



WP1.4 Transnational activity 4 Green and/or biodegradable household waste



Creative Thinking Development in collaboration with the Municipality of Galatsi organized the 4th international meeting, titled “Green and/or Biodegradable household waste”, of the project SWAI – Sharing working algorithms for urban/rural waste collection”, under the Programme for Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV).

The event was hosted in the conference hall of the cultural centre of Galatsi Municipality “To Kamini”, a restored Hoffmann continuous work lime kiln, and lasted from April 15 until April 17, 2024.





Best Practices

The morning of the first day of the meeting was devoted to the ongoing activity of compiling the project's final intellectual output, the "Algorithms for reduction of waste" guide, in a workshop where partners from Bulgaria, Poland, Malta, Belgium and Greece presented best practices from their counties that will be presented in the Guide.

Later on the same day the same day the international participants visited the 2nd Kindergarten of Galatsi, where the small children with the support of the school administration and teachers, as well as the active participation of their parents, are composting their organic waste and use the compost in the kindergarten yard. This practice was initiated and supported by the project "Green Ambassadors", funded by the Green Fund and implemented by CRETHIDEV in collaboration with the municipality of Galatsi.



Field Visit to EDSNA Integrated Urban Solid Waste Management Facilities

The second day was devoted to the field visit to the largest Integrated Urban Solid Waste Management Area, which is the largest of its kind in Europe and serves the entire agglomeration of the metropolitan Athens area.

The facilities are owned by EDSNA, an organization that unites two levels of local and regional administration (the Region of Attika and the municipalities of Athens agglomeration) and operated by public services and private subcontractors.

Partners had the chance to meet and discuss with the staff of the different facilities they visited as well as to tour the facilities of the Incineration Plan for Medical and Toxic Wastes (serving the entire country), the active Landfill and restored old non-regulated landfill sites, the Leachate Treatment facilities and the Mechanical Separation & Composting Plant.



Conference: Valorizing Domestic Biowaste & Grassroots Initiatives



The last day of the meeting was devoted to the conference "Valorising Domestic Biowaste and Grassroots Initiatives". The conference was addressed by the Mayor of Galatsi and President of the Union of Greek Municipalities, Mr. George Markopoulos, many elected officials and CRETHIDEV Administrator Mr. Dimosthenis Papakonstantinou. Partners presented who organic and/or biodegradable household waste is treated in each country. Of special interest were the presentations of EDSNA Deputy Director for Thermal Processing Mr. George Arvanites, and the keynote lecture on "Biowaste Production and Management" given by Prof. Monika Jakubus, Poznań University of Life Sciences, Poland. The conference was attended by more than 90 persons including students from Galatsi High Schools and employees of the municipality.



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