

ECOWASTE 4 FOOD

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7 regions and city
More eco-innovations
Less food waste

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ECOWASTE 4 FOOD intends to help territorial authorities to better address the reduction of food waste along the food chain by the support of eco-innovations through regional and local policies as part of a more global territorial strategy for food security



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Ambition

ECOWASTE4FOOD partners intends to address the crucial issue of food waste in EU city and regions, not only to stop an unacceptable situation which causes the loss of up to 30% (in the EU) of the agricultural production that keeps not consumed or is consumed in a wrong way regarding health concerns, but also to demonstrate that food waste management could be at source of a resource efficient and environmentally friendly economy for the territories.

More broadly, ECOWASTE4FOOD project is expected to provide valuable inputs for the debate on future priorities of ERDF beyond 2020, including governance, strategies and delivery mechanisms at City and Regional levels by focusing on the nexus between food security, resource efficiency, circular economy and territorial governance.



Lead partner



Partner

Sharing good practices on Eco-innovations

ECOWASTE4FOOD learning process is planned for 2017-2018 with 28 regional stakeholders meetings, 7 inter-regional cross-visits and 4 inter-regional stakeholders workshops.

During these two years, project partners and their stakeholders groups will explore opportunities offered by eco-innovations in following domains :

- limitation of waste production at source in the food processing industry (i.e. saving primary resources in the process chain...);
- conception and design of products (i.e. innovative packaging...) that help reducing the food waste by the end users;
- use of products today considered as unusable or unserviceable products;
- services provided (i.e. mobile apps..) that can help reducing food waste.

Action plans to reduce food waste

The second phase of the project will see ECOWASTE4FOOD move from knowledge exchange to implementation of eco-innovations with the help of Structural Funds and other available local and EU funding.

During 2019–2020 regional and city action plans will be put into practice and their progress is closely monitored. The results and lessons learned from the implementation of the action plans will be collected into EU wide policy recommendations.

City and Regional action plans, more than 40 Eco-innovations good practices and Policy Recommendations will be shared to provide others the chance to implement lessons learned. ECOWASTE4FOOD will work closely with the Interreg Europe Platform, the EU institutions, international organisations and key actors on eco-innovations and food waste to maximise its impact across other EU regions.

ECOWASTE4FOOD in a nutshell



Expected results

- Improving 7 city and regional policy strategies with a total amount of 20 million euros directed toward eco-innovation to reduce food waste
- Increasing the policy and capacity building of city and regional authorities
- Improving local and regional governance of food systems

Deliverables

- 7 Regional and City plans
- More than 40 Good Eco-innovative Practices
- Policy Recommendations to better address food waste at EU level

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