



Good Practice Home composting support scheme

Name: Susana Freitas

Position: Project Manager

Email: susana.freitas@lipor.pt

13 June 2018, Cordoba (Spain)

Thematic Seminar on Waste Minimization in Heritage Areas



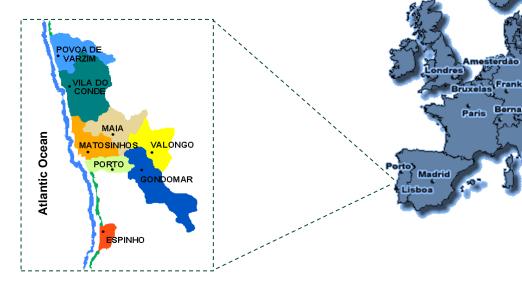
Home composting support scheme

- Biowaste Prevention
- Home Composting Scheme
 - Scope and Different solutions for different needs
 - How we do it
 - Solution 1: Home composting
 - Solution 2: Wormcomposting
 - Solution 3: Community Composting
 - Composting support
 - Environmental impact monitorization of the home composting scheme
 - Key factors



Biowaste prevention

Lipor's waste prevention strategy Biowaste prevention Home Composting



In 2017, in the LIPOR area, about 500 thousand tons of urban waste were produced. Of these more than 100 thousand tons (20%) were food waste and 20 thousand tons were selectively collected (20% of produced food waste).



Scope

Promote organic waste reduction at households, institutions and companies of the Porto Municipality, as part of an integrated waste management strategy.

Different solutions for different needs

- Households and Institutions:
 - With small green areas: compost bins
 - Without green areas:
 - ☐ Community composting (on designated green areas)
 - Wormcomposting



Key factor: involve the local community (for example, using community gardens as a complement)



How do we do it?

- Workshops on composting/wormcomposting (promoted and held locally)
- Help citizens choose the appropriate process adoption for each scenario
- Free equipment (compost bin/wormcomposter)
- Composting support helping citizens with composting process problems remotely or with an on-site visit
- Environmental impact monitorization of the home composting scheme



Solution 1: home composting





Small home-garden with compost bins



Solution 1: home composting







Raised beds built on terraces and balconies to allow composting and food production - compost bins



Solution 1: home composting

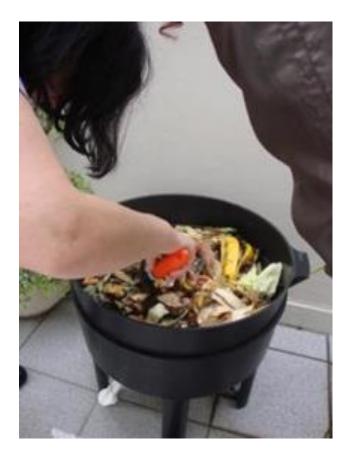


Roof composting with home composting



Solution 2: Wormcomposting





Wormcomposters on terraces or balconies



Solution 2: Wormcomposting



Wormcomposting on Growbed-Noocity™ on a roof (ongoing experiment)



- When the participant does not have his/her own space or conditions for placing the compost bin or the wormcomposter, community composting is implemented.
- Community composting works by placing a compost bin on a public area/garden or on common gardens (for example: apartment buildings, public green spaces...). A person is nominated the "composting master" and he/she has the responsibility of controlling the compost process as the community places the organic waste buckets near the compost bin.
- When possible, we complement the community composting with community organic gardens.





Public green areas with community composting for the surrounding community.



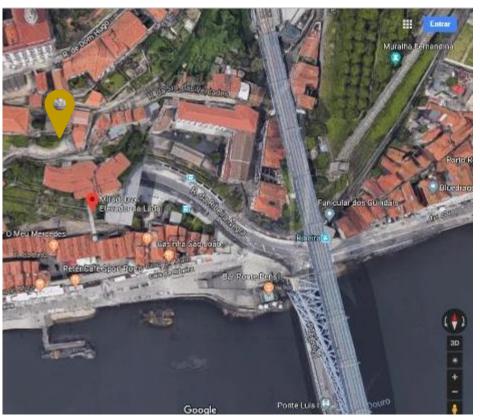
Community composting on a "ilha" in Porto





Community Composting in a small neighbourhood.





Community composting as a complement to community gardens

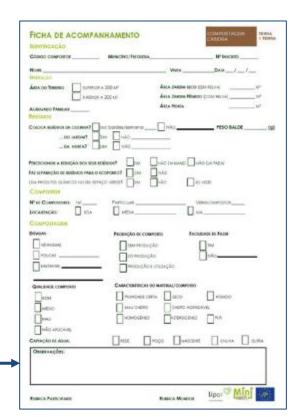




Composting support



On-site visit/support



Monitoring home composting sheet (includes bucket weight)



Environmental impact monitorization of the home composting scheme



Estimation of OW deviation by equipment

Wormcomposter = 273,3 kg/year

Compost bin = 423,3(kg/year)



39 Wormcomposters 2 052 Compost bins

Porto Municipality
Deviation Estimation of biowaste for the home composting scheme:
879,27 ton/year0



Key Factors

Active promotion through different communication channels (website, Facebook, GoogleGroups and also fairs, shopping malls and conferences)

Excellent team work in the office and on the field

Partnerships with different stakeholders for composting implementation and promotion

Policy of proximity communication with partners and citizens

Flexibility to adapt the project to the local reality and the citizens' needs

Continuous training and support for participants

Full believe and knowledge that our job is contributing to a sustainable present and future.







More information at: www.lipor.pt | www.cm-porto.pt

