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# Proceedings of the “Agro-Food Waste and the Bioeconomy” Thematic Workshop

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## Summary

As part of the LIFE Integrated Project - Circular Economy Implementation in Greece LIFE-IP CEI-Greece - LIFE18 IPE/GR/000013, the Harokopio University of Athens, in collaboration with the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, under the coordination of Professor Katia Lazaridi, organized an international thematic workshop as part of sub-action E2.2, focusing on EU and international thematic workshops. This sub-action involves the organization of workshops related to the implementation of the national strategy for the circular economy in Greece.

The second international thematic workshop of the project specifically addressed agricultural and food waste and its connection to the bioeconomy. Given the significant role of the agri-food sector in Greece's economy, it emphasized the importance of utilizing agricultural waste in new cycles of value creation through cooperative approaches across different segments of the food supply chain. During the workshop, experts presented their scientific views and recommendations on several key aspects, such as strengthening food waste prevention at both European policy and practical levels, improving the utilization of food waste to create high-value products, developing and implementing technological and social innovations, and applying the principles of the circular economy to ecosystems, among others.

The Agro-Food Waste and the Bioeconomy Thematic Workshop took place within the framework of the International Scientific Conference RETASTE 2023: Rethink Food Resources, Losses, and Waste, (<https://retaste.gr/>), held from September 27th to September 29th, 2023, at Harokopio University of Athens. More specifically, the workshop occurred on Thursday, September 28th, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, at the Harokopio University's ceremonial hall, located at 70 El. Venizelou Avenue, Kallithea, 17676, Attica, New Building. Additionally, remote participation was possible, and the language of communication was English.

This workshop attracted the interest of approximately 50 participants.