

Implementing the Circular Economy in Thira

📅 Friday, 16 October 2026

🕒 18:00 – 20:30

📍 Bellonio Cultural Centre

Programme

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| 17:45 – 18:00 | ● | Arrival - Coffee |
| 18:00 – 18:10 | ○ | Welcome - Opening remarks
Nikolaos Zorzos, Mayor of Thira |
| 18:10 – 18:20 | ○ | LIFE-IP CEI-Greece: “Circular Economy Implementation in Greece”
Mary Plati, Project Manager, Ministry of Environment and Energy |
| 18:20 – 18:30 | ○ | The Circular Economy as a development opportunity for Greek islands
Kostas Komninos, CEO, Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI) |
| 18:30 – 18:40 | ○ | LIFE-IP CEI-Greece in the Municipality of Thira: “Circular Schools”
Maria Karakitsiou, Head of the Environmental Planning, Green Spaces and Energy Department, Municipality of Thira |
| 18:40 – 18:50 | ● | 🏆 “Thira Circular School” award ceremony
Awarded to the school with the most active participation in the “Zero Waste Schools” action during the 2025-2026 school year. |
| 18:50 – 19:20 | ☕ | Break with a light meal |
| 19:20 – 19:30 | ○ | LIFE-IP CEI-Greece in the Municipality of Thira: “Door-to-door collection of source-separated recyclables in Kamari”
Agisilaos Rigas-Antonopoulos, LIFE-IP Project Officer, Network of Sustainable Greek Islands (DAFNI) |
| 19:30 – 19:40 | ○ | Experience from implementing door-to-door collection of recyclable materials from businesses in Kamari
Dionysis Vamvakousis, President of the Community of Kamari
Representatives of businesses participating in the action |
| 19:40 – 19:50 | ○ | Thira Materials Recovery Facility: Operation, Challenges and Opportunities
Despoina Koukouli, Environmental Scientist, Thira Materials Recovery Facility |
| 19:50 – 20:00 | ○ | Waste collection in Thira - The contribution of Enact
Giorgos Kostoulis, Enact Manager in Thira |
| 20:00 – 20:15 | ○ | Circular economy and local entrepreneurship - Examples of good practice in hotels, food service businesses and wineries |
| 20:15 – 20:30 | ● | Open discussion |