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Info Day & Three-Day Regional Circular Economy Workshop in Epirus




Organizers: Green Fund – Ministry of Environment & Energy – Region of Epirus – Municipality of Ioannina – Waste Management Authority of Epirus – Terra Nova Ltd.

Date: June 17–19, 2025

Location: Event Hall of the Technical Chamber of Greece / Epirus Department, 6-8 Aravantinou St., Ioannina

Information Day – 17/06/2025

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Speaker
10:30	11:00	Registration	
11:00	11:30	Welcome addresses	Representative of the Region* Thomas Begas, Mayor of Ioannina Manolis Grafakos, Ministry of Environment Ioannis Androulakis, Green Fund Ioannis Tsigros, Technical Chamber of Greece/ Epirus Department Nikolaos Georgakos, Waste Management Authority
11:30	11:50	Key Points of the Regional Waste Management Plan of Epirus	Nikolaos Georgakos
11:50	12:05	The Importance of the LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Project	Mary Plati, Ministry of Environment
12:05	12:20	Circular Economy Principles and Prospects for Epirus	Ioannis Spanos, Terra Nova
12:20	12:35	Necessity and Potential for Circular Economy in Epirus	Serkos Haroutounian, UN–FAO /




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			Agricultural University of Athens
12:35	12:50	Funding Opportunities for the Agricultural Sector	Stelios Drys, Foodstandard S.A.
12:50	13:15	Coffee Break	
13:15	13:30	Circular Practices by Ioannina Poultry Cooperative PINDOS	Apostolos Patsias
13:30	13:45	Inno.trition Project – Agro-Food Waste to Bioproducts	Ioannis Skoufos, University of Ioannina
13:45	14:00	Metsovo Municipality Circular Economy Actions	Vasilios Kouroutos
14:00	14:45	Networking	

Workshop – Day 1 – 17/06/2025

Topic: Circular Economy in the Agro-Food Sector in Epirus

Time		Topic	Speaker
14:45	15:00	Registration	
15:00		Reducing Food Waste in Primary Production	Kostas Ampeliotis, Harokopio University
15:15	15:15	Prevention Actions	Filippos Kyrkitsos, Ecological Recycling Society
15:30	15:45	Interactive Quiz on Waste Prevention	Dimitris Chomatidis & Zoi Gaitanarou, Green Fund
15:45	16:00	Bioeconomy	Niki Zolota, Sustainable Islands Network (DAFNI)
16:00	16:15	Industrial Symbiosis	Andreas Sotiropoulos, Terra Nova Ltd.
16:15	16:30	Break	
16:30	16:50	New EPR Schemes on Agricultural Plastics & Pesticides	Antzouleta Benetatou, Hellenic Recycling Organization
16:50	17:00	Circular Practice: Biomass as Charcoal Substitute	Klimis – Video Presentation
17:00	18:00	Panel Discussion: Food Loss & Waste in Agro-Food Sector.	Panelists: Serkos Haroutounian,

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		Moderated by Harokopio University & Terra Nova	Ioannis Skoufos, Apostolos Patsias
18:00		Day Closure	

Workshop – Day 2 – 18/06/2025




Topic: Local Authorities & Circular Economy

Time		Topic	Speaker
09:30	10:00	Registration	
10:00	10:30	National Waste Management Framework	Sofia Mani, Ministry of Environment & Energy
10:30	10:45	Economic Tools for Circular Economy – PAYT	Filippos Kyrkitsos, ECOREC
10:45	11:00	Green Public Procurement	Zoi Gaitanarou, Green Fund
11:00	11:15	Product as a Service	Dimitris Chomatidis, Green Fund
11:15	11:30	Break	
11:30	11:45	Circular Economy Infrastructure in EPR Frameworks	Antzouleta Benetatou, HRA
11:45	12:00	IT System (OPS)	Filippos Kyrkitsos, ECOREC
12:00	12:15	Door-to-Door Source Separation in Hospitality Sector	Elisavet Andrioti, DAFNI Network
12:15	12:30	Reuse & Sorting Centers	Eugenia Karapatsiou, DIADYMA
12:30	12:45	Hazardous Household Waste	Andreas Sotiropoulos, Terra Nova
12:45	13:00	Waste Management in Epirus	Vasilis Gorgolis, Regional Governor for Environment
13:00	13:15	Break	
13:15	14:15	Panel: Circular Tools in Municipalities of Epirus. Moderated by Ecological Recycling Society	Panelists: Vasilis Gorgolis, Dimitris Katirtsidis, Waste Management Authority Representative
14:15	14:30	Q&A	
14:30		Networking	

Workshop – Day 3 – 19/06/2025

Topic: Circular Economy & Entrepreneurship

Time		Topic	Speaker
09:30	10:00	Registration	

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10:00	10:20	Textile Waste	Zoi Gaitanarou, Green Fund
10:20	10:40	Circular Economy Promotion Initiatives	Vasileios Syntosis, Ioannina Chamber
10:40	11:00	Funding Opportunities – LIFE Programme	Dimitris Banousis, Greek LIFE Task Force plus
11:00	11:15	Circular Economy Indicators: Value for Businesses	Zoi Gaitanarou, Green Fund
11:15	11:30	Break	
11:30	12:30	Panel: Opportunities & Challenges for SMEs & Enterprises. Moderated by Green Fund	Panelists: DODONI (ESG), LM-ECO (Lampros Pourdalas), V. Syntosis
12:30	13:00	Circular Business Game	Dimitris Chomatidis & Zoi Gaitanarou
13:00	13:15	Break	
13:15	14:30	Circular Business Game (continued)	Dimitris Chomatidis & Zoi Gaitanarou
14:30		Day Closure	

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