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The Awards of the European Week for Waste  
Reduction  
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# KEY FACTS

## The European Week for Waste Reduction 2018

- ✓ 14,347 actions implemented – *New Record!*
- ✓ With the cooperation of 32 Coordinators
- ✓ In 30 countries

### The EWWR Awards nominees:

- ✓ 81 nominees
- ✓ 16 finalists
- ✓ 6 winners

### Topics of the actions:

- ✓ Reduce
- ✓ Reuse
- ✓ Recycle
- ✓ Clean-ups





## A. Who are the EWR 2018 Awards Winners?

The **EWR 2018 Awards Ceremony** took place on **15 May 2019** at the **European Committee of the Regions in Brussels**. At its tenth edition, the event was organised under the umbrella of the EU Green Week and graced with the presence of numerous EWR coordinators and action developers.

Daniel Calleja Crespo, the Director General for Environment at the European Commission; André van de Nadort, member of the European Committee of the Regions and mayor of the Weststellingwerf municipality in the Netherlands; and Iain Gulland, CEO of Zero Waste Scotland and the President of ACR+ opened the ceremony and welcomed the participants to this great EWR celebration. Subsequently, the organisers of the most impactful actions carried out on the occasion of the 2018 edition of the EWR were rewarded by our distinguished Jury.

Here are the winners and finalists of the EWR 2018 per category:



- In the **Public administration and organisation** category, the winner is the [\*Zero-waste marathon. Sustainable school meals\*](#), implemented by the municipality of Sant Vicenç de Castellet (Catalonia, Spain)  
The other finalists are [\*La Louvière<sup>3</sup>: zero-waste objective\*](#), implemented by the municipality of La Louvière (Wallonia, Belgium) and [\*From the sea to the table\*](#), implemented by the Gipuzkoa Province Council (Basque Country, Spain).
- In the **Association/NGO** category, the winner is the [\*Cloughmills library of things\*](#), implemented by the Cloughmills Community Action Team (Northern Ireland, UK).  
The other finalists are [\*#zerofoodwastebcn day\*](#), implemented by Association Plataforma Aprofitem els Aliments (Catalonia, Spain) and [\*HelloWielo\*](#), implemented by the Polish Zero Waste Association (Poland).
- In the **Business/Industry** category, the winner is [\*Emerging pollutants\*](#), implemented by the IMQ Zorrotzaurre Clinic (Basque Country, Spain).  
The other finalists are [\*Environmental awareness for workers and contractors\*](#), implemented by Opel España (Aragón, Spain) and [\*School and commerce, anti-waste symbiosis\*](#), implemented by Resid'US (Catalonia, Spain).



- In the **Educational establishment category**, the winner is the ***EWWR Green cleaning***, implemented by St Fintan's National School (Ireland)  
The other finalists are *Recycling waste cooking oil*, implemented by St Thomas More College ALP (Malta) and *IES nº1 School towards zero waste*, implemented by Nº1 High School (Asturias, Spain)
- In the **Citizen(s) category** the winner is ***Festive bio-waste weigh ins***, implemented by Marina Seder Colomina and Morgane Robert (Les Lilas, France).  
The other finalists are *Climate Elf in action!*, implemented by Ildikó Szabó Bozókiné (Hungary) and *Coffee break*, implemented by Denise Castro and Daniela Malanchini (Azores, Portugal).
- The **European Special Prize** winner is ***EWWR Sustainable Art Alphabet***, implemented by seven schools across Europe and initiated by Col·legi Sant Josep (Catalonia, Spain)

For more details about the winners and finalists, see [section D](#). For the full list of EWWR Awards nominees see the [Annex 1](#).

**Congratulations to them all!**



## B. The EWR Awards: How does it work?

### The categories

Every year, our coordinators pre-select a maximum of 5 actions (1 per category of action developers) that took place within their territories and put them forward as EWR Awards nominees. The categories of action developers are:

- Public administration and organisation;
- Association/NGO;
- Business/Industry;
- Educational establishment;
- Citizen(s);

In addition, a European Special Prize is awarded to the action that best contributes to the European spirit.

**Out of the 81 actions** nominated by the 32 coordinators to run for the EWR Awards this year, three actions per category were chosen as finalists, of which one was voted as the winning action. In the European Special Prize category, there was only one winner selected. **In total, 16 actions were rewarded during the EWR Awards Ceremony.**

### The EWR Jury

The EWR Jury, which is composed of environmental and waste management professionals who are recognised at the European level, is tasked with examining the nominated actions (those pre-selected by the EWR coordinators) and with designating the winners and finalists. Each jury member is in charge of an award category.

This year, our distinguished Jury members were:

- Public administration and organisation: **André van de Nadort**, European Committee of the Regions member and Mayor of Weststellingwerf Municipality in the Netherlands;
- Association/NGO: **Piotr Barczak**, Project officer, the European Environmental Bureau;
- Business/Industry: **Clemens Rosenmayr**, Advisor, Eurochambres;
- Educational Establishment: **Kristina Madsen**, International Young Reporters for the Environment Coordinator, Foundation for Environmental Education;
- Citizen(s): **Simona Bonafè**, MEP, ENVI Committee, European Parliament. **Chiel Berends**, Policy Officer at DG Environment, European Commission stood in for MEP Bonafè for part of the process;
- European Special Prize: **Chiel Berends**, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission.

