



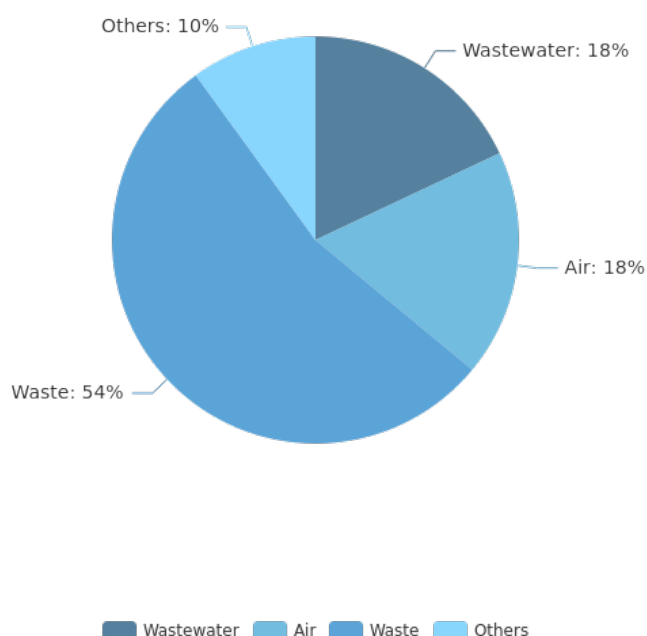
## EXPENDITURE ON PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT - 2023

In 2023, the total value of investments and current Environmental protection and restoration expenditures is 3 425 million BGN, which is 13% more than the previous year. Compared to 2022, there is an increase in the level of investments (56.6%) and the level of current expenditures increased (with about 1%). The value of the investments made in 2023 is 1 146 million BGN. Current expenditures in 2023 account for 66.5% of total environmental expenditures (2 279 million BGN).

Environmental protection and restoration expenditures include the expenditures of acquiring tangible and intangible assets (investments) and the expenditures of maintaining/operating them, including environmental measures (running expenditures). The largest share of the total expenditures there are these on waste recovery and disposal (54%), air protection (18%) and wastewater treatment (18%).

### 2023

**Figure. Structure of expenditure on protection and restoration of the environment by ecological use in 2023**



The Environmental protection and restoration expenditures are part of the total expenditure of tangible and intangible fixed assets. In 2023, the share of expenditure available at the end of the year for acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets with ecological use amounts to 4.1% of the total expenditure for acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets in the country. This is 1.5% more than those in 2022.

### Methodological notes

#### Environmental protection and restoration expenditures

Data on environmental protection and restoration expenditures include expenditure for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets with ecological use (TFAEU) and intangible assets with an ecological use (TIFAEU) and expenditure for carrying out activities for the protection and restoration of the environment.

Expenditure for the acquisition tangible fixed assets and intangible assets include: invested funds for the construction of facilities, modernization and expansion of existing TFAEU, as well as those for licenses, know-how, patents and others; expenditure for acquisition of monitoring and control equipment.

The expenditure for protection and restoration of the environment provide information on the expenditure for acquisition and the expenditure for maintaining tangible fixed assets and carried out activities with an ecological use, distributed by environmental domain (water, air, waste and others).

They also provide information on the amounts paid for services (fees for discharge and wastewater treatment, fees paid to the MOEW for the reclamation of disturbed areas and fees for disposal and treatment waste, including annual fee municipal waste) in environmental domain.

