

# Decentralized Cooperation Belgium - Romania

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## Workshop waste management

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### In general:

- A good waste management policy needs 3 aspects:
  - Legal aspect: legislation
  - Infrastructure, technical frame
  - Awareness of all stakeholders
- Romania is behind in the EU-objectives concerning this matter.
- Flanders was 30 years ago a bad pupil, far behind all the others. Today they are with the top in selection.

### Bilateral exchange:

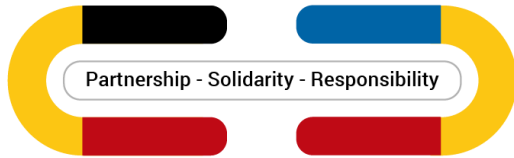
- Bilateral exchange is a strong way to share experience and to build up new durable projects. Cumpana is an example how bilateral cooperation creates a durable result.
- In bilateral exchange you have a benefit to both sides. Also the Belgian partners had a benefit in the waste management projects: creative process, reflection...
- Exchange of experience is the most important goal of cooperation.

### Local level:

- Finances from an upper level (e.g. EU) are needed. The local communes are financially too weak to carry all the costs.
- Inter municipal cooperation (scaling up) is the only way to cope with the problems in the (small) municipalities in Romania.

### Awareness:

- EU says in a recently report that awareness will be the key to go forward in the separated collection and recycling of waste.
- Good methods on the level of the citizens have to increase.
- Civil society organizations can help to counter the growing waste problem. They can do the campaign in peer groups (under equals). The organization TON can help with these campaigns.



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### Let's do it Romania 2013 \_GLT Arcus\_ Biblioteca Judeteana Paul Iorgovici din Resita

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlVe9ZvWYil>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOTBhaTsdQg>

cumpana

dank aan de Vlaamse partners voor het project

gegevens over Cumpana: 5000 households

15.000 inhabitants

phare middelen

2008: start project

2009: ending

4 years later: de Vlaamse vlag is nog steeds aanwezig

Educate the population

For collective of waste

Information champagne is needed for awareness: door to door

Information and method must be adapted to the

Mayor was also active in the awareness champagne: expl. Went to school to inform the pupils \_\_>  
these pupils "instruct" their parents and grandparents

2000 municipalities of Romania : people continue to throw the waste on the field.

Belgisch model is so important for RO

Intercommunal coop is an advantage

The exchange with FL was inspiring

Ro don't have own funding, so g-funding from abroad is needed.

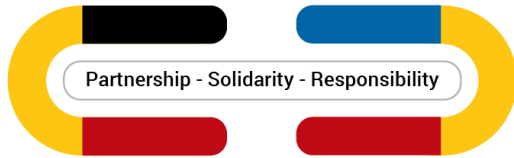


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Important for reuse of waste/materials

Equipment for collecting: truck, park,

Transported to a landfill 40 km from Cumpana

Two ways

1. Partnership with a municipality

Thanks mister ambassador to help with partnerships

Romanian as equals

Decentralization will take place in Romania

VVSG en Co: to make partnership possible

2. Compost for agriculture

Forum: success / local policymakers to find out the best good practises – this way benefit for the Romanian citizens

Walloon: invest in water structure

Only 3 communities: have collective waste facilities

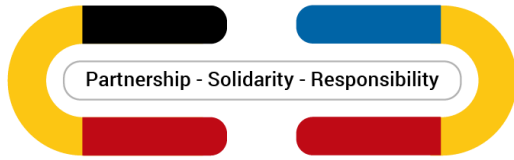
Infrastructure for this is needed

## Conclusions

Recuperation of landfillsites: this too complicated for this workshop

This is a plan for the future (biogas). This is a long time strategy.

First managing the landfill.



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Role landfill tax

Is important:

1981: before it was free

Now: it is still a discussion in EU, but Flanders/Belgium started already 30 Years ago.



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