

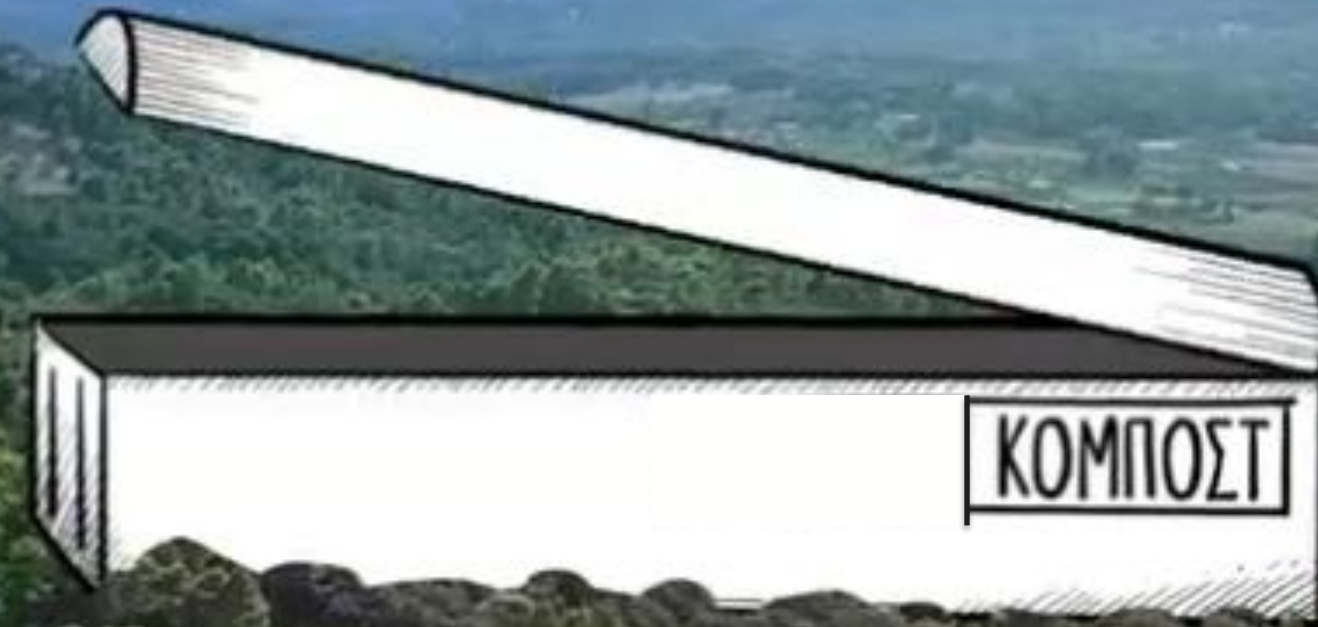


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# CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ACTION

## INVITATION

### CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ACTION THROUGH LIFE IP CEI GREECE

**30/5/2026 09:00-12:00**

The **LIFE- IP- CEI -GREECE** project, coordinated by the Ministry of Environment and Energy, invites you to the conference: “**Circular Economy in Practice through the LIFE-IP-CEI-GREECE project**”, which will take place on May 30, from 09:00 to 12:00, in Hall 1 at the TAEK WON DO stadium in Palaio Faliro, within the framework of the ATTICA GREEN EXPO exhibition.

The conference is addressed to local authorities, businesses, and all those interested in circular economy applications. Representatives from the Ministry of Environment & Energy, as well as partners of the **LIFE- IP –CEI- GREECE** project, will participate in the event. The conference aims to serve as a key point of information and meaningful dialogue for stakeholders who will be called upon to implement circular economy practices in their daily operations by 2028.

The graphic is a promotional poster for a conference. It features a green and dark blue background with geometric shapes. On the left, a dark blue triangle contains a white stamp that says "Save The Date". The main text is in white and green. At the top right, there are logos for "circulargreece" (with the tagline "no time to waste"), the European Union flag with the word "Life" in a script font, and the text "Implementation of Circular Economy in Greece". Below this, it says "LIFE IP CEI GREECE LIFE 18 IPE/GR/000013" and "ATTICA GREEN EXPO 2026". The central text reads "CONFERENCE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ACTION THROUGH LIFE IP CEI GREECE". Below that, it specifies the location "TAEK WON DO ARENA | P. FALIRO" and the date and time "30/5/2026, 09:00-12:00". At the bottom, it says "Co-ordinator:" followed by the logo of the Ministry of Environment & Energy. On the right side, there is a large white recycling symbol with a green plant growing from the center.

