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## Circular Economy Implementation in Greece

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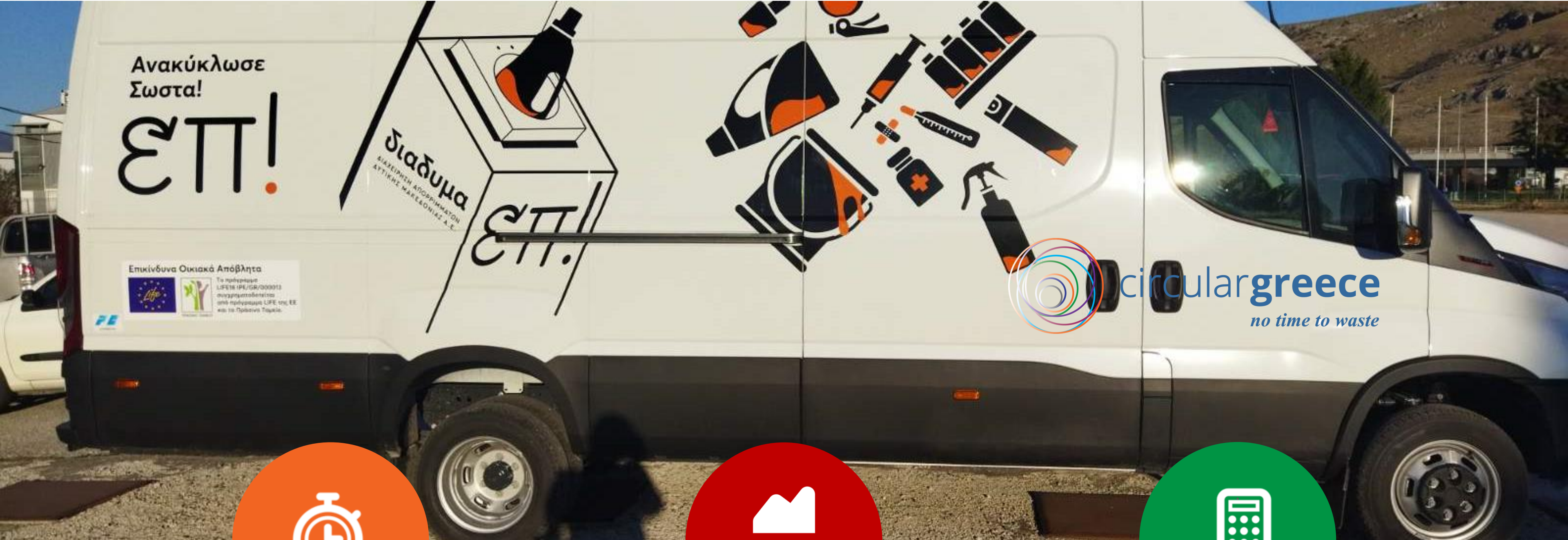
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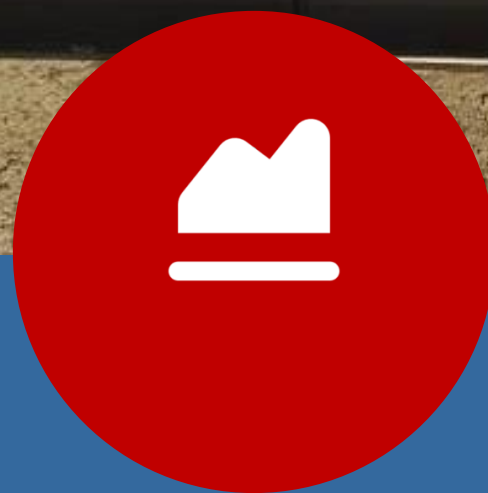
The latest news and progress of the European project LIFE-IP CEI-Greece 'Circular Economy Implementation in Greece' that is coordinated by the Ministry of Environment & Energy in collaboration with 19 strategic partners.





## PROJECT DURATION

8 years (2019-2027)



## BUDGET

15,934,810 €



## FUNDING

Co-funding:  
-from the LIFE programme of the EU  
- from the Green Fund





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## National survey on food waste, generated from harvested plant-based production

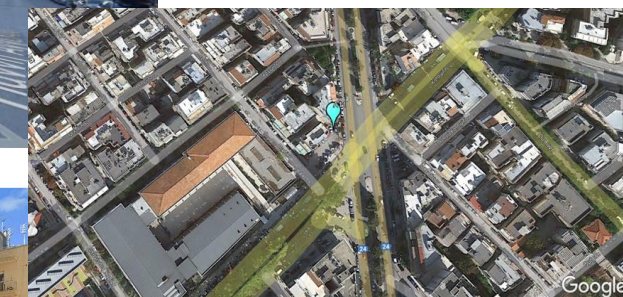
In collaboration with the Payment and Control Agency for Guidance and Guarantee Community Aid ([OPEKEPE](#)), the Waste Management Directorate of the Ministry of Environment and Energy ([MEEN](#)) and [Harokopion University](#) are conducting a national survey in order to meet the country's obligations regarding the collection of data for food waste, generated from the harvested plant-based production for human consumption.

