

Learning Report about the 5th Interregional Partners Meeting of the SinCE-AFC project on line ZOOM, 3-4 November 2021

According to the Application Form: “After the completion of the learning event, the LP will ask the PPs to complete a learning Report on the gained experience and a table with the overall knowledge gained during the 5 semesters with special reference to the good practices of the other partners that could have an impact on their regional policies.”

Please think of our recent on-line meeting hosted by PP6. Please let us know shortly (no long texts needed) about what did you learn or what did you find interesting for your home region. If your stakeholders would like to express an opinion, then please combine their answers with yours.

Please be honest, we appreciate all comments and will use them also for reporting purposes.

A) What did you find most interesting from the international event with stakeholders and what can you take home from it?

CE awareness should be amplified, running a recycling and material recovery business requires the favour of residents, the form of a cooperative works well in the case of pro-environmental businesses.

B) Which aspects did you learn for your region and your policy instrument from the:

1. Presentations and discussions of the Session related to the presentations of Action Plans and Study Visits?

CE in food processing and production – a knowledge gap – a universal problem among project partners.

2. Presentations and discussions of the Session related to the Donegal Country Region Policies

Strong support for the entrepreneurs dealing with CE in food production and processing.

3. others?

C) Please provide us feedback on the project meeting and what we could improve for any other forthcoming meeting(s):

1. organisation of the meeting (e.g. timing, breaks, duration)

perfect

2. content (e.g. too basic/advanced, or too specific, too programme-driven)

3. methodology (e.g. balance of study visit, presentations vs. chances for contributing by yourselves)

Not applicable

4. information provided before the meeting

comprehensive information on preparation for study visits, technical support for lectures by collecting presentations etc., well-planned breaks helping to maintain a high level of concentration on meetings

5. others

D) Other things you would like to comment on (positive or negative)?

Organization of the project meeting and study visits during the pandemic period (COVID-19) was a huge challenge and it was done perfectly. I felt safe, secured and looked after. Wisely selected examples of good practices made it possible to stay outdoors most of the time.

E) Please share with the partners your aspect upon the overall learning experience gained, giving special prominence to the good practices that intrigued you foremost?

Production of vegetables in the CE scheme requires cooperation with science as well as local authorities, restaurants and food distributors. Packaging of food produced in CE scheme requires also biodegradable packaging and even ink used for printing information needs to be certified as biodegradable. A circular economy deals with the minor important aspects of producing and selling food, which can sometimes be a barrier requiring cooperation with scientists.