

Newsletter 1

"Utilising Pay As You Throw Systems and Autonomous Composting Units for Biowastes Management in Touristic Areas (BIOWASTE)"
a project co-funded by the European Union and National Funds of the participating countries

Project Kick-Off Meeting

Within the framework of the **BIOWASTE** project, the kick off meeting among all partners took place in the Town Hall of Katerini, in Katerini, Pieria, Greece.

The Mayor of Katerini, Mr. **Chionidis Savvas**, welcomed all partners in the project and emphasized the projects' importance for the municipality of Katerini and for all the involved Municipalities and academic institutions.



Project Questionnaires

As part of the **BIOWASTE** project, an electronic questionnaire addressed to the citizens of the involved municipalities was created.

Through the e-questionnaire that could be answered anonymously, information was collected about:

- Participants' knowledge of waste management,
- the availability of participants to participate in PAYT (Pay as you go Throw) programs, and
- Identifying the needs for the development of a PAYT system, whereby a citizen is rewarded or financially dependent on the amount of waste he produces.

Until today more than 100 have been filled in for each municipality.



Expected Results

The main result of the BIOWASTE project will be to create a solid wastes source separation scheme, aiming mostly in the hospitality industry, as well as, small and decentralized communities, to which organic wastes are in its core, with their onsite treatment to play an important and key role.

BIOWASTE is a project that is expected to:

- a) help municipalities to be aligned with the EU policy on waste management and specifically in the need for source **separation schemes** and separate collection & management of the organic wastes,
- b) help the municipalities become more **resources' efficient** though the limitation of fossil fuels that consume for the collection and transfer of wastes,
- c) reduce the **overall carbon foot print** of the wastes management though the improvement of the purity of the collected wastes and the reduction of wastes lead to landfills, and
- d) utilize state of the **art technologies** (PAYT and ACUs) as main tools in order to achieve all deliverables and aims.