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**The presentation of the European project WINPOL for waste management policies, was realised within an Informative Event in Heraklion that was co-organised by Region of Crete and Municipality of Heraklion**

The European program "WINPOL" INTERREG EUROPE, overseen by the Region of Crete and the Municipality of Heraklion, was presented at today's meeting in Heraklion's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, coordinated by the projects partners.

The Region of Crete and the Municipality of Heraklion participates as partners in the new Interreg's Europe project, WINPOL aiming in improving local and regional policies for waste management and promotes the use of intelligent equipment and innovative planning derived of it.

The 9 project partners from Belgium, Greece, Malta, Slovenia, Spain and Romania during these 54 months, are joining forces to identify good practices and exchange experience regarding the use of technology and any innovation in the field of waste. Continuing the partners will process the action plans for communicating the knowledge to their district. All good practices identified will be recorded in a manual that will be in our disposal before the end of 2019. Within WINPOL project many study-visits and public events are expected to be realized focusing on waste management intelligent technology.

Mayors, Representatives of Municipalities, Regional and Municipal Consultants, Representatives from Educational Sectors and Institutes of Research, Waste Management bodies and engaged agencies (more specific Mrs Eleni Kargaki, project's coordinator from Region of Crete, Mrs Eleni Chatzigianni, head director of the department of Urban and Environmental Planning, Mrs Maria Kassotaki head director of the Special Division Management and Mr Manolis Skarvelakis coordinator of the project from Municipality of Heraklion).

In his statements Mr Kalogeris, Regional Vice Governor of the Environmental, Sectoral and Department welcomed the attendants and mentioned that the rational waste management is from the beginning of his service duty a main goal and a lot of work has been done towards this direction.

Mr Kalogeris, Regional Vice Governor referring to WINPOL noted that “even today in most European cities, the gathering systems and the relative policies are still old fashioned, with heavy cost and inefficient. While in other cities, technologies and innovations exist and already applied in the sector of waste management, and are capable of giving analysed data, information and alerts that can support regional and local administrations to construct more completed and dynamic data bases which give the possibility of developing rational and rightful tax policies according to the 'polluter pays' principle”

On the other hand Mr Mamoulakis, Deputy Mayor on the Department of Waste Management of Heraklion’s Municipality and President of ESDAK mentioned that: “Within the boundaries of Heraklion’s Municipality we have managed to utilize European Projects towards the optimization of the waste management and the development of conditions capable to support cycling economy in Heraklion. It is not an easy task and with a very strong European competition, but we excel because of our good preparation and the reliable proposals we submit. With the specific project together with the Region of Crete, we are moving forward, minimizing our environmental print and that’s why all members of the Municipality of Heraklion and the Region of Crete deserve congratulations for the good work.

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