### The criteria

The selections of the finalists and winners of the EWR Awards was based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Visibility and communication;
- ✓ Quality of content;
- ✓ Originality and exemplarity;
- ✓ Lasting impact & follow-up.



## C. What happened during EWWR 2018?

The **European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR)** is an initiative promoting the implementation of awareness-raising actions about sustainable resource and waste management every year during the last week of November. It encourages a wide range of audiences (public authorities, private companies, civil society, schools, as well as citizens themselves) to get involved. The EWWR was originally launched in 2009, then renewed in 2013 and is now led by the EWWR Steering Committee (ESC).

The tenth edition of the EWWR took place **from 17 to 25 November 2018**. During it, **14,347 actions were implemented in Europe and beyond** with the aim of raising awareness to reduce the municipal waste generated each year in Europe, as well as in Morocco and the Dominican Republic.



### Our EWWR coordinators

The European Week for Waste Reduction 2018 was organised by **32 coordinators across 30 countries**:

- In territories directly coordinated by national, regional or local coordinators: **Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden** and the **United Kingdom**.
- Moreover, outside the boundaries of Europe, actions for the European Week for Waste Reduction were coordinated in **Morocco and the Dominican Republic**.
- The EWWR Secretariat has promoted and coordinated the EWWR in those areas that were not covered by a EWWR coordinator. We received projects from **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Turkey!**

### Our action developers

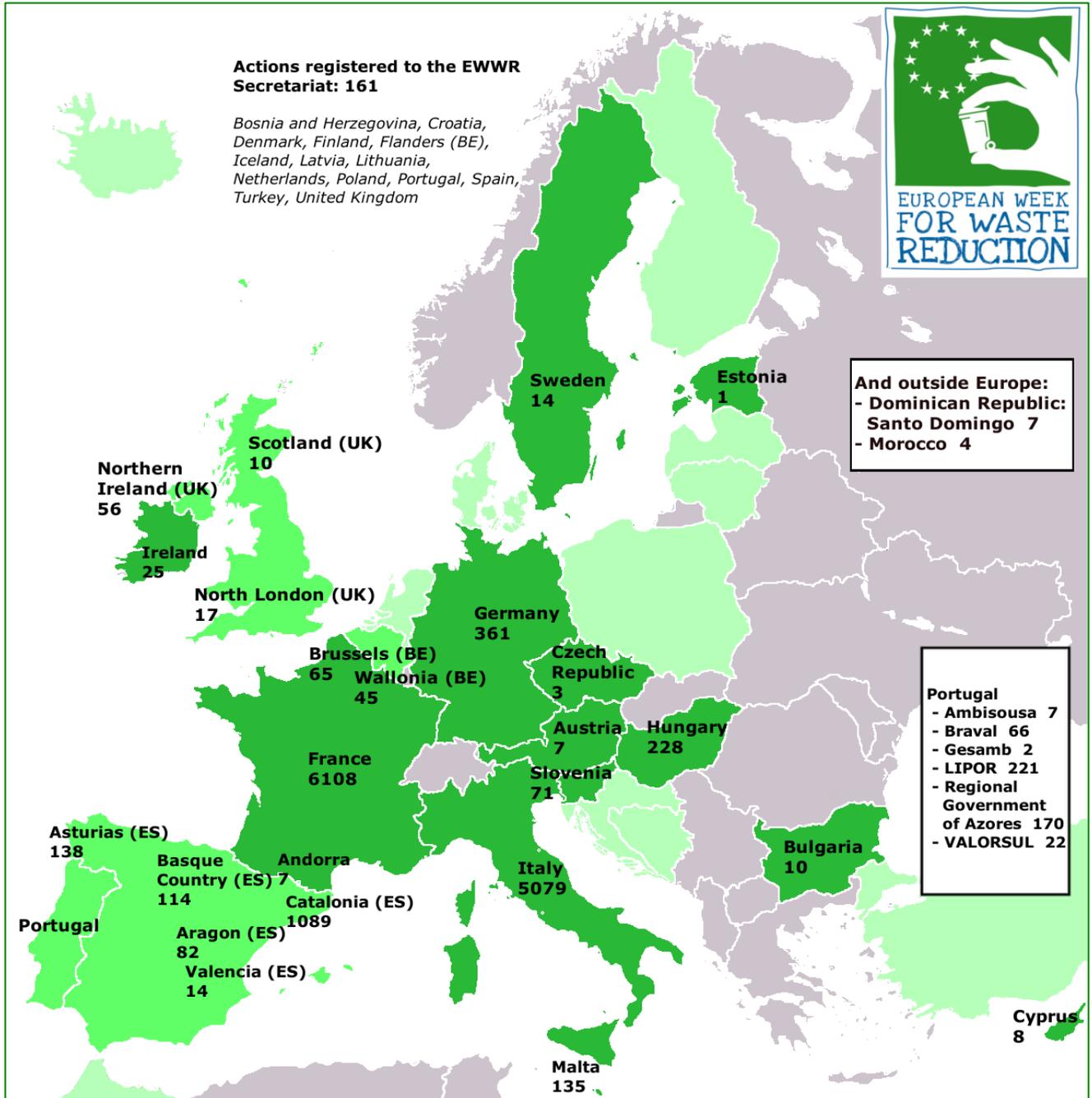
With the support of the EWWR coordinators and of the EWWR Secretariat, a **variety of action developers**, including administrations, associations and NGOs, businesses, educational establishments, citizens, were involved in the EWWR 2018. By carrying out awareness-raising actions on the "3Rs", Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, action developers targeted various audiences, from employees and customers to children and students.

