

PROMOTION OF WASTE PREVENTION AND RECYCLING
AT THE CROSS-BORDER AREA (LESS WASTE II)

Context

Waste Management remains a problem in the Cross Border (CB) area between Greece and Albania. The amount of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) generated in Albania has increased significantly over the last years, and the need to improve the management of MSW is evident. In Greece, Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Plans have been developed, but separation-at-source of biodegradable waste is still limited. The scope of LESS-WASTE II project was to promote composting/recycling in the CB area by developing Action Plans in both countries. Three systems (two in Greece and one in Albania) for separation-at-source of household biodegradable waste and cooking oils (only in Greece) were developed. The project also encouraged citizens's participation in bio-waste collection through training activities and information sessions.

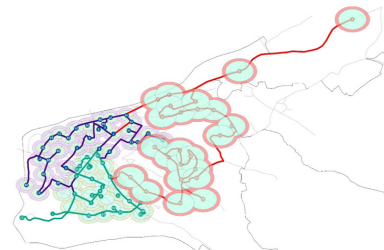
Project Objectives

This project's specific objectives are to:

- i) Address the need for waste management strategies combining local and regional actions that reduce the volume of waste going to landfills;
- ii) Better organize waste management and introduce home-composting and separation-at-source by providing both the necessary equipment and dissemination material;
- iii) Demonstrate sustainable ways of bio waste re-utilization through trainings and equipment demonstration;
- iv) Involve citizens, especially youth, in trainings on waste separation at home;
- v) Raise awareness about the circular economy.

Deliverables

- IWM Plan developed for the Municipality of Skrapar with dissemination strategy and action plan;
- Action Plan for cross-border waste prevention strategies prepared;
- Feasibility study for scenarios of waste reduction and reuse;
- Most appropriate place for the construction of the Multifunctional Center for IWM identified and Environmental Impact Assessment conducted;
- GIS map of municipal waste systems created;
- Performance-based monitoring and evaluation system established;
- Municipality staff trained on the use of monitoring and evaluation system;
- Guides on waste prevention, separation, recycling and composting created;
- 40 home composting bins distributed as part of the Pilot Composting Action Plan.



GENERAL INFORMATION

DONORS:
European Commission

PARTNERS:

- Waste Management of Western Macedonia S.A
- Centre for Research and Technology Hellas
- Municipality of Grevena
- Municipality of Kastoria
- Urban Research Institute (URI)
- Municipality of Skrapar

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