

URBAN EMPATHY – Working Package 3

RESULT INFORMATION FILE – Phase 1

Description of the result to be capitalized in URBAN EMPATHY

1. Partner's description

(Summary information of the partner presenting the result to be capitalized in URBAN EMPATHY)

Name of the institution presenting the result	EGTC EFXINI POLI-Network of European Cities for Sustainable Development-SolidarCity Network
Type of institution (city, region, agency, tech institute...)	European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation
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2. Project description

(Summary information of the project corresponding to the result)

Name of the project	Promoting ZEROWASTE
Acronym of the project	ZEROWASTE PRO
Starting date	01/07/2013
Ending date	31/12/2014
Project status (finished, execution...)	Finished
Project type (standard, targeted, strategic, ...)	standard
Lead partner of the project	EGTC EFXINI POL
Project website	www.zerowastepro.eu
Programme (MED, Interreg...)	MED CAP
Programme Priority	
Programme Objective	
EU 2020 Strategy (choose the most suitable one from the following options)	<input type="checkbox"/> Smart growth <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive growth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable growth <input type="checkbox"/> Economic governance

Description of the **PROJECT**. Main topic and objectives. (300 words aprox.) *(Describe in more detail the project's main thematic and objectives, providing relevant information about the contents addressed in it and where does the result to be capitalized come from)*

The project "Promoting ZEROWASTE" bearing the acronym "ZEROWASTE PRO" was officially launched in July 2013 aiming to capitalize on methods and tools that have been produced under other co-financed projects for zero waste management schemes at the municipal and regional level. The project will run until December 2014 and is funded by ERDF through the European Territorial Cooperation Programme MED 2007-2013 and National Resources. Lead partner is the EGTC EFXINI POLI - Network of European Cities for Sustainable Development. The 11 European organizations involved in the project will focus on the three main pillars of zerowaste philosophy, namely Prevention, Reuse and Recycling, promoting best practices and tools in the Municipalities and Regions whose ultimate goal should be the waste management with minimal financial and environmental cost.

Project activities:

- Guide on green waste management solutions
- Training guides and "Train the Trainers" course on green waste management solutions. The aim is to train officers of Local Government on alternative waste management practices in order ensure that this knowledge produced will "remain" in municipalities also after the end of the project.
- Educational Tool on Recycling, addressed to teachers
- On-line Networking Platform which will be a virtual meeting point of operators and scientists specialized in waste management
- Info-days, Workshops and Interregional Conferences in partner countries
- Newsletters
- CO₂ Calculator handbook: Instructions for using the CO₂ online tool which helps measure the CO₂ footprint of the Municipalities and Regions
- White Paper on SMEs and Industrial Area in relation to the production and management of waste

3. Result description

(Summary information of the result to be capitalized in URBAN EMPATHY)

Name of the result to be capitalized in URBAN EMPATHY	Guide on Green Solutions for Waste for/from Public Administrations
Type of result (operational tool, recommendations, good practices, guideline, ...)	good practices
Current status of the result (under development, completed, not started...)	completed
Type of deliverable (document, website, database, ...)	document
Specific URL link	http://www.zerowastepro.eu/publications/
Publication date	2014
Language	English, Italian, Spanish, French, Greek, Croatian

Description of the chosen **RESULT** to be capitalized in URBAN EMPATHY. Result objectives. Utility and purpose. (200 words approx.) *(Brief description of the result's most relevant characteristics, pointing out the main objectives and purpose.)*

The Guide on Green Solutions for Waste for/from Public Administrations consists of a collection of good practices concerning green solutions for waste management and precisely for prevention, preparation for reuse and recycling of urban waste. The guide addresses mainly Local and Regional Authorities and aspires to become a useful tool for local and regional decision makers by providing interesting information for successful practices which can be easily transferred and replicated in their communities.

List of keywords related to the result (10 words max.) *(Please provide a short list of keywords related to the result to be capitalized in Urban Empathy, e.g.: urban planning, sustainable growth, mobility, energy efficiency, renewable energies, governance...)*

Good Practices, Waste Minimisation, Prevention, Recycling, Reuse

Describe the potential benefits or improvements that the result may generate through the capitalisation process (200 words approx.) *(Describe improvements either in your result or those that it may generate due to the capitalisation process)*

The Guide for Green Solution for waste management is a document that includes a selection of practices which already work in some EU countries. The practices are organised in categories regarding Minimisation of Waste, Prevention or Reuse, including also the relevant legislation in brief. The document can be improved in the future by adding new material or by incorporating the new legislation and waste targets set by the Commission.

