hierarchy. Located in Ferizaj, a major commercial hub, this entity operates a diversified portfolio.

3.3.1. Business Model

Unlike Rec-Kos, which is defined by processing, Te Blerim Luzha is defined by **trading**. The company is listed under multiple categories:

- **Waste and Scrap:** Collection and recycling services.¹⁴
- **Motor Vehicle Dealers:** Buying and selling vehicles.¹⁵
- **Fuels:** Wholesale of petroleum products.¹⁵

This integration suggests a synergistic model: the company likely imports vehicles, sells the

functional ones, and processes the end-of-life vehicles for scrap metal and parts. The fuel business provides the logistical support (fuel for trucks) for these heavy transport operations. In the Kosovo context, such companies are vital for rural waste collection. They act as the local node where smaller collectors (individuals with pickup trucks) sell their daily haul. Te Blerim Luzha then aggregates these small loads into bulk quantities that are viable for sale to larger exporters like Rec-Kos or direct export.

3.3.2. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
Entity Name	P.K. (Te Blerim Luzha)	15
Location	Ferizaj, Kosovo	15
Phone	+383 44 843 621	15

3.4. Er-Lis Sh.p.k.

Er-Lis Sh.p.k. appears in the research primarily through procurement and registry snippets.¹⁶ While less visible than the consumer-facing brands, its presence in these lists points to a B2B (Business-to-Business) or B2G (Business-to-Government) focus.

In Kosovo, companies like Er-Lis often fulfill specific municipal contracts for waste removal or construction site clearance. Their "recycling" activity is often the sorting of construction and demolition waste—recovering rebar (steel) from concrete, for example. The lack of a distinct marketing footprint suggests they rely on tenders and direct contracts rather than public walk-in trade.

4. The Polymer and Plastic Recycling Sector: Closing the Loop

Recycling plastic is significantly more complex than recycling metal. Plastic comes in dozens of chemical formulations (PET, HDPE, LDPE, PP) that cannot be mixed. Furthermore, plastic degrades each time it is melted. Consequently, the emergence of a plastic recycling sector in Kosovo that goes beyond simple baling is a major technological achievement.

4.1. PLASTIKA Sh.p.k.: The Pioneer of Closed Loops

PLASTIKA Sh.p.k., based in Fushë Kosovë, claims the title of the first company in the region (Kosovo, Albania, North Macedonia) to recycle waste foil into new foil products.⁴ This is a definitive example of a "closed-loop" system.

4.1.1. The Process: From Waste to Product

PLASTIKA's operation is vertically integrated. They control the entire chain:

1. **Collection:** To bypass the inefficient municipal system, PLASTIKA has established its own network of **2 to 3 collection points in every city in Kosovo**.⁴ This proprietary infrastructure ensures they secure a steady stream of feedstock.
2. **Classification:** Waste is sorted by polymer type. This is crucial; a single PVC label can ruin a batch of LDPE recyclate.
3. **Regranulation:** The plastic is washed, melted, and extruded into granules (pellets).
4. **Manufacturing:** These granules are not just sold; PLASTIKA uses them to manufacture finished goods: **Agricultural Foil** (mulch films), **Construction Foil**, and **Stretch Foil**.⁴

This model creates resilience. By manufacturing the final product, PLASTIKA captures the full value chain and is less vulnerable to fluctuations in the global price of recycled pellets.

4.1.2. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
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Entity Name	PLASTIKA Sh.P.K	4
Address	Rr. Nene Tereza Nr. 325, 12000 Fushe Kosove	4
Phone	+383 44 115 329	4
Email		4
Logo	Link to Logo	4

4.2. REKS LLC: The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Case

REKS LLC represents the ambition of connecting Kosovo to the high-tech European circular economy. It is a joint venture between two Dutch powerhouses—**KRAS Recycling** and **KIVO Flexible Plastics**—and local Kosovo partners.¹⁸

4.2.1. Operational Profile

The facility, located near Kaçanik/Ferizaj, was designed to process **LDPE and LLDPE films**.¹⁸ These are the soft plastics used in logistics (pallet wrap) and packaging. The plant's value proposition was "precise sorting, separation, washing, and recycling" to produce transparent PCR (Post-Consumer Recycled) raw materials.

