

Information Day & Three-Day Regional Workshop on Circular Economy LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Project

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21-23 October 2026
PATRAS

**ARGYRI MARKET, MUNICIPALITY OF
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Information Day

21/10/26: 10:30 - 14:45

Workshop

21/10/26: 15:00 - 18:45

22/10/26: 09:30 - 15:30

23/10/26: 09:30 - 15:00



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INFORMATION DAY - 21/10/2026

Information Day on the Project “Circular Economy Implementation in Greece”

10:30 - 11:00 Arrival and Registration

11:00 - 11:30 Welcome Addresses

Panagiotis Papadopoulos, Deputy Regional Governor for Entrepreneurship,
Research and Innovation, Region of Western Greece
Manolis Grafakos, Secretary General for Waste Management Coordination,
Ministry of Environment and Energy
Ioannis Androulakis, Chair of the Board, Green Fund
Konstantinos Peletidis, Mayor of Patras
Grigoris Alexopoulos, President of the Achaia Solid Waste Management Association
(SYDISA), Mayor of Western Achaia
Theodoros Louloudis, President of the Achaia Chamber
Dr Emmanouil Anadranistakis, Chair of the Board, Hellenic Recycling Agency (HRA)

11:30 - 11:45 The Significance of LIFE-IP CEI-Greece: Circular Economy Implementation in Greece

Mary Plati, LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Project Manager, Ministry of Environment and Energy

11:45 - 12:00 Circular Economy: Challenges and the Role of the HRA

Dr Alexandra Sofia Togias, Chief Executive Officer, Hellenic Recycling Agency

12:00 - 12:15 Circular Economy and Recycling Initiatives of the Municipality of Nafpaktia

Vasileios Gkizas, Mayor of Nafpaktia

12:15 - 12:30 Circular Economy and Solid Waste Management

Grigoris Alexopoulos, Mayor of Western Achaia and President of Achaia SYDISA

12:30 - 13:00 Break

13:00 - 13:15 Waste Management in Western Greece

Ioannis Michalopoulos, Sustainable Development Manager, MESOGEOS S.A.

13:15 - 13:30 Waste Management in the Municipality of Aigialeia

Nikolaos Karaiskos,
Deputy Mayor for Sanitation, Environment and Civil Protection, Municipality of Aigialeia

13:30 - 13:45 Universal Implementation of Pay-As-You-Throw in Greek Municipalities

Dr Filippos Kirkitsos, President, Ecological Recycling Society

13:45 - 14:45 Networking

Moderator:

Nadia Gkoutzioupa, LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Project Coordinator, Hellenic Recycling Agency





WORKSHOP DAY 1 - 21/10/2026

THEME: LOCAL AUTHORITIES & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

14:45 - 15:00 Arrival and Registration

15:00 - 15:30 National Waste Management Framework
Eftychia Nakou, LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Scientific Expert,
Ministry of Environment and Energy Expert, Environmental Engineer

ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS FOR THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

15:30 - 15:45 Economic Instruments for the Circular Economy: Pay-As-You-Throw
Dr Filippas Kirkitsos, President, Ecological Recycling Society

15:45 - 16:00 Green Public Procurement
Zoi Gaitanarou, Mining Engineer, Green Fund

16:00 - 16:15 Waste Prevention Initiatives
Dr Filippas Kirkitsos, President, Ecological Recycling Society

16:15 - 16:30 Break

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

16:30 - 16:45 Household Hazardous Waste
Evgenia Karaïskou, Environmental Scientist, TerraNova

16:45 - 17:00 Integrated Green Points
Dr Filippas Kirkitsos, President, Ecological Recycling Society

17:00 - 17:15 Door-to-Door Separate Collection in Food Service Businesses
Despoina Bakogianni, Project Manager, DAFNI Network of Sustainable Greek Islands

17:15 - 17:30 Material Sorting and Reuse Centres
Evgenia Karapatsiou, Environmental Scientist, Waste Management of Western Macedonia (DIADYMA)

