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ONLINE WEBINAR

A better urban organic waste management for a more resilient Mediterranean agriculture

International Compost Awareness Week footprints. Back-to-back event to the 4th UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Action.

Tuesday 23rd of May, 10:00 AM – 13:00 PM (CET)

[Click here to register for this event.](#)

A link to join the webinar will be sent closer to the event date.

Live interpretation in French and Arabic

Rural Mediterranean regions are characterised by low soil fertility and erosion implying land degradation, thus more climate change impact and vulnerability. Nevertheless, if agricultural soils are appropriately managed, they have a large potential to become resilient, productive, and enhance soil health by maintaining soil organic carbon, improved water retention and increase biodiversity. In turn, in urban ecosystems, there is a great opportunity to recover high quality compost through municipal organic waste to enrich agricultural soils and therefore, closing the loop.

Following the 2023 International Compost Awareness Week under the specific thematic of "Healthier soil, healthier food...Compost!" and as the largest education initiative celebrated in many countries, this webinar aims to showcase and bring a virtual space to exchange Mediterranean good practices related with urban organic waste management for a more resilient Mediterranean agriculture. Connecting these challenges, you will discover how problems can become opportunities!

Supported by UfM, ENI CBC MED and PRIMA programmes and proceeding the 4th UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Action, this event organised by the Med4Waste capitalisation project is a great opportunity to learn about urban and rural ecosystems challenges and potential joint solutions contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Mediterranean.

This webinar also promotes capacity building initiatives directly contributing to key 2030 GreenerMed Agenda actions such as the implementation of food waste reduction strategies and the reinforcement of rural circular business models, improve agricultural soil quality, and restore degraded land. In turn, Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach within the UfM Water Agenda will be presented to showcase the importance to have a cross-sectoral integrated perspective and improving governance to tackle transversal common issues.

Through ENI CBC MED projects, this webinar will reveal how to recover compost and achieve a better waste management in municipalities. In turn, through PRIMA projects, the interventions will show the potential to use compost and revalorised by-product to enrich agricultural soils in Mediterranean rural environments. In addition, the link to policy areas and other transversal initiatives such as the Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean (SFS-MED) will also be showcased as key elements of action to jointly move towards more sustainable agri-food systems in the Mediterranean region.

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Agenda

Event moderated by *Maria Calderó Pascual*, Project Manager of the Governance for Sustainability Area at BETA Technological Centre | UVIC-UCC.

WELCOME REMARKS

COOPERATING FOR A BETTER URBAN ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT & A MORE RESILIENT MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURE

10.00 – 10:15

Antonella Giglio, Acting Director-General of ENI CBC MED.

Octavi Quintana Trias, Director of PRIMA Secretariat.

Almotaz Abadi, Deputy Secretary General for UfM Water, Environment and Blue Economy Division [video intervention].

LEARN

URGENT CHALLENGES TO BE ADDRESSED

10.15 – 10:45

Laura Armengot Martínez, Researcher of the Soil & Nutrient Management Area at BETA Technological Centre | UVIC-UCC.

- The role of organic waste to maintain and enhance soil fertility.

Joumana Sweiss, Project officer at ENI CBC MED, Branch Office for Western Mediterranean.

- Opportunities to address waste management challenges and to move towards a more circular economy in the Mediterranean.

Ali Rhouma, Project officer at PRIMA.

- Insights from funded projects by PRIMA programme on circular economy.

Doha Zamel, Water resources engineer at UfM (consultant).

- Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) nexus within the UfM Water Agenda.

MED4WASTE

MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT GOVERNANCE

UfM supports the development and implementation of this project within the 2030 GreenerMed Agenda

10.45 – 11:15

Mercè Boy Roura, Project coordinator of the Governance for Sustainability Area at BETA Technological Centre | UVIC-UCC.

- The capitalisation approach of the Med4Waste project and MOOC.

Samar Morkos, Project manager at American University of Beirut.

- Successful case studies for replication.

Noe Viedma Alonso, Project manager at MEDCITIES.

- The mentoring scheme and opportunities for cities.

Federica Bruni, Network and Development Coordinator of BUSINESSMED.

- The Mediterranean business ecosystem related to waste management.

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11.15 – 11:30 Short break

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT &
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN?

11.30 – 11:45

Lamees Assaf, Communication manager at EDAMA.

- Interactive Quiz

IMPACTING

CAPACITY BUILDING GOOD PRACTICES

11.45 – 12:15

Tahseen Sayara, Palestine Technical University - Kadoorie (PTUK).

- DECOST project "Decentralised Composting in Small Towns".

Lama Nehme, ARCENCIEL NGO.

- CLIMA project "Cleaning Innovative Mediterranean Action: reducing waste to boost economies".

Kamal Targuisti, University of Abdelmalek Essaâdi (UAE).

- SustainOlive project "Sustainability of the olive oil sector".

Nissaf Karbout, Arid Regions Institute (IRA).

- ISFERALDA project "Improving Soil Fertility in Arid and semi-arid regions using Local Date palm residues".

NETWORKING SESSION

HOW DO COLLABORATIONS CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER USE OF ORGANIC
WASTE?

Session moderated by *Fabrice Dentressangle* and *Ali Rhouma*, Project Officers at PRIMA

12.15 – 12:45

PANEL DISCUSSION

- *Kamal Targuisti*, University of Abdelmalek Essaâdi, SustainOlive project.
- *Nissaf Karbout*, Arid Regions Institute, ISFERALDA project.
- *Joan Marull - Maria José la Rota - Elena Louisa*, Metropolitan Laboratory of Ecology and Territory – Autonomous University of Barcelona, MA4SURE project.
- *Tahseen Sayara*, Palestine Technical University - Kadoorie, DECOST project.
- *Lama Nehme*, ARCENCIEL NGO, CLIMA project.
- *Itxaso Euba*, Training and employment labour insertion company, SIRCLES project.

Audience interventions

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CLOSURE

KEY ELEMENTS OF ACTION

12.45 – 13:00

Haris Paliogiannis, Project manager at MIO-ECSDE.

Alessandra Sensi, Environment, Green and Blue Economy Head of Sector UfM Water Environment and Blue Economy Division.

13.00 End of the webinar

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