The target capacity was ambitious: **10,000 tons per year**.¹⁹ The strategic logic was sound: import waste streams from Europe (where labor is expensive), process them in Kosovo (where labor is more affordable yet skilled), and re-export the high-quality granules back to KIVO's factories to make new packaging. This is a classic "near-shoring" strategy applied to recycling.

4.2.2. Status Alert: Operational Risks

Despite the strong backing, conflicting reports exist regarding the plant's status. While some sources extol its "stunning results" ¹⁹, another explicit data point states the location is "**closed due to adverse conditions**" and mentions the venture might be discontinued due to rising costs.¹⁸ This highlights the fragility of recycling economics; even with FDI, energy costs and logistical friction can render operations unviable. Stakeholders must verify the current operational status of REKS LLC before any engagement.

4.3. Powerpack L.L.C.: Certified Manufacturing

Powerpack L.L.C., based in the Drenas Business Park, illustrates the "pull" factor in recycling. They are a manufacturer of waste bags that *demands* high-quality recycle.

4.3.1. Certification and Quality

Powerpack distinguishes itself through certification. They hold a **QA-CER level 2** certificate.²¹ This is not a trivial accolade; it is a rigorous third-party verification that ensures the traceability of recycled content. For corporate clients (e.g., supermarket chains) who have pledged to use recycled packaging, buying from a QA-CER certified supplier like Powerpack is essential for their own ESG reporting.

4.3.2. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
Entity Name	Powerpack L.L.C.	²²
Location	Business Park, 13000 Drenas	²²
Phone	+383 45 195 085	²²

Email		22
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5. Niche and Specialized Waste Streams

The maturation of a recycling market is often signaled by the emergence of niche players handling difficult or hazardous materials. Kosovo is witnessing precisely this diversification.

5.1. Eurogoma: The Tire Lifecycle

Eurogoma is a household name in Kosovo for tires. Established in 1992, it is a dominant wholesale and retail distributor.²³ While primarily a vendor, its scale forces it into the waste management sphere.

5.1.1. The Challenge of End-of-Life Tires (ELT)

Tires are problematic waste. They do not degrade, they trap water (breeding mosquitoes), and they burn with toxic smoke. In Kosovo, the disposal of tires has historically been informal. Eurogoma, as a major importer, serves as a critical aggregation point. When customers buy new tires, they leave the old ones.

While the research does not confirm Eurogoma operates a pyrolysis plant (turning tires into fuel) or a granulation plant (making rubber crumb for playgrounds), their role is likely that of **Reverse Logistics**. They collect the ELTs and channel them to authorized disposal sites or potentially to industrial users like cement kilns, which use tires as high-calorific fuel (co-processing). The EBRD funding for Rec-Kos to buy "machines for processing tires"³ suggests that a domestic industrial solution for these tires is imminent, and Eurogoma will likely be the primary supplier of feedstock.

5.1.2. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
Entity Name	Eurogoma shpk	24
Head Office	Magjistrallja Prishtinë-Mitrovicë, km 1	24
Phone	+383 49 324 436	24
Email		24

5.2. Simply Green: Upcycling and Social Impact

At the opposite end of the spectrum from industrial processing is **Simply Green**. Founded by Dorina Lluka Davies, this initiative represents **upcycling**—adding value to waste through design rather than destruction.²⁵

5.2.1. The Model

Simply Green addresses the tire waste issue creatively. Instead of shredding tires, they craft them into furniture and decor. This approach serves a dual purpose:

1. **Environmental:** Diverting tires from landfills.
2. **Social:** The company explicitly focuses on **empowering women** in the manufacturing sector.²⁵ By training women to work with industrial materials, Simply Green challenges the gender norms of the waste sector, which is typically male-dominated.

5.2.2. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
Founder	Dorina Lluka Davies	25
Email		26
Website	www.simplygreen-ks.com	25

5.3. Eco Kos: The Bio-Economy (Used Cooking Oil)

Eco Kos operates in the liquid waste sector, specifically **Used Cooking Oil (UCO)**.

