



Waste Management Intelligent Systems and Policies



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Welcome to the WINPOL Flash #2!



Information can be used to optimise waste collection, improve analysis and policy-making in the field of waste, and provide feedback to the citizens to steer their behaviour in the desired direction. Already today, cities and regions across Europe are doing this, but they can achieve even more by working together.

This is the outcome of the first seminar of the [WINPOL](#) project as you will discover in this new issue of the WINPOL Flash. You will also learn about the other activities carried out by partners over the last months and get to know our partner SNAGA - host of the latest project meeting and driving force for WINPOL in Slovenia.

To celebrate WINPOL's first year we have a gift for you: a nice [leaflet presenting WINPOL](#) in a nutshell and available in different languages!

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NEWS FROM THE PROJECT

Fruitful day of learning for WINPOL partners

On 19 February 2019 the entire WINPOL partnership attended a capacity-building event organised by ACR+. Participants got acquainted with the tools and knowledge developed by other EU-funded projects, focusing on three core themes: Operational instruments and



monitoring; Strategy and planning; Awareness-raising, communication and best practices. [More](#)



How waste management benefits from the use of data?

The WINPOL series of seminars on innovation in the waste field kicked off with a first meeting looking into how information can be collected and efficiently used to optimise waste management. Project partners and their local stakeholders exchanged relevant good practices existing on their territories. Additional experiences were brought by external experts invited by ACR+. [More](#)



Targeted communication events kick-off

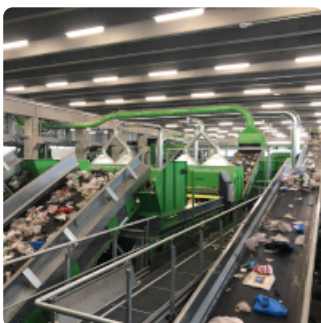
Questions on underground bins and Ljubljana's waste system, brainstorming session on intelligent waste management equipment in Malta, discussion on environmental protection in Romanian localities of more than 3,000 inhabitants... WINPOL got local with the first communication events taking place in Maribor, Malta, Drobeta Turnu Severin, and Antwerp. [More](#)



First contributions of the WINPOL stakeholders towards project success

Members of the Stakeholder Groups got into the substance of the project during a second meeting. They gave their first contributions to the baseline studies and shared good practices to be presented to the whole WINPOL consortium. [More](#)

NEWS FROM THE PARTNERS



Snaga, boosting circular economy in Slovenia

Host of the last WINPOL seminar, Snaga is the local waste management company for the city of Maribor, collecting more than 58,000 tonnes of municipal waste each year. Snaga is also part of a bigger circular story in Maribor and in Europe as the city is the first and only in Slovenia to have adopted an ambitious strategy for the transition to circular economy. [More](#)



Heraklion on its way to transforming food waste into animal feed

The territory of the Municipality of Heraklion has been the main scene of successful trials aiming to safely transform source separated food waste from hotels into animal feed. The trials have been conducted as part of the Food for Feed project, funded by the EU LIFE programme.

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ACR+ introduced the 10 biggest French metropolises to WINPOL

How to improve recycling rate of big French urban areas? The ten biggest French metropolitan areas gathered to reflect on that topic. As new technologies are more and more presented as part of the solution to counter low performances of cities in sorting waste, a round table was focusing on smart cities, data et citizens participations in the waste management. [More](#)



Upgrading waste management infrastructure in Malta through smart technologies

The concept of separate collection has recently evolved in Malta thanks to the implementation of smart collection and monitoring systems. GreenPak installed intelligent bins, capable of monitoring waste levels and feed information back to a central system, while Green MT has experimented with a bar code system to monitor and reward those citizens participating in recycling. [More](#)

IN THE MEANTIME...



The Green Week 2019 takes the initiative

What are the challenges related to applying EU environmental legislation? Which benefits can a correct implementation bring to both economy and society? How to motivate all actors to take initiative? The 2019 edition of the Green Week looks at environmental laws and the process of environmental implementation. If the Brussels Conference is definitely one of the highlights, more events also took place around Europe. [More](#)

The European Union delivers on circular economy

'All 54 actions under the Circular Economy Action Plan launched in 2015 have now been delivered', says a comprehensive EU report on the implementation of the plan released in March 2019. The report describes the main achievements under the Action Plan and points at



future challenges to making the transition to a circular economy. [More](#)



PlastiCircle: from waste to valuable resources

Twenty European partners are working to reinvent the plastic packaging treatment process, making recycling more accessible, cost-effective and profitable for both citizens and professionals in the field. The H2020-project will rethink the different phases involved in transforming waste into valuable products: from the development of smart containers for separate waste collection to the improvement of transport routes and sorting technologies. [More](#)

What's next?

After a year spent on gathering information about the situation on project partners' territories, the results will be compiled in a **joint report to show the current state of smart systems and policies in the field of waste management in Europe**. This research work will be accompanied by a series of **local events, international study visits**, and a **second thematic seminar** on 19-21 November 2019 in Antwerp, focusing this time on **innovative models for waste collection, prevention, and recycling**.

More information on each event will be available on the [website](#) so do not forget to check it regularly or [follow WINPOL on Twitter!](#)

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The WINPOL project - Waste Management Intelligent Systems and Policies - aims to foster and promote the use of intelligent equipment and planning derived from it, through improved waste management policies, thus contributing to waste minimisation in European cities and regions. Find out more on www.interregeurope.eu/winpol



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