

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
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



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Miniwaste:

A European project to reduce bio-waste

Miniwaste 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 CO₂ 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.