

# The role of engagement in the waste value chain

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Stakeholder engagement through the Biowaste Clubs

## > The 3 SCALIBUR pilots





## Why is engagement important











Active engagement and participation of stakeholders

Commitment creation

**Increased** awareness

Implementation of desired and needed strategies

Positive behavior change patterns + social innovations

#### > SCALIBUR Biowaste Clubs

Key local dialogue platform with a flexible setup

Identify and invite participant s based on interest



Create a shared vision





Exchange on good practices and lessons learnt







## Examples of pilot activities



Separate collection of biowaste from open markets



Smart collection with sensors on bins



Implementing PAYT schemes in the HoReCa sector

#### > What did we do in SCALIBUR

National replication

☐ Knowledge exchange and replication pathways for follower cities



Investors' days

 Discuss investment opportunities on the local and regional levels

Capacity building

- ☐ Sharing of best practices
- ☐ Identification of **replication potential** regionally

Citizen activities

- **Exhibition** to increase awareness on circular economy and project results locally
- ☐ Showcasing of local innovative circular products and business models from local champions
- DIY workshops and games

### National Replication National Action Manuals

Step-by-step-guide to identify and connect stakeholders,

Facilitaty exchange & find opportunities for action



## Learnings

Build on existing networks

trust building

Support change makers

Get into action with all actors

Consider limitations

**Build capacity** 

Adjust/ "translate" contents to specific audience

Co-creation and creative engagement formats

## Challenges & Solutions

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#### Solutions

- Stakeholders with limited time/budget to spend on extra activities
- Limited local leadership
- Lack of motivation from stakeholders
- Legislative & regulatory barriers for urban biowaste valorisation
- Local politics and administrative barriers

- ✓ Align biowaste club activities with stakeholders' daily work & motivations as closely as possible
- ✓ Design activities as support for their work
- Find potentially motivated stakeholders & create interest with them
- ✓ Individual approach, identify problems (not solutions), smaller groups & informal setting, incentivise households & HoReCa
- ✓ Bring stakeholders together with policymakers
- Speak with a common voice on national level across cities and regions
- Involve different policy actors, departments etc



#### Action weeks in Albano and Kozani



Circular Economy Week, Albano

Climate Neutral Week, Kozani 30.5.22- 5.6.22

## > Citizen activities: Kozani



#### Citizen activities: Albano



#### Engaging local champions

- Local champions are (groups of) citizens that are very active locally on topics of sustainability, neighbourhood improvement or social innovation.
- Local champions can be start-ups, businesses, social movements & individual citizens
- These were engaged in the action weeks and the Biowaste Clubs and their stories shared through different channels.







## What's next in biowaste stakeholder engagement?



**ROOTS** - circular policies for changing the biowaste system

#### #CEstakeholderEU

**European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform** 

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