These actions ranged from simple e-mails to comprehensive awareness-raising campaigns focusing on the various stages of a product's life cycle, ranging from production, consumption and reuse to selective collection and recycling. The actions focused **on one or several of the four following themes: waste reduction, product reuse, material recycling, and clean ups**. In addition, the 2018 edition of the EWWR put a specific emphasis on the topic of [Hazardous Waste](#) under the slogan Time to detox!, which many action developers fully embraced.



We invite you to have a look at the [comprehensive press file](#) published after the EWWR 2018, where you will find a broad overview of what happened in the field.

### European Week for Waste Reduction 2018 - Map of actions



Join us for the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the EWWR  
between 16-24 November 2019!

## D. Who are the stars of the EWR 2018 Awards?

### ► Administration/Public authority category

**Winner: Zero-waste marathon. Sustainable school meals**

**Municipality of Sant Vicenç de Castellet (Catalonia, Spain)**



In line with its policy to reduce waste and mitigate its environmental impact, the municipality of Sant Vicenç de Castellet organised a series of activities (a "marathon") for EWR 2018. The main component comprised of a campaign to promote healthy and sustainable school meals in the three public schools in the municipality. Involving 600 students and their families, this initiative was carried out in several steps (benchmarking, workshops, Instagram photo competition, evaluation) and accomplished the reduction of the waste resulting from school meals by 33%.

With the help of clown 'Basureto', the children learned practical tips to reduce waste and to eat more healthily. The project sought to instill good and long-lasting behavioural changes in participants by employing a fun and interactive, but also pragmatic approach to teaching. Find out more about this action in the [interview](#) we conducted with its organisers.

### Finalists:

#### From the sea to the table

**Gipuzkoa Province Council (Basque Country, Spain)**



In order to raise awareness about the damaging effects of plastic on the environment and particularly on marine ecosystems, the Gipuzkoa Province Council rallied the residents of 31 towns — some 5,000 inhabitants — to collect plastic containers and transform them into art installations and items like bags and shopping trolleys.

Find out more about this action in our [interview](#) with the organisers.



## La Louviere<sup>3</sup>: zero-waste objective

La Louviere (Wallonia, Belgium)

A recurrent, yearly action, La Louviere<sup>3</sup>: zero-waste objective is one of the ways in which this Belgian municipality substantiates its waste strategy. Throughout EWWR 2018, a flurry of activities took place in the Walloon town targeting both schoolchildren and the general public through workshops, conferences and waste weigh ins. As a result, the ten participating schools managed to cut their waste down by almost 40% compared to business as usual and as many as 36.000 local households are now better informed about waste reduction techniques. Find out more about this action in our [interview](#) with the organisers.



### ► Association/NGO category

**Winner: the Cloughmills Library of Things**

Cloughmills Community Action team (Northern Ireland, UK)

By tapping into this Northern Irish community's long-standing tradition for collective action, the Cloughmills Community Action Team sought to challenge consumption and ownership habits through the creation of a library of things. The initiative was promoted among 650 local households, the residents of which were invited to come to the library to borrow not books, but rather tools and hardware. In this manner, the organisers aimed to strengthen the capacity of the local community to perform different tasks locally, but most importantly to reduce consumption and consequently waste and to provide local residents with a cost-effective way of accessing objects that are normally used sparingly. EWWR 2018 marked only the launch of this initiative, though, because the library is here to stay. Learn more about this action from our [interview](#) with its organisers.



### Finalists:



### #zerofoodwastebcn day

Plataforma Aprofitem els Aliments (Catalonia, Spain)

Inspired by the UK's "feedingthe5000", this Catalan NGO has been organizing zero food waste events since 2014. In November 2018, it inspired over 150 volunteers to join forces to save food from waste and to provide free meals while at it. Set in one of Barcelona's emblematic markets, La Pionera, the action was possible thanks to the coordination of a wide array of stakeholders, ranging from local producers to small and large retailers, other social networks and a hospitality school. The result? Over 2.4

tonnes of food saved from waste, which translated into savings of 2 tonnes of CO2 equivalent, 202 cubic metres of water and over € 3.000. Most importantly, it served over 1.500 free meals.



