



European Project LIFE-IP CEI-Greece – LIFE18 IPE/GR/000013

"Implementation of Circular Economy in Greece"

Regional awareness-raising event (info day) & Three-Day Regional Circular Economy Workshop in Thessaly

Organized by:

Green Fund – Ministry of Environment & Energy – Region of Thessaly – Municipality of Larissa – Waste Management Authority of the Region of Thessaly S.A. – Ecological Recycling Society

Dates: April 9-11, 2025

Venue: JOIST Innovation Park (Valtetsiou & Tripoleos, 41336, Larissa)

REGIONAL AWARENESS-RAISING EVENT (INFO DAY) - 09/04/2025

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Speaker
11:00	11:30	Arrival - Registration	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dimitris Kouretas*, Regional Governor of Thessaly TBC - Dimitris Leonidakis, Deputy Mayor of Cleaning & Recycling, Municipality of Larissa - Manolis Grafakos, Secretary-General for Waste Management Coordination, Ministry of Environment & Energy - Ioannis Androulakis, President of the Board, Green Fund - Nikos Sakkas*, President of the Waste Management Authority of Thessaly TBC
11:30	11:50	Welcome Addresses	
11:50	12:10	Key Priorities in Municipal Waste Management in Thessaly in the Context of the Circular Economy	Dr. Philippos Kyrkitsos , President, Ecological Recycling Society
12:10	12:25	The Importance of the LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Project	Mary Plati , Project Manager, LIFE-IP CEI-Greece, Ministry of Environment & Energy
12:25	12:40	Pilot Actions for Reusing Building Materials	Dr. Maria Vrontissi , Professor, Department of Architecture, University of Thessaly
12:40	12:55	Waste for Feeding: A Key Strategy for the Circular Economy	Dr. Xenophon Spiliotis , Professor Emeritus, Department of Environment, University of

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			Thessaly
12:55	13:10	Coffee Break	
13:10	13:25	Innovative Methods for Utilizing By-Products from Olive Mills and Wineries for Animal Feed Production	Dr. Fotis Tekos , CEO, Olea Fortius
13:25	13:40	Integrated Precision Irrigation and Crop Protection System under Climate Change and Water Scarcity Conditions	Dr. Kostas Hartzoulakis , Project Manager, AGRO WATER
13:40	13:55	Cotton Cultivation Management for Reduced Inputs and Production Costs	Dr. Daraouse Mohamed , Former Head of the National Cotton Center & Scientific Advisor to Cotton Producers' Organizations
13:55	15:00	Networking Session	-

WORKSHOP - DAY 1 (09/04/2025)

Topic: Local Authorities & Circular Economy

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Speaker
15:00	15:15	Arrival - Registration	-
Legislation			
15:15	15:35	Regulatory Framework	Sofia Mani , Ministry of Environment & Energy
Economic Tools for the Circular Economy			
15:35	15:50	Economic Tools for the Circular Economy: EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility)	Filippos Kyrkitsos , President, Ecological Recycling Society
15:50	16:05	Waste Management in the Region of Thessaly	Fotis Lambrinidis , Deputy Regional Governor for Environment, Region of Thessaly
16:05	16:20	Green Public Procurement	Zoi Gaitanarou , Green Fund
16:20	16:35	Product as a Service	Dimitris Homatidis , Green Fund
16:35	16:50	Coffee Break	
Infrastructure for the Impementation of Circular Economy			
16:50	17:05	Circular Economy Infrastructure under the EPR Framework	Eleni Kouroudi , Hellenic Recycling Organization
17:05	17:20	Green Points	Filippos Kyrkitsos , President,

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			Ecological Recycling Society
17:20	17:35	Door-to-Door Separate Collection in the Food Service Sector	Eftychia Ledaki , Sustainable Islands Network (DAFNI)
17:35	17:50	Centers for Creative Reuse of Materials	Eugenia Karapatsiou , Western Macedonia Waste Management (DIADYMA)
17:50	18:05	Coffee Break	
			Moderated by Ecological Recycling Society Participants: - Representative of the Municipality of Larissa
18:05	19:05	Panel Discussion: Implementing EPR in Thessaly's Municipalities	- Fotis Lambrinidis , Deputy Regional Governor for Environment, Region of Thessaly - Zisis Argyropoulos , Environmental Chemist, Advisor to the Regional Governor of Thessaly
19:05	19:20	Q&A	
19:20	-	Networking	

WORKSHOP - DAY 2 (10/04/2025)

Theme: Circular Economy in the Agri-Food Sector in Thessaly

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Speaker
09:30	10:00	Arrival - Registration	
Waste Prevention			
10:00	10:15	Reducing Food Waste – Losses and Waste in the Primary Sector	Kostas Ampeliotis , Professor, Harokopio University
10:15	10:30	Prevention Actions	Filippos Kyrkitsos , President, Ecological Recycling Society
10:30	10:45	Interactive Quiz on Prevention Practices (e.g., multiple-choice questions)	Dimitris Homatidis & Zoi Gaitanarou , Green Fund
Agri-Food Waste Management & Bioeconomy			