17:30 - 17:45 Break

17:45 - 18:45 Discussion:
Implementation of Integrated Solid Waste Management in the Municipalities of Western Greece
(Waste Prevention, Source Separation, Pay-As-You-Throw, Management of Specific Waste Streams)
Moderator: Dr Filippas Kirkitsos, President, Ecological Recycling Society

Participants:

Vasileios Famelos, Deputy Mayor for Environment, Sanitation, Recycling and Green Spaces,
Municipality of Pyrgos
Nikolaos Karaïskos, Deputy Mayor for Sanitation, Environment and Civil Protection,
Municipality of Aigialeia





WORKSHOP DAY 2 - 22/10/2026

THEME: CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE AGRI-FOOD SECTOR IN WESTERN GREECE

09:30 - 10:00 Arrival and Registration

WASTE PREVENTION

10:00 - 10:20 Textile Waste

Zoi Gaitanarou, Mining Engineer, Green Fund

10:20 - 10:40 Reducing Food Waste: Losses and Waste in the Primary Sector

Dr Kostas Abeliotis, Professor, Harokopio University

10:40 - 11:00 Waste Prevention Initiatives

Dr Filippos Kirkitsos, President, Ecological Recycling Society

11:00 - 11:20 Interactive Quiz on Waste Prevention

Dimitris Chomatidis, Environmental Engineer, and Zoi Gaitanarou, Mining Engineer, Green Fund

11:20 - 11:40 Break

AGRI-FOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT & BIOECONOMY

11:40 - 12:00 Bioeconomy

Niki Zolota, Chemical Engineer, DAFNI Network of Sustainable Greek Islands

12:00 - 12:20 Industrial Symbiosis

Evgenia Karaïskou, Environmental Scientist, TerraNova

**12:20 - 12:40 Circular Economy within Extended Producer Responsibility Programmes:
New Alternative Waste Management Schemes
(Focus on Agricultural Plastics and Pesticides)**

Eleni Kouroudi, Head of Directorate A for Extended Producer Responsibility Programmes,
Head of the LIFE-IP CEI-Greece Pilot Coordination Team, Hellenic Recycling Agency

12:40 - 13:00 Circular Practice: Biomass Valorisation as a Substitute for Charcoal

KLIMIS - Video/Presentation

13:00 - 13:15 Break

13:15 - 14:15 Thematic Presentations on Food Waste Prevention and Management

Moderator: Katia Lasaridi, Professor, Harokopio University

14:15 - 14:30 Questions and Answers

14:30 - 15:30 Networking





WORKSHOP DAY 3 - 23/10/2026

THEME: CIRCULAR ECONOMY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

09:30 - 10:00 Arrival and Registration

10:00 - 11:15 Circular Entrepreneurship Game

Dimitris Chomatidis, Environmental Engineer
Zoi Gaitanarou, Mining Engineer, Green Fund

11:15 - 11:30 Break

11:30 - 12:30 Circular Entrepreneurship Game

Dimitris Chomatidis, Environmental Engineer
Zoi Gaitanarou, Mining Engineer, Green Fund

12:30 - 13:30 Break

**13:30 - 13:45 Circular Economy Challenges across
Business Sectors in Western Greece**

Diamantis Diamantopoulos, Council Member, Achaia Chamber

**13:45 - 14:00 The Value of Circular Economy Indicators
for Businesses and Financing**

Zoi Gaitanarou, Mining Engineer, Green Fund

14:00 - 14:45 Discussion:

Circular Economy Opportunities and Challenges for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
and Large Businesses (Regulation 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste)

Moderator: Dimitris Chomatidis, Environmental Engineer, Green Fund

Participants:

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Diamantis Diamantopoulos, Council Member, Achaia Chamber
Nikos Panagiotopoulos, Agropacking

14:45 - 15:00 Questions and Answers



