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Linking Agri-Food Industry and Circular Economy: SinCE-AFC project a new potential for SMEs.

SinCE-AFC seeks to improve regional innovation strategies by facilitating horizontal mechanisms that support and enhance entrepreneurship in the Agri-Food chain with circular economy opportunities.

The Project partners are nine institutions from seven countries: Greece, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Ireland.



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Kick-off meeting in Thessaloniki on 27/06/2019

The kick-off meeting of SINCE-AFC was organized by ANATOLIKI S.A. in Thessaloniki on 27th of June 2019. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Region of Central Macedonia, representatives of the Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia and representatives of all project partners. During the meeting, the policy tools of the regions and metropolitan municipalities involved in the project were presented, linking them to the subject of boosting the entrepreneurship of the SMEs of the agri-food industry by exploiting the innovative opportunities of circular economy.





Local Stakeholder Group Meetings

- **Romania**

On the 31st October 2019, South Muntenia Regional Development Agency, partner in the SinCE-AFC project, organized in Calarasi the first meeting of the Local Stakeholders Group interested in revising the circular economy policies. For more info click [here](#)



- **Italy**

On November 4 and 8, 2019, the Metropolitan city of Bologna hosted the international workshop organized within the IUC Austin TX, USA and Bologna Partnership, aimed at exploring the foundational elements of and intersections between two complex issues: climate resilience and the circular economy.

During the workshop, there was an opportunity to present the SinCE-AFC project to stakeholders, and in particular to Emilia-Romagna Region representatives and to University of Bologna experts. For more info click [here](#)





• Ireland

During the Stakeholders meeting, which took place on 27th of November 2019, Michael Tunney, Head of Enterprise and SinCE-AFC Project Manager, Local Enterprise Office Donegal, gave an overview of and an introduction to the SinCE-AFC INTERREG project. He advised the Committee that the project will focus on good practice, shared learning and an action plan on the circular economy in the food chain. Michael explained the concept of the circular economy to members of the Committee and its potential relevance to food businesses at all stages in the food chain. He advised that as well as hosting a project meeting and good practice/study visits in Donegal, within the project, that there will be opportunities for local stakeholders to participate in similar study visits to partner regions.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Food Coast Steering Committee would act as the local stakeholder group for the project. For more info click [here](#).

• Greece

The 1st LSG meeting organised by ANATOLIKI in cooperation with the Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia held on January 16th 2020 in the Aristotle University Research Centre in Thessaloniki, Greece. During the meeting, where the members of the LSG were presented the targets and activities of SinCE-AFC project were analysed by ANATOLIKI, while the regional policies on circular economy were indicated by the Region of Central Macedonia. Also the 1st Good Practice was identified. More info [here](#)





• Poland

The first meeting of the Wielkopolska Stakeholders Group of the SinCE-AFC project took place on January 29, 2020 at 10:00 at the headquarters of the Marshal's Office of the Wielkopolska Region in Poznań at al. Independence 34. 27 entities from the initial stakeholder list of the SinCE-AFC project were invited to participate in the meeting. Six stakeholders, as well as representatives of the organizers, participated in the meeting.

All guests were welcomed by Miss. Monika Paczyńska, Director of the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Marshal Office of the Wielkopolska Region. The meeting was led by: Alicja Nowak, Head of Unit on Acquiring and Implementation of Projects, and Magdalena Salewicz, the main specialist in the same Unit.



During the meeting, the subject of the project was introduced to the participants, and the requirements of the Interreg Europa program were presented. The second part of the meeting was presentation on the detailed framework of tasks in the project, including study travel agendas as well as issues related to the creation and cooperation within the regional stakeholder group. The third part of the meeting was devoted to discussions on the role of stakeholders and comments of the participants gathered to the framework task plan. The discussion focused mainly on the issue of cooperation within the Wielkopolska Stakeholders Group and the directions in which this cooperation should go at further stages of project implementation, taking into consideration the cooperation and exchange of experience of project partners.





- **Bulgaria**

First SINCE- AFC Stakeholder Meeting took place in Devnya on 25th of November 2019. During the meeting, the project's activities were presented to the local stakeholders, highlighting the importance of their participation and contribution to the different activities and reports. The participants were informed about the project's expected results and deliverables. The Lead Partner and project partners were introduced as a great project partnership which will work closely together to reach the successful project implementation. Moreover, the meeting was an excellent opportunity for the local stakeholders to present their visions regarding the project's topics and for the project members to start creating synergies with the local stakeholder in order to ensure the flawless implementation of the project. Participants were all very interested in the project implementation and stressed out the fact that Devnya has a really good opportunity due to its developed industrial cluster when it comes to circular economy.





Events

- SinCE-AFC project was presented during the stakeholder meeting of BIOREGIO project by South Muntenia Regional Development Agency. The event brought together representatives of the public administration, economic agents, operators of public utilities and recyclers, in order to analyze the main financing instruments existing at national level in support of the circular bioeconomy and to discuss the problems related to the closure of the flows of organic matter, reducing food waste and harnessing the potential of biomass and bioproducts. More info [here](#) and [here](#).
- SinCE-AFC project participated on the annual launch meeting of the Circular Platform of the Business Council for Sustainable Development in Hungary. More info [here](#).

Upcoming in Semester 2

The 2nd interregional event will be held in February 2020 in Bologna, Italy. SinCE-AFC project partners will meet and discuss around Sustainable production as well as get familiar with good practices in each partner region.

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