4. Result evaluation

According to your own criteria, which are the main strong points of your result?
Which are the weak ones? (300 words aprox.) *(Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the result to be capitalized in Urban Empathy)*

Strong points:

- The possibility to provide LRAs with a list of good practices and help them save time from doing the same work if necessary.
- The collection of the good practises comes from different Mediterranean countries that provide a wide range of cases that can be of use in different contexts.

Weak Points:

- It doesn't include good practices from all European Countries.
- Default values and legislation need to be updated.

How do you think your result can affect the main aspects to be considered in a sustainable urban model?

(300 words approx.) (Describe the capacity of the result to fulfil the sustainable urban model main principles)

Cross - cutting aspects

- Territorial management and urban design
- Social and Economic cohesion

Sectorial aspects

- Sustainable mobility
- Energy efficiency

Social and Economic cohesion:

Waste management is a horizontal issue in a sustainable urban model. It affects all sectors of everyday life. Transferring good practices on waste prevention, recycling or reuse that work in other countries of the Mediterranean, can help MED area to achieve alignment in their waste management efficiency, develop new market areas related to waste management and achieve a higher level of economic cohesion.

Territorial management and urban design:

Similarly waste management is a horizontal issue in territorial management and urban design. The guide can provide good practices and targets already set. This can define the territorial management strategy and urban design in order to facilitate the achievement of these targets.

Energy efficiency:

Following the guideline indications has a strong influence in energy efficiency, as it seeks for the most efficient waste management system, with GHG emissions (and consequently, energy consumption) as the main indicator. Energy savings can be achieved by improving waste transport or waste treatment techniques.

What influence do you consider that your project result could have on environmental governance and what could be its impact on urban policies? At which level? (Local, regional, national, MED or European level...) (300 words aprox.) *(Describe the level of influence of the result and its applicability on EU policies)*

The Guide on Green Solutions for Waste Management is a document addressed to Local and Regional Authorities and thus the influence expected refers to local and regional level mainly. The influence that this document is considered to have on environmental governance is the rise of a competition among LRAs of MED area and the pressure to LRAs which have little progress to show on waste minimisation issue to start setting up local action plans and compete with other LRAs which are close to achieve the EU targets on waste production.

In the Member state's level, the decentralisation of responsibility for waste management to Local and Regional authorities will shape the environmental governance too, pressing LRAs to implement waste management and achieve specific targets which through the application of waste management practices focused on waste minimisation ending up to landfills.

What is the main target group the result is addressing to? (public administration, public sector, private sector, research groups, ...) How does it enhance public participation? (200 words aprox.) *(Describe the target audience that could use the result and if citizen participation processes have been considered)*

The Guide on Green Solutions for Waste Management is a document addressed to Local and Regional Authorities and thus the influence expected refers to local and regional level mainly.

It enhances public participation by giving examples of public participation in waste management practices in several countries. So the reader is able to understand, by reading the good practices the level of public participation and involvement in every different case.

Is the result currently in use in the Europe/MED area? (150 words aprox.) *(Please provide further information on the usability of the result, pointing out if it has already been implemented or in use)*

The guide is currently in use only in the LRAs where ZEROWASTE PRO partners have promoted it, in the participating countries, GREECE, ITALY, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, CROATIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, FRANCE and MALTA.

According to your own criteria, what are the main innovative aspects of the result? (150 words aprox.) *(Please provide further information on the level of innovation achieved by the result to be capitalized in URBAN EMPATHY: new methodologies, etc...)*

A list of Good Practices itself is not innovative, however the way that the information is organised in the guide makes it very easy to be read, proving at the same time a good range of practices combined with the relevant EU legislation in place that should be taken into account by the reader and the LRA interested.

How do you think your result could be implemented? Through which means? Do you think it is easily transferable? Estimated costs, resources, time needed for implementation, key actors involved... Please include any other relevant criteria you may consider important (300 words aprox.) *(Please provide further information on implementation and transferability requirements of the result)*

The result is actually a guide, so it is costless to be transferred and distributed to LRAs around Europe. A cost could apply only in cases of translation in languages that were not foreseen by the project.