



UrbanWINS releases a toolkit to move towards more efficient waste policies

- This guide is one of the main outcomes of this EU-funded project and aims at improving the sustainability of cities by interpreting waste as a resource
- The document contains best practices, testimonials, and theoretical and practical considerations, and can be downloaded for free

Freiburg, xxxx 2019.- The UrbanWINS team has just released its final toolkit entitled *A guide on urban metabolism and participatory processes for more efficient urban waste policies*. The document encourages policymakers, decision makers, waste experts and other stakeholders to improve the sustainability of their cities by interpreting waste issues and policies in an innovative way. The UrbanWINS toolkit is a theoretical and practical guide that users can download for free from the [project website](#).

The document is divided in three sections. The first one is a corpus of 70 best practices covering different waste streams (i.e. packaging waste, construction and demolition, and used oils) that can be useful for cities. The second section focuses on urban metabolism and its implementation tools, such as LCA applications or urban metabolism indicators. The third section sheds light on stakeholder engagement processes and techniques. The objective of this chapter is to show how to kick-off participatory mechanisms so that stakeholders can be involved in co-deciding how to better prevent and manage waste. The final goal of the UrbanWINS toolkit is to showcase the approach followed by the eight pilot cities involved in the project, and to spur replication by other towns and cities in Europe and beyond. Local authorities and researchers can also build upon the results.

Cremona, Albano Laziale, Torino and Pomezia (Italy), Bucharest (Romania), Leiria (Portugal), and Manresa and Sabadell (Spain) have shared their experiences as part of the project to produce this toolkit. Their testimonials are also part of this toolkit, so that other cities can learn about the challenges they had to overcome.

Background information

UrbanWINS is a three-year project that started in June 2016 and is funded by the European Union's Research and Innovation Programme Horizon 2020. During its lifespan, the project has analysed how



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cities consume resources and products, and how they eliminate the waste produced, in order to develop and test eco-innovative plans and solutions aimed at improving waste prevention and management. The participatory approach has been an added value of UrbanWINS, as the vision of all relevant players for waste production and management at urban level has been taken into account.

Click [here](#) to watch the final video of the project showcasing all pilot actions implemented by the eight European cities involved in UrbanWINS.

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