## HelloWielo Polish Zero Waste Association (Poland)

In an effort to inform Polish parents about the alternatives to throwaway diapers, the Polish Zero Waste Association organised no fewer than 25 workshops in 22 cities across the country and six live streams on Facebook to discuss cloth diapers. The organisation also promoted reusable diapers in 30 online stores.

Find out more about this action in our [interview](#) with the organiser.



## ► Business/Industry category

### Emerging pollutants

Clínica IMQ Zorrotzaurre (Basque Country, Spain)



To better understand the environmental impact of the substances used in the different departments in its clinics, this group of medical centres from the Basque Country tasked a team of environmental experts with the project of classifying the different chemical components used in its hospitals based on their environmental impact. The result was a ranking of said substances by a series of pre-determined environmental criteria. The group intends to use the classification to perform material substitution in those cases where good alternatives exist on the market and to inform its environmental strategy going forward.

The project took the entire first half of 2018 to complete. On the occasion of EWWR 2018, the clinic communicated its findings to its staff and patients. Have a look at our [interview](#) with the organisers to learn more about this action.

## ► Finalists:

### School and commerce, anti-waste symbiosis ResidÚS (Catalonia, Spain)

This social enterprise from Girona, Catalonia managed the rare feat of bringing together a chain of frozen yoghurt (froyo) shops and a school in an effort to prevent waste generation. Thus, the students at the Eiximenis school gathered some 300 glass containers that their families no longer needed. Using them, three Llagurt shops offered their customers the possibility of having their froyo served in reusable rather than disposable containers. Using the lessons learned from this





campaign, the organiser intends to implement an even more ambitious initiative for EWWR 2019. Read our [interview](#) with her to learn more about this action.

## Environmental awareness for workers and contractors

OPEL España, S.L.U. (Aragón, Spain)



Achieving excellence in environmental and energy management requires the involvement of the entire organization. This is why Opel España and its Zaragoza plant participate and support different initiatives in order to develop environmental awareness among its employees, contractors, suppliers and students.

Having been involved in the EWWR for six years, in 2018 the factory organized a flurry of events, including an exhibition about glass; a promotional campaign about paper recycling; a zero-food waste meal; the collection of plastic caps and mobile phones at the factory;

video showings about the 3Rs; and a Facebook photo contest, among others. Learn more about this action by reading our [interview](#) with its organisers.

### ► Educational establishment category

#### Winner: EWWR Green Cleaning

St Fintan's National School (Dublin, Ireland)

In line with the theme of EWWR 2018, which was the prevention of hazardous waste, this Irish school involved 180 students and their families in an effort to curtail the harmful chemicals used in everyday items like cleaning products, polish and air fresheners. Following a campaign to collect empty containers from households in September and the printing of labels for the different products in October, in November the school organised workshops during which parents and students worked together to make more sustainable cleaning products. Since the workshops took place in the school corridors, all 600 students at the school had the opportunity to witness the activity and learn about the hazardous chemicals in everyday cleaning products.



Have a look at the [interview](#) we conducted with the organisers to learn more about this activity.



**Finalists:**  
**Recycling waste cooking oil**  
St. Thomas More College ALP School (Malta)

This applied learning school from Malta sought to teach its multimedia students some practical skills related to videomaking while also informing them about the challenges related to the management of waste cooking oil in their community. After conducting field interviews to understand how the Maltese disposed of their waste cooking oil, the student group put together a video with instructions on the correct disposal method and disseminated it through channels such as television stations, the 68 local councils in the country, the department of information, the ministry of education and several news portals. Find out more about this action in our [interview](#) with the organiser.



**IES N°1 towards zero waste**

N°1 High School (Asturias, Spain)

Under the umbrella of a zero-waste week, this action developer organised various initiatives to raise awareness among students about the negative impact of waste on the environment and to encourage them to seek solutions to this problem. The actions ranged from a beach clean-up and beach ecosystem assessment to a day dedicated to reusing textiles, a circular economy workshop, a showing of the Albatross documentary by Chris Jordan and a comparison of the hazardous chemicals used in the school labs and those used in our daily lives that the students performed during their science classes. Discover more about this activity by reading our [interview](#) with the organiser.



► **Citizen(s) category**

**Winner: Festive bio-waste weigh ins**

Marina Seder Colomina and Morgane Robert (Les Lilas, France)

These two residents of Les Lilas carried out a campaign to measure the amount and composition of the bio-waste deposited at two community composting sites in their locality. They did in order to better understand the impact of the two sites and to optimise the collection process. But the organisers did not allow the importance of the task to take away from the fun of it and they made a festive





occasion out of it. The results of the measurements were communicated to the festive depositors on the day of the event and compiled in a report that was then shared with relevant local authorities and waste management institutions in the country. Have a look at our [interview](#) with this finalist to learn more about this action.