Learn more [here](#)

# STOP! HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE

## HHW WORKSHOP

**Terra Nova** organized an interactive **online workshop** on November 10, focusing on the separate collection and management of Hazardous Household Waste (HHW), within the framework of the European **project LIFE-IP CEI-Greece** “Implementation of the Circular Economy in Greece”.

The workshop highlighted the current situation and challenges related to HHW management in Greece, as well as international best practices that can serve as a guide for local authorities and waste management bodies.



# STOP! HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE

## DIADYMA - AWARENESS ACTIONS

# ΕΠ!

Εδώ Ανακυκλώνω  
Επικίνδυνα  
Οικιακά  
Απόβλητα

DIADYMA S.A. organized a series of awareness and information activities titled **Ep! On the go!** during April and May in areas across **Western Macedonia**, targeting young students, teachers, and parents. Participation was high, while the collection of **Hazardous Household Waste (HHW)** and other recyclable materials exceeded expectations. The activities took place in:

- 22/4 Eratia, Voio
- 30/4 Mavrochori, Kastoria
- 8/5 Emporio, Eordea
- 11/5 Kila, Kozani
- 12/5 Ammochori, Florina
- 13/5 Central Square of Livadero



# E-LEARNING on Circular Economy

The first two cycles of the **E-learning Programme**: a) “Circular Economy in **Local Government**” and b) “Circular Economy for **Tourism Professionals**”, implemented within the framework of the **LIFE-IP CEI-GREECE** project “Implementation of the Circular Economy in Greece” (LIFE18 IPE/GR/000013), were successfully completed.

The programme was implemented by the **Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI)**, the **Ministry of Environment and Energy**, the **Green Fund**, **Harokopio University**, the **Ecological Recycling Society**, **Terra Nova**, and the **Hellenic Recycling Agency**, with co-funding from the European Union’s LIFE Programme and the Green Fund.

The series concludes with the third E-learning cycle, “Circular Economy for **Educators**”, which runs from May 6 to June 17, 2026.

Find more information about the last e-learning programme [here](#)

The poster features a central image of a circular paved area with a path leading to a building, surrounded by autumn foliage. The text is in Greek and English. The logo 'circulargreece' is in the top right corner. The main title is 'e learning Κυκλική Οικονομία για Επαγγελματίες Τουρισμού'. Below it, it says 'για επιχειρηματίες, εργαζόμενους & φοιτητές στον κλάδο του Τουρισμού'. To the right, there are several circular callouts: 'ΕΓΓΡΑΦΕΣ έως 16 Φεβρουαρίου', 'ΕΞ' ΑΠΟΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ εκπαίδευση', 'Λήψη ΒΕΒΑΙΩΣΗΣ', 'ΔΩΡΕΑΝ', and 'ΔΙΑΡΚΕΙΑ 18/2/2026 - 1/4/2026'. At the bottom right, it lists '4 διαδικτυακά σεμινάρια' and '7 βιντεοσκοπημένα e-courses'. The footer includes the project name 'LIFE-IP CEI-GREECE (LIFE18 IPE/GR/000013)' and logos for the European Union and the Green Fund.

Learn more [here](#)

# Circular Economy in Central Greece

## *Info day and a Regional Workshop*

The “**Information Day Conference and Regional Circular Economy Workshop in Central Greece**” took place from November 3 to 5, 2025, in **Chalkida**, at the Regional Council Hall of the Regional Unit of Evia Administrative Building, co-organized by the Green Fund, the Ministry of Environment and Energy, the Region of Central Greece, the Regional Unit of Evia, and the Hellenic Recycling Agency (EOAN), within the framework of the LIFE-IP CEI-Greece project “Implementation of the Circular Economy in Greece”.

