# Recycling@Home

IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATIVE ECOLOGICAL PORTABLE WASTE COMPRESSORS FOR IN-HOUSE RECYCLING OF PAPER, PLASTIC AND METAL PACKAGING WASTE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF AMAROUSSION AND MANDRA-EIDYLLIA



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#### Each year in the European Union:

- we consume around 7.3 billion tonnes of resources and
- we throw away around 3 billion tonnes of waste,
- of which only 40% is being re-used or recycled, the rest going to landfill or incineration.



If this quantity of waste was recycled then:

- the equivalent of 148 million tonnes of  $CO_2$  emissions could be avoided annually;
- Around 5.25 billion euro would be saved from the recovery of recyclables such as paper, glass, plastics, aluminium and steel per year.
- 500,000 new jobs at least would be created.





### **Waste Hierarchy**





### EU Recycling Targets

*Recycling and preparing for re-use of municipal waste to be increased to 70 % by 2030.* 

Recycling and preparing for re-use of packaging waste to be increased to 80 % by 2030, with material-specific targets set to gradually increase between 2020 and 2030 (to received 90 % for paper by 2025 and 60% for plastics, 80% for weak pl% of ferrous metal, aluminium and glass by the end of 2000).

Phasing out landfilling by for recyclable (including plastics, paper, metals, glass and bio-waste) waste in non hazardous waste landfills – corresponding to a maximum landfilling rate of 25%.

Promoting the dissemination of best practices in all Member States, such as better use of economic instruments (e.g. landfill/incineration taxes, pay-as-you-throw schemes, incentives for municipalities) and improved separate collection.

Increasing the cost-effectiveness of Extended Producer Responsibility schemes by defining minimum conditions for their operation.

Simplifying reporting obligations and alleviating burdens faced by SMEs.

# Recycling@Home project partners





The Recycling@Hom e recyclables management plan





#### Recyclable household waste simulated and tested





The Recycling@Hom e source separation system





#### The Recycling@Hom e in-house compressor (a)



# Looking inside the recycler...











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# The design of the collection chamber







Recycling@H ome in-house compressor (b)

# **Compressing a tin can...**







### Recycling@Hom e in-house compressor (b)





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# **Compressing a PET bottle...**



The Recycling@Hom e in-house compressor (b)

#### **Compressing a Drink Cardboard Box...**







#### The Recycling@Hom e in-house compressor (c)



# Constructing the in-house recycler (a)...









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# Constructing the in-house recycler (b)...





# Implementation of the Recycling@Home project



**Population**: 72.333residents **Population density**: 5.590,74 p/km<sub>2</sub> Municipality of Mandra-



**Population**: 17.885 residents **Population density**: 41,96 p/km<sub>2</sub>









#### Selected households in the Municipality of Amaroussion







*High compression factor (more than 3:1) Minimum frequency of discarding of the recycler content* 

Storage of the materials compressed for a significant period of time (2-3 weeks)

Minimum discharge requirements

Minimization of waste transportation needs

Minimization of the carbon footprint of the overall waste management scheme

Minimum energy requirements (Eco-design)







**Benefits** 

Increase of the recycling rate

Reduction of the amount of waste disposed in landfills Increase in the quantity of recyclables recovered Cleaner materials to market and high re-use rates Reduction of waste transportation

Savings in fossil fuels

Reduction of GHG emissions from transportation, landfilling and manufacturing of products from raw materials

*Reinforced environmental awareness and participation of residents* 

Environmentally friendly neighborhoods

*Compliance with the targets set by the EC Waste Framework Directive (2008/98) and the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directives* 





# Savings (a)

#### Based on the project demonstration phase...

Separate collection of household recyclable waste at source by 85%

*Volume reduction of recyclable waste to one third* 

Increase in the recycling rate by 42% of household recyclable waste generated

Decrease in the quantity of recyclable waste disposed in landfills by 42% of household recyclable waste generated

Reduction in transportation needs to one third (33%)

Reduction in fossil fuel consumption for the transportation of recyclable waste by 33%





# Savings (b)

#### Based on the project demonstration phase...

Decrease of approximately 27% in the GHG emissions from landfilling of recyclable waste

Savings in GHG emissions by 42% from the substitution of raw materials due to the production of recycled products

The use of the Recycling@home system at fullscale is expected to result in the reduction of the collection frequency to 1-2 times per week

The cost of one unit if produced in a mass production line is estimated to be reduced by 60%

Improving waste management costs-Savings for the municipalities from the reduced amount of mixed MSW going for treatment and disposal, as the gate fee for treating and subsequently disposing waste increases

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