## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF ROMANIAN WASTE COLLECTION BUSINESSES

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Currently, the world population is continuously increasing, as are consumption and demands for cleanliness. There will always be garbage, and even if its disposal is getting more and more expensive every year, someone has to deal with it. Also, climate changes are increasingly common in many places on Earth, and the lack of coherent measures in the direction of environmental protection will strongly affect future generations. In this context, waste collection represents an important stage in the transition to a sustainable lifestyle. Waste collection is a stable business model that is resistant to any crisis.

In Romania, the growth registered by companies active in the field of garbage collection is not spectacular, but it is constant. In 2021, 1,108 companies were registered whose business is waste collection, with a total number of 26,394 employees, 981,376,916 euros in net turnover and 66,044,088 euros in net profit. Compared to 2020, the turnover registered an increase of 18.41%.