The objective was to highlight successful circular economy practices that can be implemented in Central Greece and to promote a better understanding of the issues related to circular economy (ACTION E1.7 & C7.1).



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Learn more [HERE](#).

# Circular Economy in Crete

## *Info day and a Regional Workshop*

The Information Conference and Regional Circular Economy Workshop in **Crete** were co-organized by the Green Fund, the Ministry of Environment and Energy, the Region of Crete, and the Unified Waste Management Association of Crete (ESDAK) from April 20 to 22, 2026, at the Hellenic Mediterranean University in Heraklion.

During the three-day event, participants had the opportunity to learn about successful circular economy practices and explore innovative waste management solutions that can be adopted in Crete (ACTION E1.7 & C7.1).

Learn more [HERE](#).



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# Memorandum of Collaboration

*Significant number of voluntary memorandum alliances by the LIFE IP CEI GREECE project*



The **LIFE-IP-CEI-GREECE** project continues to expand its network of partnerships for the promotion of circular economy practices in the agri-food sector, through the signing of new voluntary memorandum collaboration agreements with institutions and organizations, within the framework of Action C5. The voluntary alliances recently signed involve the following entities:

- Municipality of Souli
- ENA Development Consultants, based in Xanthi
- Egnatia Epirus Foundation
- Alfeios Digital Leap, based in the Regional Unit of Ilia
- Hephaestus of Anemotia, based in Lesvos
- WASTE4SOIL (international European project)

Learn more here: <https://circulargreece.gr/>

# Municipality of Thira

## Zero Waste Schools

As part of its participation in the **LIFE-IP CEI Greece** project – “Implementation of the Circular Economy in Greece”, the **Municipality of Thira** implemented the “**Zero Waste Schools**” initiative, aiming to strengthen environmental awareness and promote circular economy practices in the island’s school communities.

The initiative included:

- A series of informative visits to schools, where students and teachers were informed about the importance of **waste reduction, recycling, and composting**.
- The installation of **special bins** in all schools on the island for the separate collection of waste.

At the end of the school year, the school achieving the best recycling performance will receive a special award from the Municipality of Thira, in **recognition** of the efforts made by students and teachers.

