



## ECEXA-Delegation on Eco-Forum in St. Petersburg: Innovative concepts impressed more than 700 visitors and waste management experts

A high-level expert group of the Austrian Environmental Cluster ECEXA was represented on the ExpoForum Convention & Exhibition Centre St. Petersburg, where from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 traditionally the XIX. International Ecological Forum in Russia on the theme "Ecology of Big City 2019" with more than 700 participants took place. The international conference was attended by political decision-makers, technology providers, financial experts, solid waste operators and water suppliers from Russia, Austria, Germany, Spain, India and Brazil.

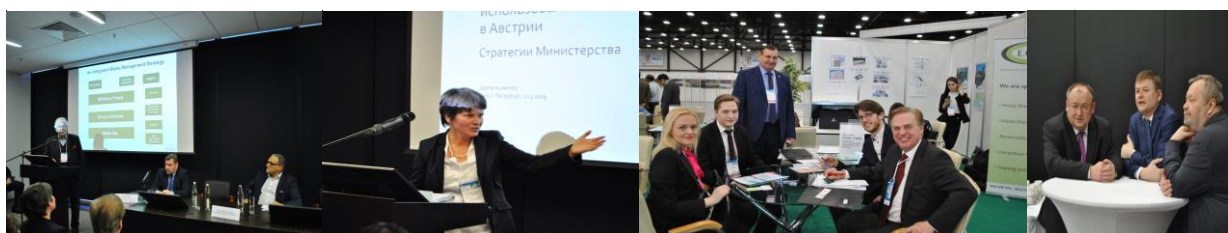
ECEXA-President Dr. Gerhard Kiennast adds: "The aim of the event was to assess the challenges at national level together with national stakeholders and invited international experts and to find new ways to master them by means of strategic partnerships and technology transfer. We are of course particularly pleased to have been especially invited as Austrian representatives to this event."



Photo 1 Key Speaker Dr. Gerhard Kiennast, President ECEXA on the «XIX International Forum on the theme "Ecology in Big City 2019" as well as "Housing and Communal Services in Russia" Photo 3 Reception with the Mayor of St. Petersburg, also Vice-Governor of Leningrad region

The environmental technology-cluster ECEXA presented on the conference chaired by the UNIDO in panel discussions and workshops innovative best practice solutions for collection, treatment and disposal of domestic waste as well as the implementation of Waste-to-Energy concepts.

For this purpose, under the direction of president Kiennast, selected ECEXA-experts came to attend the event, gave lectures and participated in discussions with decision-makers about innovative concepts on the topics waste management including hazardous waste, water/wastewater, as well as disposal of plastic waste from the sea. The ECEXA-delegation was also accompanied by a representative of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism in order to emphasize Austria's leading international role in the environmental technology sector. The visit included a site visit to a waste treatment plant and a municipal sewage plant in the city of St. Petersburg. The delegation was finally received by the Mayor of St. Petersburg and Vice-Governor of the Leningrad Region, Vladimir Kirillov, to confirm further cooperation with a memorandum.



The lecturing experts of ECEXA as well as guests at the ECEXA exhibition stand