



WASP Tool



The WASP Tool project in action

*Addressing waste prevention as a priority issue
for Local Authorities & citizens*

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AGENDA

- 14 March Workshop "Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management in the greater Piraeus area", University of Piraeus
- 29 April Clean-up actions "Let's do it Greece- Let's clean Greece during a single day" www.letsdoitgreece.org
- 23 – 24 May "Beacon Conference on Waste Prevention and Recycling", Austria
- 12–15 June Conference "Orbit 2012: From waste to product", Rennes, France

A useful tool for Waste Prevention

An effective solution for the intractable issue of waste management could be emerged through waste prevention strategies. On that concept, which is set by the European legislative frame, the 3-year project "WASP Tool- Development and Demonstration of a Waste Prevention Tool for Local Authorities", is based.

The co-funded by the European Union "WASP Tool" project is implemented in Greece and Cyprus, with ultimate aim to:

- help local authorities to select and implement the optimum Waste Prevention strategies, depending or accordingly to local circumstances
- raise awareness on waste minimization and prevention.

The Project is implemented by the Harokopio University (co-ordinator), the Inter-municipality Company for Solid Waste Management (DEDISA), the United Association of Solid Waste Management in Crete (ESDAK) and the EPEM SA in Greece, and the ENVITECH SA and the Municipality of Paralimni in Cyprus.



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The WASP –Tool project kick-off meeting

The LIFE+ Environment WASP Tool project marked its launch with a kick-off meeting and the 1st meeting of the Management Board in Harokopio University on 25th and 26th of October 2011. Introductory speeches were given by Dr. Kosmas Pavlopoulos, Associate Professor and

President of Department of Geography, and Dr. Katia Lasaridi, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the WASP Tool project. During the first day, Dr. Anastasia Koutsolioutsou, Astrale GEIE – Prospect C&S Monitoring Expert, presented the LIFE+ financial

programme. Later on, the coordinator of the Project explicitly presented the actions of the project as well as an analytical time schedule. During the second day, the beneficiaries had the opportunity to discuss the roles of each team member.

Kick-off meeting LIFE+ projects 2012

On the 15th of November 2011, a kick-off meeting for the Greece and Cyprus 2010 LIFE+ projects was held in Athens at Epsilon International SA, Marousi.

The aim of the meeting was to give an overview of the LIFE+ rules, the interaction of the beneficiaries with the European Commission and the role of the external monitoring team in projects implementation.



After the presentation of the LIFE+ rules, the co-coordinator of each project had the opportunity to introduce his/hers project to the other meeting participants by presenting a short overview giving emphasis on the background, objectives, and expected results.

The WASP Tool project was presented by Dr. Katia Lasaridi, coordinator and Associate Professor.

European Week for Waste Reduction

November 19 -27,
2011



The WASP Tool Project participated in the Event “Reducing Waste. Solutions and Prospects”, organised in the frame of the “European Week for Waste Reduction – EWWR”, by the Municipality of Acharnes on the 23rd of November.

The “EWWR” is a 3-year project supported by the LIFE+ Programme of European Commission. It aims at organizing multiple actions during a single week, across Europe, in order to raise awareness on waste prevention.

The Municipality of Acharnes was the project developer for Greece in 2011.

For further information, visit:
<http://www.ewwr.eu>



The background and the actions of the WASP Tool project were presented in the Workshop “Organic Waste: a treasure is being lost”, which was held on 25th of January 2012.

The workshop was organized by the Center of Environmental Education of Lavrio. The presentations were followed by open- question and discussion sessions.



In Action

Although just six months have passed since the launch of the WASP Tool project, the Management Board and the Management Team have run remarkable actions.

Demonstration of home composting process

A composting demonstration day, designed for elementary school students, was planned and conducted (November 25, 2011) by the Inter-municipal Company of Solid Waste Management (DEDISA) of Chania, one of the six beneficiaries of WASP Tool project.

In an effort to ensure the good knowledge of the waste prevention practices and to implement the WASP Tool project, DEDISA team (E. Kopasis, K. Paterakis, C. Tsamoutsoglou), shared their know-how on the composting process with the students of the 8th Elementary School at Chania. Students taught how to set a composter, the benefits of the source separation. The composter was settled in the school yard and the students promised to encompass composting in their routine.

The WASP Tool project is supported by the EU LIFE funding instrument.



Event: Green Cuisine

Cyprus



In an effort to raise awareness on reducing food waste, the Municipality of Paralimni, the ENVITECH Ltd, and the Paralimni Technical School for Chefs organized the event “Green Cuisine-How to use leftovers” on 25th of November 2011.

The event included a presentation about preparing a meal with leftovers and a four-course dinner. The event was held within the frame of the LIFE+ project “WASP Tool- Development and Demonstration of a Waste Prevention Support Tool for Local Authorities” (LIFE+10 ENV/GR/622).



Waste prevention

In 2005 the European Commission set a major topic about the waste management in the EU member states agendas. Adopting the “Thematic Strategy on Waste Prevention and Recycling” (COM (2005) 666), sets as a target for the EU to become a society that seeks to avoid waste and to exploit waste as a resource. The keystones of the aforementioned strategy were embodied in the Waste Directive (2008/98/EU) and, accordingly, in the national legislation frame of member-states.

A separate chapter of waste prevention concerns food waste, which consists one of the WASP Tool project objectives. European Commission estimates that 140,000,000 tons of food waste are thrown away per year. Given that about two thirds of them could have been eaten, while 79 million EY citizens live beneath the poverty line, food waste turns into a major environmental and ethical issue. To this end, the members of European Parliament adopted a resolution, which calls on the Commission to take measures to halve food waste by the 2025, and to create specific food waste prevention targets for Member States, as part of the waste prevention targets to be reached by Member States by 2014. They also urge the Council and the Commission to designate 2013 the “European Year against Food Waste”.

Source: http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/index_el.htm