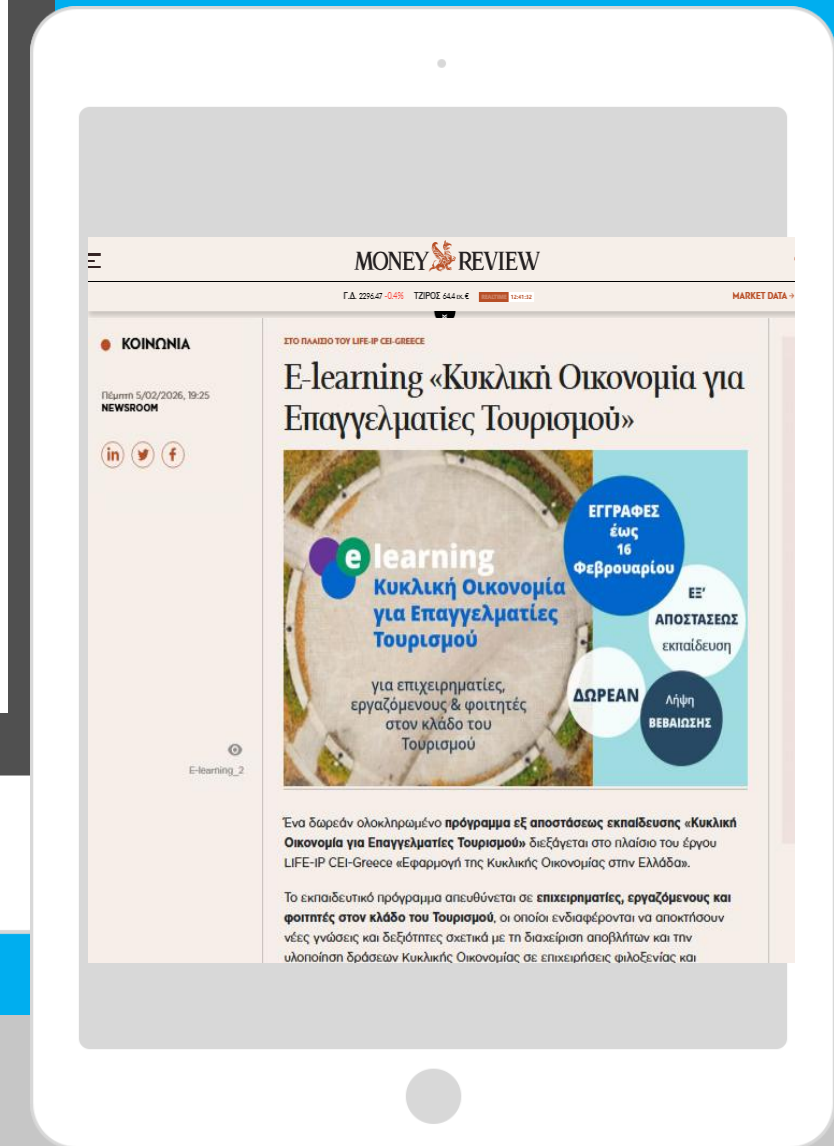
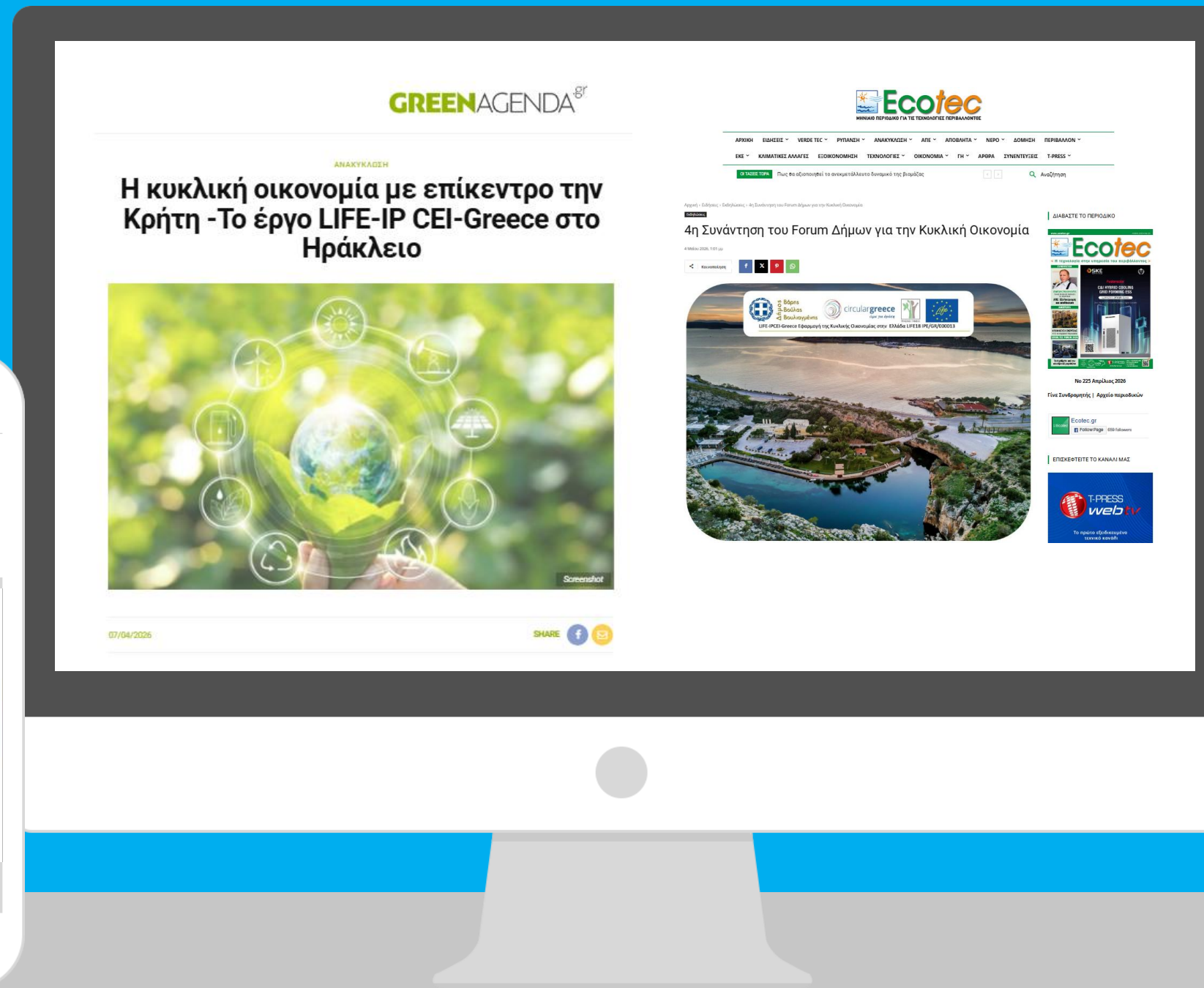
The actions were implemented in cooperation with the Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI), within the framework of Actions C2 & E1.8.