## Finalists:

### Climate Elf in action!

**Ildikó Szabó Bozókiné (Csongrád County, Hungary)**

Seeking to advance the waste prevention agenda in her town, this educator organised a flurry of interactive activities throughout EWWR 2018 to inform children about the importance of waste prevention. A discussion about food waste was followed by conversations about renewable energy and water efficiency on subsequent days, as well as by an activity focused on selective waste collection and another class activity related to environmental conservation. Lastly, on November 24, students were invited to bring in their unused games and clothes, which were sent to the Red Cross. They also played games and sang songs related to waste in general and bio-waste in particular.



### Coffee break

**Denise Castro and Daniela Malanchini (Azores, Portugal)**



These EWWR veterans rallied their community around the topic of waste prevention once again for the 2018 edition. This time, their focus was coffee breaks, which can be the source of a surprisingly large amount of waste if single-use packaging, cups, capsules and other such items are served. In an effort to give coffee breaks a makeover in their community, the two organisers collaborated with the local library, which is where all the social gatherings are organised, to set up a little demo. In order to emphasise what there is and what can be, the demo featured two tables – one

exemplifying a typical coffee break and one a more sustainable version. The result? They have changed a few minds and they also convinced the library to refrain from using throwaway cups and other single-use items during future events. Find out more about this action by reading our [interview](#) with the organisers.



## ► European Special Prize category

Winner: the EWR Sustainable Art Alphabet

Col·legi Sant Josep and its partner schools (Catalonia, Spain and Europe)

Carried out as part of an eTwinning project called "WE ARE ART" under the guidance of Col·legi Sant Josep, this action had schoolchildren in six European countries devise an alphabet with meaningful messages about sustainability. The result was an e-book that was shared among all the participating schools, as well as meaningful discussions with the students about topics like waste prevention and selection. Honing their teamwork and language skills were added benefits of this project.



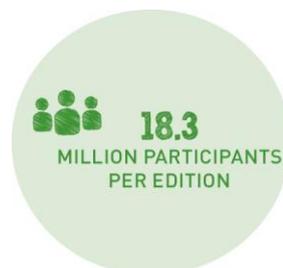
## E. What is the role of the EWR in the current waste panorama?

### Why is the EWR important?

Waste is a pressing environmental, social and economic issue. Increasing consumption of resources generates large amounts of waste; this increase in the amount of waste to be managed requires more collection and treatment infrastructures, the cost of which puts a strain on the budgets of local and regional public authorities. For instance, household waste has doubled in weight since 1970 and has remained high for almost two decades. In the EU28, **487 kg of municipal waste** were generated **per person in 2017**<sup>1</sup>. The amount of municipal waste generated varies significantly across Member States, reaching up to almost 781 kg/capita in some countries<sup>2</sup>. This waste is the result of unsustainable levels production and consumption. Waste management trends in Europe are slowly improving, but huge discrepancies in performance remain.

**The EWR draws attention to this issue by promoting good practices of waste reduction and spreading them to the wider public.**

Over the past years, several evaluations of the EWR were carried out. They highlighted some of the great results of the EWR editions:



<sup>1</sup> Source: [Eurostat](#). Date consulted: May 07, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Ibidem



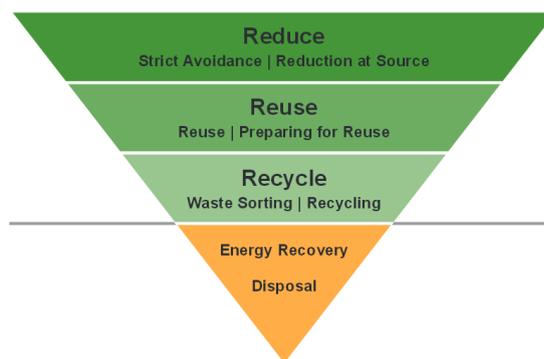
## Our objectives are to:

- Raise awareness about waste reduction, product reuse and materials recycling strategies, and related European Union and Member States policies;
- Highlight the work accomplished by various actors, through concrete examples of awareness-raising actions about waste reduction, product reuse, and materials recycling;
- Mobilise and encourage the public and all target groups to concentrate on four key action themes;
- Reinforce the EWWR stakeholders' capacities by providing them with targeted communication tools and training.

### The gist of the message: 3RS and a clean-up

The actions implemented as part of the EWWR address the "3Rs": Reduce waste, Reuse products and Recycle materials. The "3Rs" represent the options which should be considered first when elaborating a waste management strategy. Following the hierarchy illustrated below, reducing waste should always be the first priority. In fact, one of the most powerful slogans of the EWWR concerns the prevention of waste production:

**'The best waste is the one that is not produced!'**



Reducing means using fewer resources in the first place and includes strict avoidance as well as reduction at source. The second-best option is to reuse products, including preparing them for reuse. The third priority and last waste management option that the EWWR recommends is materials recycling.

The EWWR also coordinates a Europe-wide annual clean-up day called "[Let's Clean Up Europe](#)". Action developers also organised initiatives to collect waste generated in their areas during the European Week for Waste Reduction 2018.

