Waste Management Intelligent Systems and Policies

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Welcome to the WINPOL Flash #4!

Without surprise, WINPOL flew through areas of turbulences due to the COVID-19 pandemic, like many others. Waste has been one of the sectors directly impacted by the situation, having to deal with questions such as how to manage waste from household with COVID-19 (or suspected) cases, how to protect the health and safety of waste workers, how to comply with social distancing measures while maintaining waste collection, … As a consequence, most of the WINPOL partners had to adapt their activities and more generally their systems to continue to provide this essential public service to their citizens. At the same time, some activities critical to the exchange of experience at the heart of the project got cancelled: no more study visit to Bergen and its pneumatic collection system, no more events at local level, no more seminar in Heraklion...
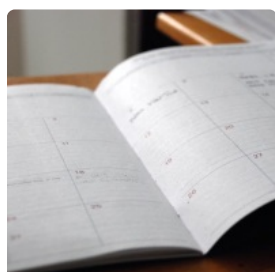
Luckily, innovation is in WINPOL's DNA! Partners put their thinking cap on and found new and smart ways to continue sharing practices and learning from each other. As you will read below, despite the situation, WINPOL partners are moving closer and closer towards their common goal of improving their waste policies for a more sustainable future.

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NEWS FROM THE PROJECT

Have you seen the WINPOL Good Practices?
Click here to discover them!

Save the date! Third WINPOL Thematic Seminar on innovative tarification

Originally scheduled at the end of May in Heraklion, the third and final WINPOL Thematic Seminar moved online. This slight setback means actually a great opportunity for you as the WINPOL team decided to open it to all! Join us on 23 June from 10:00 to 11:30 to discover our selected innovative models for waste generation fees. More information will soon be

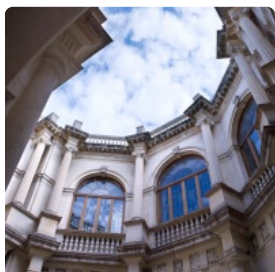published on the event page.

What is so far the impact of WINPOL at local level?

With most of the good practices already identified, partners are already thinking of the changes that they could bring to their local policies to improve their waste management system and increase their performances towards higher sustainability. Slowly the first lines of action plans, to be implemented in 2021, are drawn. Which practices caught the attention of each project partner? Which changes are currently being assessed? More

WINPOL joins GREENCYCLE's closing conference

WINPOL presented its good practices at the GREENCYCLE's closing conference. This reinforced the common aspects shared with this project which aimed to create a model for establishing a circular economy system as a way to achieve greenhouse gas reduction in cities. More

Public procurement contract signed for Heraklion

New team members are joining the WINPOL project on behalf of the Municipality of Heraklion. An external expert company will provide its support for the administrative tasks and to organise meetings and events. More

NEWS FROM THE PARTNERS

Municipal waste management adaptations to the COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic forced public authorities and municipal waste operators to adapt their waste management systems taking into consideration elements like waste treatment requirements, general procedures for the waste sector regarding COVID-19, staff availability, etc. Browse the database gathered by ACR+ to get an overview of some answers and solutions implemented across Europe to reply to these challenges. More

Exploring PAYT and KAYT with LIFE REthinkWASTE

If pay-as-you-throw is nowadays a known model of waste generation fees, few are aware of its counterpart, know-as-you-throw. A seminar explored these two ways of designing municipal tariff systems in order to improve waste governance. Cities like Berlin, Bergamo, Miglianico or Lousada shared their experiences and discussed taxation and awareness-raising to improve separate waste collection. More

What are the costs and benefits of improved paper and packaging waste collection?

It is possible to achieve high performing separate collection of paper and packaging waste (PPW) while maintaining acceptable fees for citizens, a report of the COLLECTORS project found. However, local authorities are largely dependent on national incentives. So how to guarantee that investing in improving PPW collection system will impact costs

positively? COLLECTORS performed cost and benefit analyses of several case studies to bring a first answer to this question. More

Circular economy's key role in the future of Mediterranean islands and their tourism

There will be no future for tourism if sustainability and international collaboration are not part of the solution. In a very peculiar time for tourism due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an event organised by ACR+ discussed the role that circular economy plays for Mediterranean islands and in the future of tourism. More

Protecting Crete's coasts from disposable plastics

The Region of Crete launched an initiative to protect its coasts from disposable plastics. Municipalities and hoteliers of the region signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for sustainable beaches without disposable plastics. More
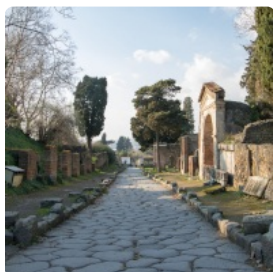
IN THE MEANTIME...

Have you seen these resources and tips shared by Interreg Europe?

The Interreg Europe team might have been working from home in the last couple of months but it has nonetheless been active! Various webinars have been organised, briefs and articles published by the Policy Learning Platform and the Interreg Europe Secretariat. We have selected some of them for you. More

A new Circular Economy Action Plan for Europe

The European Commission unveiled its new Circular Economy Action Plan – one of the main building blocks of the European Green Deal. The WINPOL project notes that research, innovation, and digitalisation are emphasized in the new CEAP as drivers of the transition towards a circular economy. The practices highlighted by WINPOL are showing that smart technologies and innovative approaches are indeed a way to improve performances and achieve circular objectives. More

Pompeii ruins show that the Romans invented recycling

What if what we perceive as innovative might not be so for others? It seems that centuries before us the Romans were already masters at recycling their waste. Excavations at Pompeii revealed that waste left outside the city walls was not just dumped. It was being collected, sorted and resold. More

What's next?

The end of the first phase of WINPOL, dedicated to the interregional learning, is coming... By November 2020, action plans detailing how the partners will transfer selected good practices to their territories will be ready for implementation. Of course, more practices - in particular linked to innovative tarification - are still to be explored. But this will happen soon! We are already looking forward to discovering them and welcoming you online on 23 June. Before we close the first phase, expect also to find yourself reading a detailed guide compiling all the WINPOL Good Practices.

Information on events and activities organised by WINPOL are regularly uploaded on the website, so do not forget to check it every once in a while 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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