

## **C4.D13 Manual of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the collection, sorting and distribution of unusable fruits and vegetables**



## Executive Summary

This report provides a detailed analysis of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) implemented for the redistribution of non-marketable fruits and vegetables through the initiative of the Central Market of Thessaloniki (CMT SA) and has been drafted for the LIFE IP CEI Greece project. The LIFE IP CEI Greece project promotes circular economy practices, supported by national and European policies, enhancing environmental awareness and economic efficiency. This procedural guide aims to strengthen the replicability of the CMT SA actions as a good and successful practice for food waste prevention and reduction, through the redistribution of fresh products but not marketable, to social structures, thereby promoting both social consistency and sustainability. The report includes field research, interviews, data analysis, and the use of applications (software) -such as the Food Waste Prevention Calculator- and examines the opportunities and challenges for preventing food waste in the wholesale fresh produce sector in Greece.