**The European Week for waste Reduction will take place between**

**16 and 24 November in 2019!**

**Get ready for some actions!**



## F. Who is on the EWR Steering Committee?

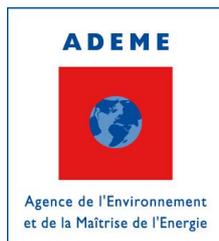
The EWR Steering Committee (ESC) was set up to coordinate, spread and promote the EWR. The members of the ESC finance the coordination of the EWR and take the major decisions regarding the campaign. For instance, they decide on the EWR Awards ceremony, the annual thematic focus and the communication strategy.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the ESC for 2019, we invite you to have a look at [this page](#) and contact the EWR Secretariat ([contact@ewwr.eu](mailto:contact@ewwr.eu)).

### Members of the EWR Steering Committee 2018



**ACR+**, the Association of Cities and Regions for sustainable Resource Management, is an international network of cities and regions who share the aim of promoting smart resource consumption and sustainable waste management through prevention at source, reuse and recycling. ACR+ aims to develop expertise and skills of public authorities in waste, product, and resource policies, encourage practical action in waste management and sustainable consumption, and promote cooperation and partnership to develop eco-efficient solutions. **ACR+ acts as the EWR Secretariat.**



**ADEME**, Environment and Energy Management Agency (France) is active in the implementation of public policy in the areas of the environment, energy and sustainable development. ADEME provides expertise and advisory services to businesses, local authorities and communities, government bodies and the public at large, to enable them to establish and consolidate their environmental action. As part of this work the agency helps finance projects, from research to implementation, in its areas of action.



**AICA**, the International Association for Environmental Communication (Italy), is a cultural project that aims to understand, study, and promote (inter)national environmental communication actions. It creates connections between different actors - institutions, associations, and businesses - at different levels to encourage them to exchange best practices on implementing environmental policies.



**ARC**, the Catalan Waste Agency (Catalonia, Spain), is the public entity in charge of the integrated management of municipal, industrial, healthcare and agricultural waste in Catalonia. The objectives of ARC include the promotion of waste prevention and selective waste collection and to stimulate and advise on valorisation, reuse and recycling, among others.



**Bruxelles Environnement – Leefmilieu Brussel** (Belgium) is the public administration for the environment and energy in the Brussels-Capital Region, in charge of all environmental issues. Regarding waste, they are in charge of elaborating and implementing the Brussels-Capital waste and resources management plan, aiming to reduce waste production and to sustainably manage the natural resources consumed and the waste produced. They have almost 20 years of practical experience in the area of recycling, reuse and repair.



**EMWR**, the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Office (Ireland), along with the other waste management offices have been put in place in order to reconsider our approach and attitudes towards managing Ireland's waste. EMWR's primary focus is to showcase waste as a valuable resource in conjunction with making better use of current resources while also reducing leakage along the way, putting the circular economy into practice. EMWR's work is underpinned by National and European waste legislation and work carried out will ensure the continued management of waste in a safe and sustainable manner.

**The Directorate-General for Environment** is the European Commission department responsible for EU policy on the environment. It aims to protect, preserve and improve the environment for present and future generations, proposing and implementing policies that ensure a high level of environmental protection and preserve the quality of life of EU citizens. It also makes sure that Member States apply EU environmental law correctly and represents the European Union in environmental matters at international meetings.

**NLWA**, the North London Waste Authority (United Kingdom), was established in 1986 and is the waste disposal authority for the north London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest. Its primary function is to arrange the transport and disposal of waste collected by these boroughs. NLWA is the second largest waste disposal authority in the country and nearly 1.9 million residents live in the area. Find out more about NLWA, and visit 'Wise Up To Waste', NLWA's consumer website, which contains information for residents on reducing waste and recycling more.

The **European Committee of the Regions** (CoR) is the European Union's assembly of regional and local representatives. It is composed of 350 members – regional presidents, mayors or elected representatives of regions and cities – from the 28 EU countries. Since its establishment more than 20 years ago, the CoR has been working to bring citizens closer to the European Union. The CoR is entitled to express its views on all major issues of local and regional relevance.

**LIPOR**, the Intermunicipal Waste Management of Greater Porto (Portugal), is responsible for the management, recovery and treatment of the Municipal Waste produced in the eight associated municipalities. Every year, Lipor **treats about 500,000 tons of municipal waste** - MW - that are produced by about **1 million inhabitants**. Based on modern MW management concepts that stand for the implementation of integrated systems and reduction of waste disposal in landfills, Lipor has developed an integrated strategy for the recovery, treatment and confinement of MW, based on three main areas: Multi-material Recovery, Organic Recovery and Energy Recovery, which are complemented by a Landfill where rejected and previously prepared waste is sent to.



**VKU**, the German Association of Local Utilities (Germany), is the national association of municipally determined infrastructure undertakings and economic enterprises. These are companies that provide services of general interest in Germany within the framework of local self-government. The 1,450 member companies organized within the VKU are primarily active in the fields of energy supply, water supply and sewage, waste management, municipal cleaning and telecommunication.

**Wasteserv** (Malta) is responsible for organizing, managing and operating integrated systems for waste management including minimisation, collection, transport, sorting, reuse, utilisation, recycling, treatment and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. The company also coordinates the export of waste to destinations outside the Maltese islands. The ultimate aim of Wasteserv is to encourage people to make waste management an integral lifestyle practice. The company believes that established objectives will allow it to reach its intended aim.

