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INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC WORKSHOP #1: ZERO WASTE ISLANDS

Title: "Transforming islands into zero-waste for sustainable development."



PARTICIPANTS

The workshop was attended by 270 registered participants from 11 European countries, including Greece. The majority of Greek participants' origin was Greek islands. A large percentage of participants were representatives of institutions whose activities are related to waste management, circular economy and sustainability both in the island area and in remote and urban areas. The workshop was also attended by educational institutions (primary, secondary and tertiary) and representatives of civil society and non-profit organizations.

RESULTS

During the workshop, it was discussed the potential of islands to become areas of zero waste strategies implementation, taking into account their particular geographical, economic and social challenges and potential. It was also discussed, the strong seasonality of economic activities in the island area, focusing on tourism, in combination with the increased transport costs, the inability to develop economies of scale and often the conflict of land uses and the inability to locate critical infrastructure. Also, the survey showed that waste management on islands constitutes a major challenge, increasing pressures on sensitive and unique island ecosystems, but it is also an opportunity to implement zero waste practices, especially on smaller islands.