

ReFood Poland opens Europe's most modern food waste processing and valorization plant in Mszczonów

We are proud to announce that ReFood officially opened Europe's most modern recycling facility for food residues and leftovers on September 5. The new plant is located in Mszczonów, 50 km from the Polish capital Warsaw, and is an important step in promoting sustainable waste processing and green energy production.

The opening ceremony was attended by managers from the business units of the SARIA Group in Europe, managers from the companies of the RETHMANN Group (REMONDIS, Rhenus, SARIA), employees of SARIA Polska, local authorities (mayor and councilors of Mszczonów, councilor of Radziejowice - a neighboring municipality), representatives from numerous institutions (including the Veterinary Inspection, the Environmental Inspectorate, the Sanitary Inspectorate, the Chief Fire Officer) and many representatives from the press.

It was particularly pleasing to welcome Norbert Rethmann, Honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the RETHMANN Group, Nicolas Rottmann responsible member of the SARIA Executive Board and Jean-Marie Bocher responsible for the ReFood business in Poland, France and Spain.

Europe's most advanced technology

The ReFood plant in Mszczonów stands out as the most modern of its kind in Europe. It uses solutions and technologies that, thanks to full automation, ensure the highest safety standards in the processing process. Thanks to the use of specialized equipment, the procedure of biomass production - from the separation of raw material from packaging to the washing and disinfection of containers - is automated and completely safe for the people and the environment.

*"We started in Poland with just a few trucks. Today, ReFood is leading the industry in new directions, using modern and advanced technologies and is an expert voice that is taken into account in legislative processes. Today I am proud to announce the opening of the most modern facility of its kind in Europe" **said Robert Maraszekiewicz, Director of ReFood Poland.***

The ReFood plant is emission-neutral for residents and the environment. The plant is equipped with a special biofilter with an impressive surface area of almost 200m² and a modern water scrubber. The biomass, as the final product, is transported directly to the biogas plant by special vehicles. The entire process, from receiving the food residues to leaving the plant, usually takes no longer than 72 hours.

Sustainable energy production

The main purpose of the new ReFood plant in Mszczonów is to convert food waste and leftovers into biomass, which will be used to generate electricity and thermal energy and to produce bio-fertilizer. This alternative energy can reduce the use of fossil fuels, lowers CO₂ emissions into the atmosphere and reduces the amount of landfill waste.



*“Today, there is more and more debate about the need for rational resource management. At the same time, we have to keep in mind that it is necessary to establish companies dedicated to this task. One of these companies is opened here today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people and institutions for their support in implementing the investment at every stage,” **emphasized Norbert Rethmann, Honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the RETHMANN Group, to which the SARIA Group with ReFood belongs.***

The production capacity of the new ReFood plant in Mszczonów is capable of reducing emissions of up to 14,000 tons of CO₂ and producing thermal energy that could be used to heat nearly 5,000 households for a year.

The investment in the future

The investment in Mszczonów started in 2019. The plant's entire personnel is expected to be residents of Mszczonów and its neighborhood. This initiative supports the local economy and contributes to the technological development of the industry in the region.

*“We are committed to attracting forward-looking and innovative types of investment to Mszczonów. For our residents, the ReFood plant will not only mean new jobs and employment opportunities, but also tax revenues for the municipality's budget and, in the long term, a lower rate for waste,” **noted Józef Kurek the mayor of Mszczonów.***

ReFood is one of the market leaders in food waste processing in Europe, ensuring the highest safety standards in processing food leftovers and biomass production for green energy with state-of-the-art solutions and technologies. With the new site in Mszczonów, ReFood now has five branches in Poland.

Here you can find more information about [ReFood Poland](http://www.refood.pl).