Further info [here](#).



# Enhanced Green Centre and Experiential Park in Thessaloniki

- ◆ The municipality of Thessaloniki, co-beneficiary in the project LIFE-IP CEI-Greece “Circular Economy Implementation in Greece”, has managed to successfully overcome all unforeseen difficulties that arose during the action’s progress, and now moves rapidly towards the next phase. Having recently finalised the positioning of the **Enhanced Green Centre** and the **Experiential Park for Reuse, Repair and Recycle**, expected to operate in the city for the benefit of the local population, and in the context of the municipality’s collaboration with the European environmental project LIFE-IP CEI-Greece. The project co-beneficiaries ‘Ecological Recycling Society’ (action coordinator) and ‘Municipality of Thessaloniki’ (co-beneficiary) participate in the aforementioned action.
- ◆ More specifically, for the best service of local beneficiaries, 2 Green Centres will be established in private properties of the Municipality of Thessaloniki as well as a Centre for Creative Reuse of Materials and an Experiential Park for the dissemination of Circular Economy activities (Reuse, Repair, Recycle) to local students and the youth of the city in general.
- ◆ The 2 Green Centres are positioned in 32 G. Angelou street – in a space of 253 m<sup>2</sup>- and 13 Katsimidi street – in a space of 281 m<sup>2</sup> - whilst the Centre for Creative Reuse will be built in 28 Karakasi street, in a space of 506 m<sup>2</sup>. The given spaces are in full compliance with all necessary requirements, so that upon completion of the licensing procedures and all the preparatory studies, the municipality will be able to move fast, in the next phase, the implementation of this action.
- ◆ The Experiential Park (Repair, Reuse, Recycle) will be positioned in 2 Komotinis street, in a ready and suitably configured space of 525 m<sup>2</sup>. This synergy with an already existing building of the municipality, that is currently hosting the educational start-up ecosystem *OK! Thess* as well as workshops and networking/dissemination actions of other European projects, is expected to be highly beneficiary for LIFE-IP CEI-Greece, for the timely operation of the Experiential Park, whilst utilizing existing equipment and suitably trained and qualified staff.





# Launching the separate collection of Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) in the Municipality of Kozani

An innovative programme for the separate collection of Hazardous Household Waste has been inaugurated (5/2023) in the Municipality of Kozani with the collaboration of DIADYMA S.A. For this purpose an open information and awareness event took place, addressing the local population, on April 28, in the area of Platania, in Kozani where guidelines/directions were given regarding the operation of this new and innovative system for the separate collection and proper management of HHW, implemented in the context of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece. During the event the special bin for collection was presented as well as smaller special bins that will be placed in pharmacies, hairdressing and color shops. Additionally a mobile solution for the collection of HHW was presented, a vehicle that will cover the whole region of Western Macedonia. The collection network begins with the special bin that was placed in Kozani and will gradually expand in all Western Macedonia. Selected photos [here](#).







# Central Market of Thessaloniki

Excess food and food waste prevention demonstration actions (C4.3)

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## C7.1 Capacity Building Actions

This action regards the conduct of targeted capacity building workshops including a number of activities for the enhancement of stakeholders' abilities, at local and regional level in relation to:

- ✓ The implementation of waste management plans
- ✓ The prevention of waste generation
- ✓ And Circular Economy solutions.

The action aims to support the actual, local implementation of specific measures and solutions and enhance the level of participation and engagement of the local and regional government and other bodies, towards an integrated waste management system and zero waste solutions, as it is foreseen in the current legislation for waste at national and European level.

Therefore, these seminars aim to train all relevant stakeholders that are called to design and implement waste management solutions, such as municipalities, the industrial sector, the water supply and liquid waste treatment sector, the farming associations, vocational and industrial chambers, local tourism unions, NGOs etc.

Important information for these workshops will be available gradually in the project website: <https://circulargreece.gr/>  
The regional workshops/awareness events are expected to be completed by June 2026.





The **first 3-day regional workshop** and the relevant awareness event will be conducted by the Green Fund with the support of the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, **13-16 June 2023**, in the emblematic building of Evros Prefecture (2 Souliou Street), in Alexandroupolis.

