

The project LIFE-IP CYzero WASTE «Intelligent monitoring and efficient waste reduction in Cyprus island» has a fundamental priority to prevent the creation of waste and to promote reusing and recycling of used materials.

As part of the project's actions, innovative supporting recycling infrastructures named Green Kiosks will be established in municipalities and communities throughout Cyprus, using funds provided by the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility.

The Green Kiosks are small sorting centres for recyclable materials, aimed to facilitate citizens' access to recycling, especially in remote and mountainous areas of Cyprus that are not served by any other collective system and/or licenced waste managers/collectors.

The Green Kiosks are specially structured and covered areas that accept recyclable materials such as paper, plastic, glass and metal, as well as special material streams, including small electrical and electronic devices, batteries, light bulbs/lamps, cooking oil and other materials for reuse.

Household recyclable materials are separated by the citizens according to their type into proper reusable bags, which they then deliver to the operator at the Green Kiosk located in their community.

Recyclable materials, after being separated and processed at the Green Kiosk, are transferred to



licensed recycling units, while the reusable items collected (e.g. books, toys, clothing) will be channelled to the reuse/repair centres that will be built in the framework of the LIFE-IP CYzero WASTE project, with the aim of their immediate reintegration into the economic cycle.

During working hours, the pre-sorted materials are delivered to the trained operator at the reception area of the Green Kiosk. The operator executes a visual inspection of the materials, weighs and records their relative quantity and enters the data into an electronic recording system. The operator takes care of any required further sorting and baling of the high added-value materials and their storage in the specially designed area for safekeeping. In the absence of the operator, the incoming materials to be recycled can be deposited through the specially shaped holes located on the front of the Green Kiosk.

Benefits of participation

- Ability to collect and divert from landfill up to 12,000 tons of materials per year through the 50 Green Kiosks.
- Contribution to the reduction of waste ending up in landfills.
- Reinforcement of source separation and recycling practices.
- Enhancement of the recovery of materials from waste, while reducing their management costs.
- Contribution to the conservation of raw materials and energy.
- Creation of secondary raw materials of high economic value.
- · Generation of new green job opportunities.
- Contribution to achieving the national targets, the circular economy targets, as well as the targets set by the EU.
- Cultivation of environmental awareness.

 Information and awareness-raising on issues related to the environment, resource efficiency and proper recycling.



Useful information

The Green Kiosks accept recyclable materials that are clean and have been properly sorted into their main categories. Special categories of waste and reusable items are also accepted.

We separate the materials from our households into:



I. Plastic

- Beverage bottles
- Food containers
- Food containers
- · Detergent bottles



II. Paper

- · Newspapers & magazines
- · Printing paper
- Cardboard food containers
- · Paper packaging for liquids
- Cardboard boxes & paper bags



III. Metal

- Beverage and food cans
- Steel containers for liquids and food
- Aluminum packaging and containers



IV. Glass (whole – not crushed or broken)

- Beverage bottles (soft drinks, milk, other products)
- Glass containers (jars, containers)



V. Special streams

- Batteries
- Light bulbs/lamps
- Small electrical and electronic devices
- · Cooking oil



V. Used Items for reuse

- Books
- Toys
- Clothing





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