[See more here.](#)



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# Project Publicity

More than 97 references to the project were recorded between November 2025 and May 2026 through press releases, interviews, and articles featured in national and regional media outlets (ACTION E1).



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# Public awareness and networking

*The project regularly organizes information and awareness-raising events about its purpose and activities, or participates with presentations and exhibition material in conferences, expos, festivals, etc. A few indicative examples are listed below:*

Within the framework of the Memoranda of Cooperation between the **Ecological Recycling Society** and the **Regions of the North Aegean and Peloponnese**, 5 and 18 new **HORECA** businesses respectively registered on the **ZERO WASTE HORECA Platform** (a total of 23 new HORECA businesses). These businesses are supported in their Zero Waste transition and in the procurement of agri-food products based on the following criteria: a) locality, b) seasonality, c) whether products are organic, and d) whether they promote a vegan philosophy and menu options. [Learn more HERE.](#)



170 students from primary schools in Athens participated in the creation of a model experiential community at Agios Thomas Square in Goudi, on the occasion of the **International Day of Zero Waste**, organized by the Municipality of Athens. As part of the event, an information conference on **Hazardous Household Waste** was also held. [Learn more HERE.](#)

**DIADYMA S.A.** organized the conference “**Innovative Waste Collection Systems**” in Kozani, where new technologies, the institutional framework, and best practices in waste management were presented. A study visit to DIADYMA’s facilities (KEOD & TMDA Grevena) was also carried out, offering participants hands-on field experience. [Learn more HERE.](#)

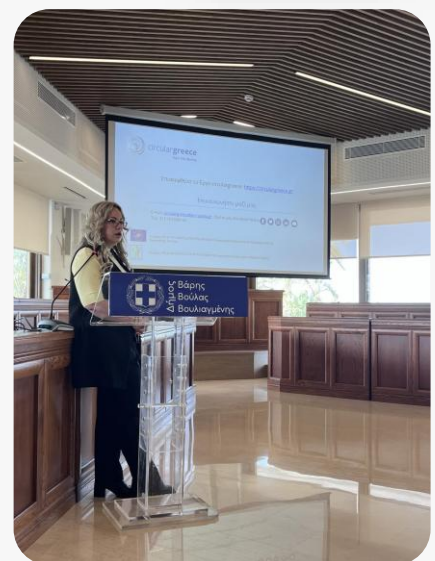


## Dissemination and Networking with Other Projects Internationally (E.2)

New **RIVCircular** Open Call: Funding for Innovative Circular Economy Projects in Greece. The Green Fund announced an open call for proposals for the European project RIVCircular (Regional Innovation Valleys for Circular Economy), which opened on Monday, April 20, 2026, and will remain open until September 17, 2026. The project is co-funded by the **Green Fund** and the **Horizon Europe programme**. The initiative aims to create interconnected “Regional Innovation Valleys” in order to accelerate the circular transition across eight European regions and countries, including Greece. [Learn more HERE.](#)



The Municipality of **Vari Voula Vouliagmeni**, partner of the LIFE-IP-CEI-GREECE project for circular economy, organized on Saturday, May 9, 2026, the **4th Meeting of the “FORUM of Municipalities Implementing Circular Economy Principles and Best Practices in Waste Management”**. [Learn more HERE.](#)



## Dissemination and Networking with Other Projects Internationally (E.2)

Meetings with the **Municipalities of Vrilissia and Agia Paraskevi** in Attica were held for the transfer of the project’s results within the framework of **Action E3**, with the participation of the Ministry of Environment and Energy, the Ecological Recycling Society, and Terra Nova.