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## ANNEX 1

### List of EWR 2018 nominees

Public administration and organisation category			
Country/Region	Coordinator	Action Developer	Name of Action
Austria	ARGE	Ministry for sustainability and tourism	Awarding school contest: Zero Waste goes to school
Belgium, Brussels	Bruxelles Environnement – Leefmilieu Brussel	SPF/FOD	Waste reduction in the federal government service
Belgium, Wallonia	Public Service of Wallonia	Ville de La Louvière	La Louvière <sup>3</sup> : objectif zéro déchet
Bulgaria	BAMEE	Plovdiv Municipality - District "South"	The waste comes alive
France	ADEME	Mairie Ingré	Canteen zero packaging challenge
Germany	VKU e.V.	Kreisverwaltung Euskirchen	Waste for us - cleanliness for you
Hungary	Ministry for Innovation and Technology	Municipality of Balatonfenyves	Detoxify our home!
Italy	AICA	Comune di Bergamo	Bergamo, Free Risk
Malta	Wasteserv Malta Limited	Siggiewi Local Council	E-Waste is Hazardous
Portugal, Azores	Região Autónoma dos Açores – Direção Regional do Ambiente	Câmara Municipal de Santa Cruz das Flores	Learn to reduce !
Portugal, Lisbon	EWR Secretariat	EMAC	Reuse for Biodiversity: Hotel for Insects
Portugal, Porto	Lipor	Ermesinde Parish	Street Without Advertising
Slovenia	Chamber of Public Utilities	Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and Chamber of Public Utilities	Roundtable – Where is Slovenia in the field of hazardous waste management?
Spain, Aragón	Gobierno de Aragón	Dirección General de Sostenibilidad	Environmental awareness in the matter of food waste in Aragon's homes
Spain, Asturias	COGERSA	Langreo Town Council	What we plug in, we also recycle
Spain, Basque Country	IHOBE	Diputación Foral de Gipuzkoa	Recycling campaign "From the sea to the table"
Spain, Catalonia	Agència de Residus de Catalunya	Town Council of Sant Vicenç de Castellet	Zero-Waste Marathon. The healthy and sustainable breakfast.
Spain, Madrid	EWR Secretariat	Ayuntamiento de Fuenlabrada	Conference on Waste Prevention and recycling
UK, Northern Ireland	Waste & Resources Action Programme Northern Ireland	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	Clean Green



Association/NGO category			
Country/Region	Coordinator	Action Developer	Name of Action
Belgium, Brussels	Bruxelles Environnement – Leefmilieu Brussel	Cultureghem	Recovery of unsold fruits and vegetables from the slaughterhouse market
Belgium, Namur	Public Service of Wallonia	Ville de Namur in collaboration with La Ressourcerie Namuroise SCRL	Salon Recup'ère 2018
Bulgaria	BAMEE	RIEW Pazardzhik, Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water	Green action – pass forward
Dominican Republic	PACMA	PACMA	Contamination of used Batteries
France	ADEME	Resistes Ressourcerie	Ateliers Récup 'Arts
Germany	VKU e.V.	Ökolöwe Umweltbund Leipzig e.V.	Time bomb old drugs
Hungary	Ministry for Innovation and Technology	Zöld Kör (Green Circle)	Detoxify our home!
Italy	AICA	Associazione Eticologica	From the drawer to recycling
Malta	Wasteserv Malta Limited	Arthritis & Rheumatism Association Malta	Waste of medicines: What are the solutions and how should we dispose of expired medicines?
Poland	EWWR Secretariat	Polish Zero Waste Association	HelloWielo
Portugal, Azores	Região Autónoma dos Açores – Direção Regional do Ambiente	Associação Trevo 4Folhas	Clean
Portugal, Porto	Lipor	Associação de Desenvolvimento do Concelho de Espinho	Refreshing reading
Spain, Asturias	COGERSA	The Artisan and Ecological Market of Gijón	The Tree of Life
Spain, Catalonia	Agència de Residus de Catalunya	Association Plataforma Aprofitem els Aliments	#zerofoodwastebcn day
UK, Northern Ireland	Waste & Resources Action Programme Northern Ireland	Cloughmills Community Action Team	Cloughmills Library of Things



