

## Miniwaste partners on the field of bio-waste prevention



Rennes Métropole (FR), Brno (CZ) and Lipor (PT) will implement **demonstration actions** putting into practice a range of initiatives concerning bio-waste prevention locally at either pilot or a larger scale.

Citizens will also benefit directly from Miniwaste, thanks to master composter training programmes and the **distribution of composting bins** provided in Brno, Porto and Rennes during the lifetime of the project.

Cemagref and ACR+ will provide expert support, especially helping to identify **good waste prevention practices** and developing **assessment methodologies**.

Partners will also **disseminate** the Miniwaste tools and results to cities and regions in Europe, through websites, newsletters, events, etc.

**30%** of our waste is bio-waste. Don't throw it away: What you don't eat, your plants will enjoy!

## Stay in touch with the Miniwaste project:

- **Subscribe** to the newsletter and receive regular updates on Miniwaste activities.
- **Visit the Miniwaste website:** [www.miniwaste.eu](http://www.miniwaste.eu)  
Plenty of information both clear and technical.
- **Come and meet experts in bio-waste prevention during the Miniwaste events:**
  - September 2011: Expert conference in Brno (Czech Republic)
  - October 2012: Closing conference in Rennes (France)



- **Contact the Miniwaste Team:** [contact@miniwaste.eu](mailto:contact@miniwaste.eu)



## Bringing bio-waste back to life



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## Miniwaste:

### A European project to reduce bio-waste

**M**iniwaste is a 3-year European project supported by the LIFE+ programme of the European Commission (2010-2012), that aims to **help public authorities to minimise municipal organic waste in EU countries.**

Each European produces between 100 and 200 kg of bio-waste each year. All of this waste has economic and environmental impacts.

By helping to prevent bio-waste, Miniwaste will reduce significantly the **costs of collection and treatment**, lead to enhanced recovery and to reduced **climate change** impacts (through diminished CO<sub>2</sub> and methane emissions).

**Bio-waste is kitchen waste**  
(raw or cooked food waste)  
& **green waste** (garden and park waste)



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### The Miniwaste tools to prevent waste

#### To inspire public authorities (in their fight against waste)...

- An **inventory of good practices on waste prevention** has been published.

*The inventory covers ten case studies implemented in Europe: nine concern bio-waste (home composting, community composting, on-site composting, food waste avoidance and closed loop gardening) and one focuses on reuse centers.*

- A **software tool** will help public authorities **choose the most suitable solution** for minimising bio-waste across their territory, **and to monitor the results.**

- Guidance will also be provided under the form of **assessment methodologies ('protocols') and indicators** (assessment of the quantity of waste prevented and the quality of compost).

#### What does Miniwaste want to achieve?

##### MAIN OBJECTIVE:

to demonstrate that it is possible to **reduce significantly the amount of bio-waste at the source** in a mastered and sustainable way.

##### HOW?

By promoting technology transfer, providing methods and support to European Member States, cities and regions, and by making European citizens aware of the different ways of minimising bio-waste.

#### Who are the partners?

Rennes Métropole  
Miniwaste coordinator (France)



Lipor - Intermunicipal Waste  
Management Service of Greater Porto  
(Portugal)



City of Brno (Czech Republic)



ACR+ - Association of Cities and Regions  
for Recycling and Sustainable Resource  
Management (European network)



Cemagref  
Research center (France)



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#### People can reduce their bio-waste by composting it:

- at home,
- in neighbourhood deposit areas,
- or in schools, restaurants or farms, etc.