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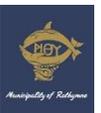
STRENGTHENING AN INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

# #1 NEWSLETTER

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The EWASTER PROJECT  
co-funded by the **Interreg Euro-MED**  
aims to promote policies for **better e-waste management**  
and **new innovative eco-business models**





# WHO WE ARE?

eWAsTER project involves 10 partners and 14 associated organization, in tandems of technical and political bodies, covering 8 countries – **Portugal, Spain, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria** and **Cyprus** – among MED regions trying to cover the larger possible Programme area, in order to represent the different casuistic of the waste management in the Mediterranean.



## 🎯 Meet our partners 🎯

👉 11 organizations & 8 countries among MED regions, led by the Alentejo Science and Technology Park (PACT) from Portugal



## 🎯 Meet our associated partners 🎯

👉 14 associated regions, counties, municipalities, waste public companies, research centres, etc., complementing the partners in each of the countries & 8 countries among MED regions



*"Together we will work to propose standardized measures to prevent e-waste from polluting MED water by turning waste into a resource."*

*"We do not consider the e-waste as a source of environmental damage, but as an opportunity to create an INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY through the valorisation of this waste."*



**Total budget**  
€ 2 046 650



**Project duration**  
33 months



**Interreg Funds**  
€ 1 637 320

# Find out what we have done in the first phase of the project!

## First in-person meeting of the EWAsTER consortium in Portugal

16 - 04 - 2024 / Évora 🇵🇹

As project leader, Alentejo Science and Technology Park (PACT) welcomed partners, representatives from 8 countries in the Mediterranean area, for a working session that served to define responsibilities, review the general lines of the project and to approve the first operational documents.



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## Standardized data collection from MED countries

Each partner started to gather local e-waste data, covering legislation, local key actors such as producers, importers, companies working in waste management, recyclers, reuse organizations, local authorities (municipalities & regional authorities), statistics on the amount of e-waste collected annually, innovative practices, what proportion of e-waste collected is recycled, etc.

In total, we expected to have at least 200 interviews/questionnaires from key actors!

Technical partners ORZ, RSU, PACT and UBBSLA, will lead the consortium in a join process of analysis of the MED market data in order to create a draft MED Methodology.

*In the next Newsletter 📧, we will share with you some important findings highlighted during this preliminary analysis on regional/local e-waste market data collected!*



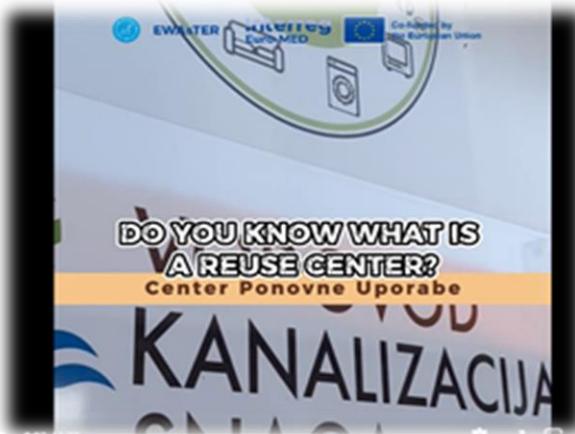
## 2nd Validation Workshop, organized by ORZ partner in Slovenia

During the period 9-10 July 2024, the second meeting with participation of all partners from the EWAsTER consortium was implemented successfully. The Environmental Research Institute (ORZ) hosted the event in Ljubljana and proposed different activities that accompanied the regular partners meeting.



- ✔ Day 1: We started in Rodica at the Faculty of Biotechnology with presentation of the location [#ETRI](#) community and their socially responsible approach, focused on preparing meals with the principle of reducing food waste
- ✔ Day 2: Continuing with presentation of the location, [#CPU](#) Reuse center Ljubljana - a social enterprise focused on the collection, repair, and reuse of e-waste, project partners discovered some innovative approaches and good practices in Slovenia to minimized the environmental impact of e-waste, setting a benchmark in the industry and fostering a circular economy.

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See the VIDEO to get some insights how the Reuse center (CPU) in Ljubljana add value to products that would otherwise be thrown away, and the added value is changing consciousness in the direction of awareness of social responsibility, which also solves the problem of handling waste and resources in Slovenia.



## EWAsTER project, as part of the ISE Mission, was represented by #PACT during two EURO-MED events

### 🎯 Shaping Sustainable Innovation in the Mediterranean 🎯

👉 The event took place at the World Trade Center Marseille Provence

The event, held on 18-19 June, was the stage for the launch of the ISE Community of Practice and the 1st edition of MED Innovation Day. These initiatives aim to create a permanent community that encourages dialogue and coordination between the 14 thematic projects from 18 countries and many other associated partners with activities that can be identified as complementary in favor of innovative sustainable practices in the MED region.



### 🎯 2nd MED INNOVATION CAMP 🎯

👉 During the period 28-29 May, the second edition of Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission 2nd Innovation Camp gathered together Mediterranean S3 policy makers and Euro-MED project partners. The event focused on the role of Smart specialisation strategies (S3) in supporting a green and just transition in the Mediterranean.



## We are on the Radio, presenting the project!

📻 Interested of the topic E-WASTE, Radio SI invited Dr. Marinka Vovk from ORZ to present the project topics in its THINK GREEN section.

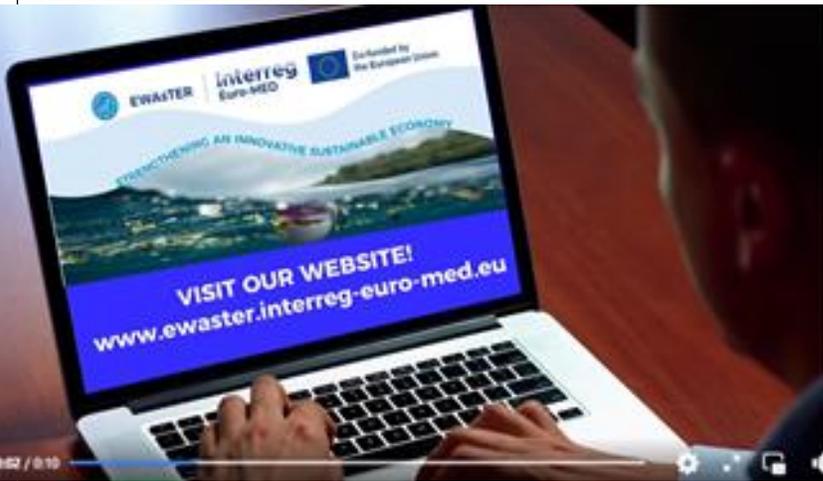
Enjoy reading the interview on our project website!

[Here is the full recording of the interview](#) 🖱️





# Did you already manage to visit our project website?



## [VISIT OUR WEBSITE](http://www.ewaster.interreg-euro-med.eu)

to learn more about who we are, what we do, our current activities and upcoming events, the joint solutions that we are planning to propose to PAs and SMEs e-waste sector!

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