Business/Industry category			
Country/Region	Coordinator	Action Developer	Name of Action
Belgium, Wallonia	Public Service of Wallonia	Environment Unit of the Walloon Business Federation	These 5 companies did it
France	ADEME	Hipay	Greenweek Hipay
Germany	VKU e.V.	Berliner Stadtreinigung (BSR)	Action Area Exchange and Gift Market in the Silberlaube of Freie Universität Berlin
Hungary	Ministry for Innovation and Technology	VHK Veszprémi Hulladékgazdálkodási Közzolgáltató Nonprofit	Creative waste reduction!
Italy	AICA	Kalat Ambiente SRR	Where do I throw it? Let's learn at school
Malta	Wasteserv Malta Limited	Veco – Vítally Ecologic	Creating a reusable produce bag to eliminate single-use plastic bags from stores
Portugal, Norte	EWWR Secretariat	Casais	1 2 3 Reduzir um Plástico de cada vez!
Portugal, Porto	Lipor	Hard Rock Café	Embrulha (Wrap)
Slovenia	Chamber of Public Utilities	Utility company Tržič	The pensioners clean naturally!
Spain, Aragon	Gobierno de Aragon	Opel España, S.L.U	Environmental awareness for workers and contractors
Spain, Asturias	COGERSA	Grupo PFS cantábrico gestión empresarial, s.l.	Less plastics to be more sustainable
Spain, Basque Country	IHOBE	Clínica IMQ Zorrotzaurre	Emerging pollutants: if we do not wait for them to be here?
Spain, Catalonia	Agència de Residus de Catalunya	Resid'ÚS	School and commerce, anti-waste symbiosis
Spain, Madrid	EWWR Secretariat	RecircUP	Con RecircUP, reciclar ya no será aburrido. ¡Participa en nuestro reto de Reciclaje Colaborativo!



Educational establishment category			
Country/Region	Coordinator	Action Developer	Name of Action
Belgium, Brussels	Bruxelles Environnement – Leefmilieu Brussel	Haute Ecole Léonard de Vinci	Open Free Go: le frigo anti-gaspi - Clean Up Vinci – en lutte contre les déchets
Bulgaria	BAMEE	School Aleko Konstantinov	Worth
Croatia	EWWR Secretariat	OŠ Monte Zaro Pula	Razvrstaj, recikliraj, očuvaj
France	ADEME	Ecole Plaisir d'Enfance	Opération Quel Bazar!
Germany	VKU e.V.	AStA der Leuphana Universität Lüneburg	Reduce week Öko?-Logisch!
Hungary	Ministry for Innovation and Technology	Csokonai Vitéz Mihály Primary School and High School of Kaposvár	Create your own unique shopping bag
Ireland	EMWR	St Fintan's National School	EWWR Green Cleaning
Italy	AICA	IIS Venturi	Ridurre i rifiuti inutili nella vita quotidiana - Reducing waste in everyday life
Malta	WasteServ Malta Limited	St Thomas More College ALP School	Recycling waste cooking oil
Portugal, Azores	Região Autónoma dos Açores – Direção Regional do Ambiente	Escola Profissional da Ribeira Grande	ReciclART
Portugal, Porto	Lipor	Escola Básica Frei Manuel Santa Inês	Sort, Reduce, Recycle and Reuse!
Slovenia	Chamber of Public Utilities	Elementary school Vransko-Tabor	Didactic game Separating the waste
Spain, Aragón	Gobierno de Aragón	IES Leonardo de Chabacier	Waste on a bag!
Spain, Asturias	COGERSA	IES N°1	IES N° 1
Spain, Basque Country	IHOBE	Egibide	Food waste, workshop on how Climate Change affects crops and water
Spain, Catalonia	Agència de Residus de Catalunya	University of Vic – Central University of Catalonia	Waste, Communication, Culture and Creativity



Sweden	Avfall Sverige	Kretsloppslandet Örebro kommun Tekniska förvaltningen	Reduce the dustbin and detoxify the cycle
UK	WRAP Northern Ireland	St Teresa's Nursery School	3Rs

### Citizen(s) category

Country/Region	Coordinator	Action Developer	Name of Action
France	ADEME	Marina Seder Colomina and Morgane Robert	Festive bio-waste weigh-ins
Germany	VKU e.V.	WWF Jugend Ulm	Garbage collection and public relations
Hungary	Ministry for Innovation and Technology	Ildikó Szabó Bozókiné	Climate Elf in action!
Italy	AICA	Cittadini in Azione	I am special, do not abandon me
Portugal, Azores	Região Autónoma dos Açores – Direção Regional do Ambiente	Denise Castro and Daniela Malanchini	Coffee Break
Portugal, Porto	Lipor	Telmo Machado	I love STAR WARS, but I hate waste!
Spain, Asturias	COGERSA	Biology Degree and Master's Degree in Marine Conservation students	Waste with head
Spain, Catalonia	Agència de Residus de Catalunya	Joel Esclaera Ponce	Eco-orienteeing race in Ortoll

### European Special Prize category

Country/Region	Coordinator	Action Developer	Name of Action
Benelux	Bruxelles Environnement – Leefmilieu Brussel	Close the Gap	Mobile phone collection
Bulgaria	BAMEE	Plovdiv Municipality	Waste Reduction by sorting and recycling from high schools
Several countries	Agència de Residus de Catalunya	Col·legi Sant Josep and partner schools	EWWR Sustainable Art Alphabet
Slovenia	Chamber of Public Utilities	Kindergarten Oton Župančič Ljubljana	Didactic game Separating the waste
Spain, Asturias	COGERSA -Asturias, Spain	Cáritas Koopera S. Coop Astur	Collection of clothing and textile for social and environment purposes