The main parameters for the implementation of these seminars are structured according to the following two pillars:

### ***1. Capacity building for the local and regional decision makers:***

The organizations and bodies that take part in decision making (regional authorities, municipal bodies and other institutions), will take part in these workshops, that will focus in strengthening the skills that need to be developed and also include guidance for the step by step implementation of all necessary procedures, in order to support:

- the successful implementation of integrated waste management solutions
- the adoption of long term solutions for zero waste generation
- information with regard to funding programmes at national and EU level

Additionally, particular sessions will focus on how such solutions can formulate the basis for the updating of Local Waste Management Plans.

### ***2. Capacity Building of the local and regional stakeholders:***

For the support of awareness raising and capacity building at local/regional level the stakeholders are divided into clusters. In the context of these workshops at each region, a number of thematic sessions will be organized in order to cover the needs of each cluster, where best practices and successful business model examples will be presented, as well as relevant projects such as INTERREG, LIFE, Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe, etc.

The main purpose of these workshops is to promote knowledge exchange and improve the transferability/replicability of projects that have already been financed by European and/or national funds, so that the utilization of their results is maximized. Additionally, the workshops aim to increase the level of knowledge of participants, towards the implementation of new solutions in waste management.

The action implementation includes the planning of 13 regional 3-day workshops (one in each region of Greece). At the same time with the workshops, the regional awareness events will be organized for the general public (Info days) aiming to disseminate issues and topics related to Circular Economy.



## E2.2 – 1<sup>st</sup> International Thematic Workshop

The 1<sup>st</sup> international thematic workshop of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece was completed with great success, on-line, organized by DAFNI Network on 4.4.2023 in cooperation with MEEN, entitled **“Zero Waste Islands”**. During this workshop, the potential of islands to become areas for the implementation of zero waste strategies were explored, taking into account their particular geographical, economic and social challenges and capacities.

Representatives of European bodies such as the EU Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, and the European Networks, Zero Waste Europe and ACR+ will convey policy and funding developments, while waste experts, NGOs and authorities from advanced islands from Greece and across the EU will share their experiences, practices and strategies in waste management, as well as successful examples of project implementation towards "zero waste". Participants will exchange views and learn how good practices can be transferred to their own region, context and needs. [Further Info](#)

4 April 2023 | Online EU Thematic Workshop #1

**Zero Waste Islands**  
Transforming island communities:  
going zero waste, growing sustainably

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# Awareness events and networking



Exhibition Verde.tec 3/2023

Presentation of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece in the session of the LIFE funding programme



Athens Industrial Chamber 3/2023

A LIFE-IP CEI-Greece representative in the Policy Workshop entitled EcoFashion EU