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The conference “**Circular Economy and the LIFE-IP-CEI-GREECE Project in Greece**” was organized by the LIFE IP CEI GREECE project within the framework of the international Verdetec exhibition, on Friday, February 27, from 11:30 to 13:30. The event aimed to present the latest results of the project’s actions by the project partners. [Learn more HERE.](#)



Participation of the Green Fund in the stakeholder meeting on Sustainable Tourism and Circular Economy of the ReBoat project, held in Corfu (20/03/2026). [Learn more HERE.](#)



Participation in the workshop “Circular Festivals and Events: The Road to Zero Waste”, organized by incommon in collaboration with the Heinrich Boell Stiftung Thessaloniki foundation (02/04/2026). [Learn more HERE.](#)

Participation in the DECISE project meeting in Tartu, Estonia (17–18/02/2026). [Learn more HERE.](#)

## Dissemination and Networking with Other Projects Internationally (E.2)

The research team of Harokopio University highlighted the contribution of **LIFE-IP-CEI-Greece** to food waste prevention and circular economy through public interventions and scientific participation by Katia Lazaridi in numerous national and international events. Among the most notable were: **Climate Action 2025, the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste – Sub-group on Action & Implementation, “From Farm to Fork: The Power of Everyday Choices”, “Monitoring as a Start for Action”, and “Food Crisis & Food Insecurity: From Research to Practice”.**

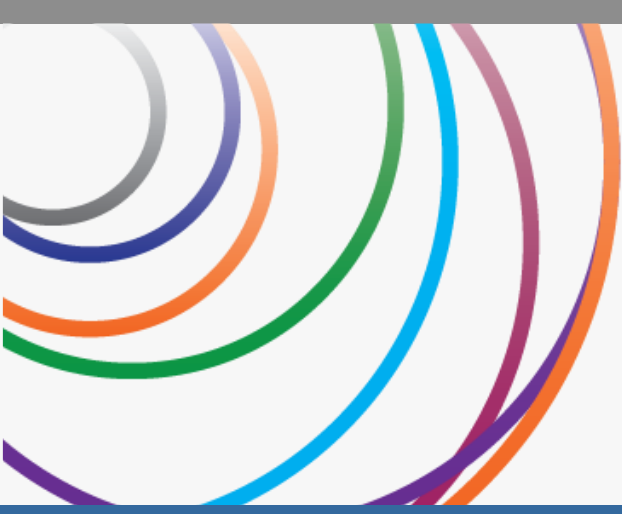


Development and updating of standards for the implementation of the “**National Strategy for Circular Economy**”. A total of 30 meetings were held with businesses, organizations, and experts, alongside an analysis of technical challenges and needs per waste stream. As a result, 13 standards were developed, 10 of which are incorporated into the LIFE-IP-CEI-GREECE project. The action was implemented in cooperation with the Hellenic Organization for Standardization (ELOT), which is a partner of the project.



The **LIFE-IP-CEI-GREECE** project was represented by the Green Fund at the conference titled “ReDress the Future: Sustainable Fashion and Climate Action”, organized by the 3rd Vocational High School of Piraeus within the framework of the European programme **EPAS – European Parliament Ambassador Schools**





# CENTRAL MARKET OF THESSALONIKI

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Find [here](#) the newsletter of Central Market of Thessaloniki, a partner of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Project



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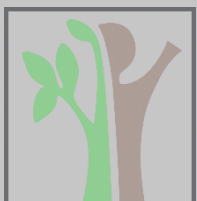


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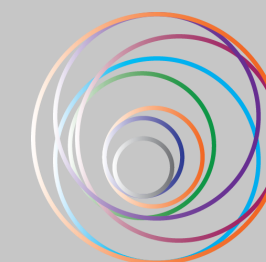
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