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10:45	11:00	Bioeconomy	Eftychia Ledaki , Sustainable Islands Network (DAFNI)
11:00	11:15	Industrial Symbiosis	Terranova
11:15	11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30	11:45	New Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Schemes for Agricultural Plastics & Pesticides	Dr. Roubini Marini , Hellenic Recycling Organization (EOAN)
11:45	12:00	Biogas Production from Agri-Food Waste	Representative of "Epilektos" Biogas Farsala
12:00	12:15	Energy Production from Thermal Utilization of Biomass	Vasilis Filippou , Energy Community of Karditsa
12:15	12:25	Circular Practice: Using Biomass to Replace Charcoal	Klimis – Video/Presentation
12:25	12:35	Coffee Break	
			Moderators: Harokopio University & Sustainable Islands Network (DAFNI)
12:35	13:35	Discussion Panel: Food Loss & Waste in the Agri-Food Sector	Participants: - Efi Levizou , Associate Professor, Dept. of Agriculture, University of Thessaly - Fotis Tekos , CEO, Olea Fortius
13:35	13:45	Q&A	
13:45		Closing of the Day	

WORKSHOP - DAY 3 (11/04/2025)

Theme: Circular Economy & Entrepreneurship

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Speaker
09:30	10:00	Arrival - Registration	
10:00	10:20	Textile Waste	Zoi Gaitanarou , Green Fund
10:20	10:35	Initiatives Supporting the Circular Economy	Andreas Albanis , Joist – Innovation Park
10:35	10:40	Actions of the Regional Development Fund of Thessaly	Vasilis Chatzikamagianis , Thessaly Regional Development Fund (Video)
10:40	10:50	Presentation of Funding Opportunities: The European LIFE Program	Nikos Psimmenos , Greek LIFE Task Force Plus
10:50	11:05	Presentation of the TEAPOTS (Horizon) Project: Utilizing Residues for Energy Production	Vasilis Filippou , National Center for Research & Technological Development

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11:05	11:20	Coffee Break	
			Moderator: Green Fund
			Participants:
11:20	12:20	Panel Discussion: Opportunities & Challenges of Circular Economy for SMEs	- Christos Giakouvis , President, Larissa Chamber of Commerce - Georgia Lalous , Joist - Manos Asimianakis , Optiki Simansi
12:20	13:00	Circular Entrepreneurship Game	Dimitris Homatidis & Zoi Gaitanarou , Green Fund
13:00	13:15	Coffee Break	
13:15	14:00	Circular Entrepreneurship Game (continued)	Dimitris Homatidis & Zoi Gaitanarou , Green Fund
14:00	-	Closing of the Day	

Guest Speakers and Workshop Presenters List

- **Andreas Albanis**, Project and Proposals Manager, Joist – Innovation Park
- **Zisis Argyropoulos**, Environmental Chemist, Associate of the Governor of Thessaly
- **Manos Asimianakis**, Optiki Simansi, Building & Urban Informational Signage Applications
- **Christos Giakouvis**, President of the Larissa Chamber of Commerce
- **Georgia Lalou**, Project and Proposals Manager, Joist – Innovation Park
- **Fotis Lamprinidis**, Deputy Regional Governor for Environment, Region of Thessaly
- **Efi Levizou**, Associate Professor, Department of Agriculture, University of Thessaly
- **Fotis Tekos**, CEO, Olea Fortius
- **Vasilis Filippou**, Project Manager, Karditsa Energy Community & Scientific Associate at CERTH (Centre for Research & Technology Hellas)
- **Vasileios Chatzikamagianis**, Director, Thessaly Regional Development Fund
- **Nikos Psimmenos**, Climate Change Expert, Greek LIFE Task Force Plus, Green Fund
- **Representative of the Municipality of Larissa**
- **Representative of “EPILEKTOS” Biogas Farsala**

Workshop Presenters List

- **Kostas Ampeliotis**, Professor, Harokopio University
- **Zoi Gaitanarou**, Waste Management Expert, Green Fund
- **Eugenia Karapatsiou**, Environmental Scientist MSc, DIADYMA S.A.
- **Eleni Kouroudi**, Mechanical Engineer MSc, Hellenic Recycling Organization (EOAN)
- **Dr. Philippos Kyrkitsos**, President, Ecological Recycling Society
- **Sofia Mani**, LIFE-IPCEI-Greece Project Coordinator, Head of Waste Management Department, Ministry of Environment & Energy
- **Dr. Roubini Marini**, LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Project Manager, Hellenic Recycling Organization (EOAN)

- **Eftychia Ledaki**, Waste Management Specialist, Sustainable Islands Network (DAFNI)
- **Mary Plati**, Project Manager, LIFE-IP CEI-Greece, Ministry of Environment & Energy
- **Andreas Sotiropoulos**, Environmental Scientist MSc, TerraNova
- **Dimitris Homatidis**, Circular Economy & Information Systems Expert, Green Fund

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