Municipality of Kozani 4/2023

Local awareness event for the inauguration of the separate collection of HHW

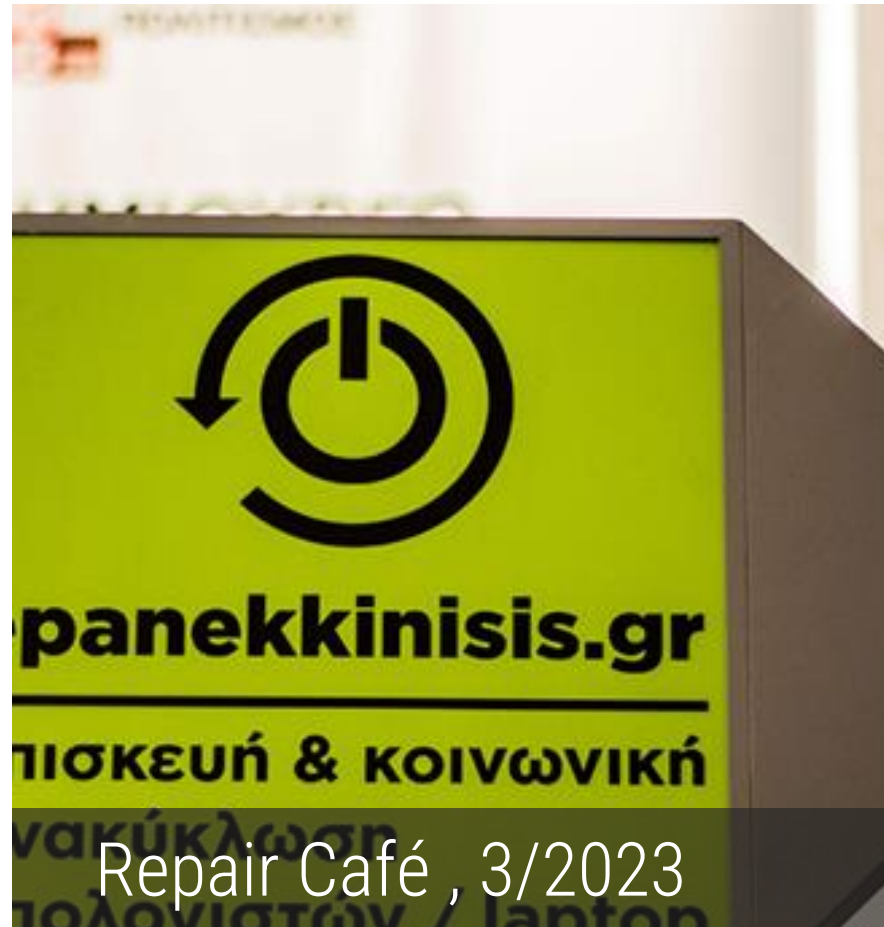


CE Festival don't drop 4/2023

Presentation of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece | Kypseli Municipal Market

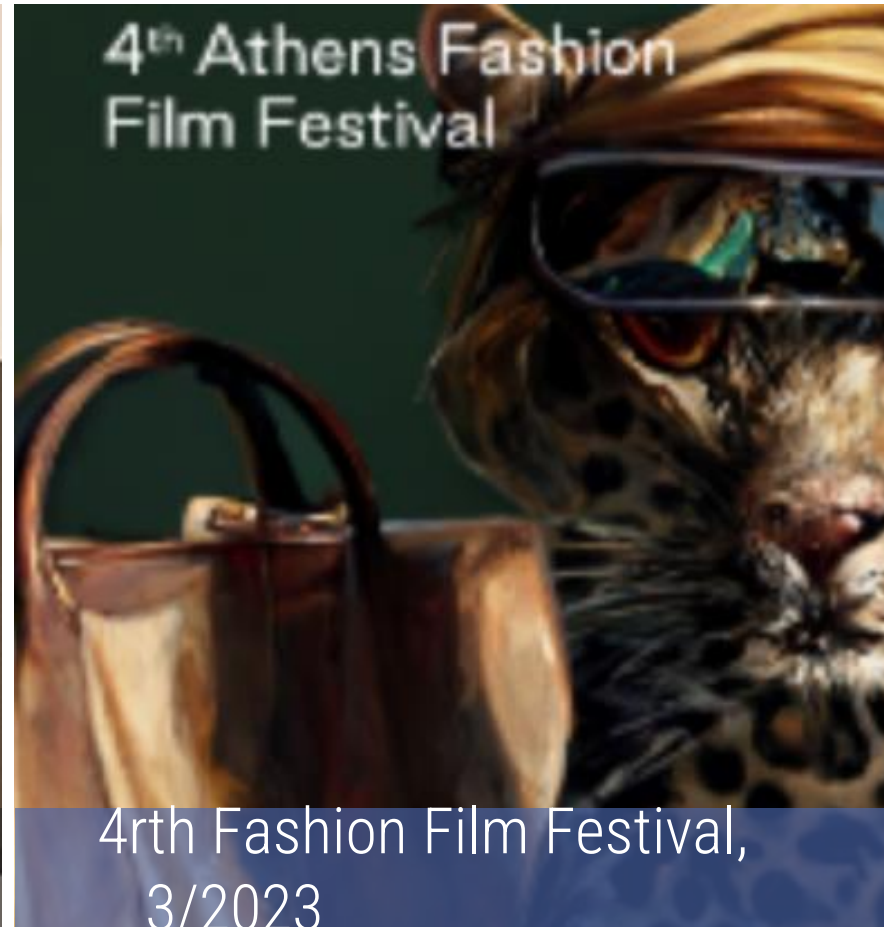


# Awareness events and networking



Repair Café, 3/2023

Support of the 1<sup>st</sup> independent Repair Café of Epanekkinisis



4<sup>th</sup> Athens Fashion Film Festival, 3/2023

A project representative participated in the panel: Sustainable Fashion & Circular Economy



Exhibition Freskon, 4/2023

CMT a co-beneficiary of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece participated in the exhibition



Circular Economy Festival, Municipality of Thessaloniki, 6/2023

ERS, a LIFE-IP CEI-Greece beneficiary participates in the festival with presentations and a creative workshop (8-9/6)





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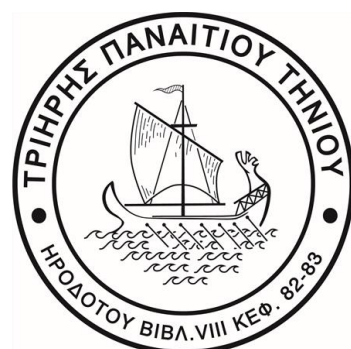
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