5.3.1. The Criticality of UCO Collection

UCO is a major pollutant. One liter of oil can contaminate a million liters of groundwater. However, it is also "liquid gold" for the biodiesel industry. Eco Kos collects this oil from restaurants and food processors.

5.3.2. Strategic Positioning

Eco Kos holds **ISCC EU Certification**.²⁷ The International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) is the gold standard for bio-feedstocks. This certification allows Eco Kos to export the collected oil to EU refineries where it is converted into biodiesel. This connects Kosovo's restaurant waste directly to the European renewable energy market.

5.3.3. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
Entity Name	ECO KOS LLC	27
Address	Rruga Fehmi Agani 51/9, Prishtinë	27
Phone	+383 49 202 432	27
Email		27

5.4. Bio 365: Energy from Biomass

Bio 365 represents another facet of the bio-economy. Based in Kosovo, this company produces essential oils from medicinal plants.²⁸

5.4.1. Circular Integration

The production of essential oils generates significant biomass waste (spent plant material). Instead of discarding this, Bio 365 aims to produce **bio-pellets**.²⁸ These pellets are then used as an energy source to power the distillation facility itself. The remaining ash is used as organic fertilizer. This is a perfect "zero-waste" agricultural cycle, demonstrating how recycling principles can be applied to agro-processing.

5.4.2. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
Entity Name	Bio 365 Kosovo	29

Email		29
Key Personnel	Emine Daci-zejnnullahi	30

5.5. Kosovo Glass Recycling: The Innovation of Necessity

Glass recycling is economically challenging due to the material's weight (high transport costs) and low value. **Kosovo Glass Recycling**, founded by Dugagjin Berisha in Gjakova, overcame this by reinventing the process.

5.5.1. The Stone Grinder Solution

Lacking the capital for imported glass processing lines, Berisha utilized local stone grinding machinery to process waste glass.³¹ Instead of melting the glass (energy-intensive), the company crushes it into **aggregates**. These "glass sands" are sold for use in:

- Water filtration for swimming pools.
- Decorative facades.
- Construction tiles and tables.³¹

This "open-loop" recycling—where glass becomes construction material—is a pragmatic solution for a market lacking a glass foundry.

5.5.2. Contact Intelligence

Attribute	Detail	Source
Founder	Dugagjin Berisha	31
Location	Village of Qerim, Gjakova	32

Workforce	~9 employees (SME)	33
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5.6. Hazardous and Medical Waste: Kaqanolit and Riciklimi-Ed

The management of hazardous waste is a matter of public health. Two key players operate in this highly regulated space.

Kaqanolit Sh.p.k. (Mitrovica):

- **Specialization:** Toxic/chemical waste, hospital/laboratory waste, and used batteries.³⁴
- **Significance:** With the expansion of Kosovo's healthcare sector, the volume of biomedical waste is rising. Kaqanolit provides the licensed disposal routes necessary for hospitals to operate legally.
- **Address:** Rruga Sami Gashi 153, Mitrovicë.³⁴

Riciklimi-Ed (Peja):

- **Specialization:** WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) and batteries.³⁵
- **Contact:** +383 49 561 665.³⁵
- **Relevance:** As Kosovo digitizes, electronic waste is the fastest-growing waste stream. Riciklimi-Ed's focus on this niche positions it for future growth.

6. Public Infrastructure and The Municipal Nexus

While the private sector innovates, the **Regional Waste Companies (RWCs)** maintain the baseline sanitation of the country. These public enterprises are the gatekeepers of the waste stream.

6.1. The Key RWCs

- **KRM Pastrimi (Prishtina):** The largest RWC, serving the capital. It is currently piloting separation-at-source initiatives in collaboration with NGOs.³⁶ Contact: 0800 77 123, .³⁷
- **KRM Uniteti (Mitrovica/Vushtrri):** Facing severe financial constraints, including blocked

accounts due to legacy debts.³⁸ This financial instability hampers their ability to invest in recycling infrastructure, making them reliant on donor-funded projects for any modernization.

