



## WASTEKIT

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# WASTE MANAGEMENT FOCUSING ON KNOWLEDGE AND INTEGRATION TO CREATE TRANSNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WasteKIT is an EU FP7 Regions of knowledge project.

### *What has the project already achieved?*

WasteKIT has made the **four involved regions aware of their own ways of handling waste**, but, more important, has delivered insights in how to improve, define and choose new ways. Hence, creating economic development in waste management and **limit the environmental impact**.

### *How?*

The consortium started with a **comprehensive analysis of each of the four regions** to discover the strengths, opportunities and threats. This was also done in collaboration with the Waste-Cluster Initiative – three other projects in waste management working on similar analysis.

The consortium meetings in Amsterdam and Bologna made it possible to work this analysis through and **define our common areas for action to improve economic development in the regions**. These five areas are:

- technology waste to energy,
- options for plastics,
- knowledge transfer,
- funding & spin-off projects and
- public perception & understanding of waste

How to work on these has been put down in the **Central Joint Action Plan**. This comes together with the mentoring guide – which is still in progress, but will contain a step-by-step programme (accordingly to Lansink's Ladder) for regions to improve their handling of waste. Environmental factors and regional restrictions can all be taken into account by using the guide and the knowledge of other regions.

### *Why does this matter?*

**Waste is a huge challenge in Europe**. Very different and diffuse ways of waste management result in inefficient economics and a load on the environment. Knowledge sharing and integration are necessary to **define the most optimal ways of management for each region** to tackle these challenges.

### *Who is involved?*

**Four regions** in Europe – Amsterdam (NL), Yorkshire (UK), Emilia Romagna (IT) and Sofia (BG), each represented via a triple helix of stakeholders, regional/local authority or related organisation, knowledge institution and business, with a total of **19 partners**.

### *How much money has the EU invested in this?*

**1,2 Mio. €**