- **KRM Eko Regjioni (Prizren):** A stable operator with a 45-year history.³⁹ They manage waste for the entire Prizren region and maintain public green spaces. Contact: +383 29 241 167, .³⁹

6.2. The Green Art Center (GAC) Catalyst

A unique feature of the Kosovo ecosystem is the pivotal role of the NGO **Green Art Center (GAC)**. GAC acts as the bridge between international donors (who have money), municipalities (who have mandates), and schools (who have the future generation).

- **Impact:** GAC has established over **300 Green Clubs** in schools.⁴⁰
 - **Operational Role:** They implement the "separation at source" pilots that RWCs cannot manage alone. For example, the "Save, Don't Kneel" campaign with Coca-Cola HBC involved distributing bins to 500 households in Vushtrri.³⁶ For private recyclers, GAC is a strategic partner because these campaigns create the *clean* waste streams that industrial plants need.
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7. Clarifications on Market Confusions

7.1. KMM Recycling: The Israeli Distinction

Research queries often surface **KMM Recycling** in the context of global lists. It is crucial to clarify that KMM Recycling Industries is a major **Israeli** company.⁴¹ While it appears in dropdown lists of assets for investment firms that might list "Kosovo" as a country option⁴³, there is no evidence of KMM operating physical infrastructure in Kosovo. Investors should not confuse this entity with local operators.

7.2. Liri vs. Lirimi Group

Two entities with similar names operate in the Prizren/Malisheva region:

- **Liri Prizren:** A confectionery giant (chocolates, biscuits).⁴⁴ They are a *producer* of packaging waste, not a recycler.
 - **Lirimi Group:** A diversified group in Malisheva involved in construction and, crucially, **paper packaging production** through its subsidiary **ORTO**.⁴⁵ While they manufacture paper products, they are industrial users of pulp/paper, potentially functioning as a recycler of paper waste to feed their production lines.
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8. Strategic Conclusion

The recycling sector in Kosovo has graduated from the informal economy to the industrial stage. The entry of the EBRD with a €6 million loan to Rec-Kos is a watershed moment—it signals that Kosovo's waste management sector is now "bankable."

However, the sector is top-heavy. We have world-class processing potential (Rec-Kos, Plastika) sitting atop a municipal collection system (RWCs) that is still largely stuck in the "collect and dump" era. The success of the sector in the next decade will depend on bridging this gap.

Key Takeaways for Stakeholders:

1. **For Investors:** The highest returns are in the **processing of high-value streams** (metals, WEEE, UCO) where export markets are guaranteed.
2. **For Partners:** Due diligence is vital. Verify the operational status of plants (like REKS) and clearly distinguish between local entities (EMR Obiliq) and global brands.
3. **For Policymakers:** The focus must shift to **feedstock security**. Private plants need clean waste. Enforcing separation at source is the only way to feed the industrial giants you have helped to create.

The roadmap is clear: Kosovo is moving towards a circular economy not just as an environmental ideal, but as a hard-nosed industrial strategy.

Table 1: Master Contact Directory of Key Entities

Company Name	Sector	Location	Verified Phone	Verified Email	Status/Note
Rec-Kos LLC	Metal (Fe/Non-Fe)	Drenas/Prishtina	-	-	EBRD Funded
PLASTIKA Sh.p.k.	Plastic (Foil)	Fushe Kosove	+383 44 115 329		Active
Eurogoma	Tires/Rubber	Prishtina/Mitrovica	+383 49 324 436		Retail & Collection
Eco Kos	UCO (Bio-oil)	Prishtina	+383 49 202 432		ISCC Certified
Powerpack L.L.C.	Plastic Bags	Drenas	+383 45 195 085		QA-CER Certified
Te Blerim Luzha	Trading/Scrap	Ferizaj	+383 44 843 621	-	Aggregator
European Metal Recycling	Metal/Scrap	Obiliq	+383 49 590 091	-	Local Entity
Simply Green	Tire Upcycling	Prishtina	-		Social Enterprise
Kosovo Glass Recycling	Glass Aggregates	Gjakova	-	-	SME
Riciklimi-Ed	WEEE/Batteries	Peja	+383 49 561 665	-	Active
Bio 365	Biomass/Oils	Kosovo	-		Agro-waste

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