

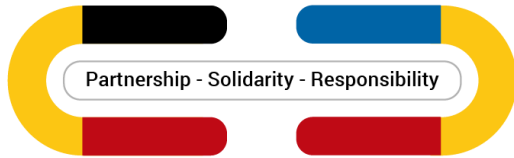
Decentralized Cooperation Belgium - Romania

4th Forum October 25-27, 2013 Leuven

Fostering local governance between Romania and Flanders, Wallonia, Brussels

Workshop Waste management: Many municipalities in Romania are faced with the problem that they have to close their landfill sites and are obliged to find alternative solutions for handling waste. Illegal dumping is most of the part a problem. This will be exacerbated when non appropriate solutions for the waste treatment will be offered or found. In general littering and illegal dumping cause serious implications for the local economy and risks for the health situation of citizens. Good waste management is both urgent and important. Mostly the competence and knowledge on waste management treatment in small municipalities and villages are rather limited. Local authorities are unable to tackle the waste problem in an effective and appropriate way. Private companies see a lucrative business in the waste management with the consequence that they push their own waste policy.

- **Presentation of good practices in Romania:**
 - The municipalities:
 - Cumpana
 - Vulcana-Băi
 - Bilateral projects:
 - Ecowerf
 - Awareness
 - Somepro
- **Speakers / panel:**
 - Belgium:
 - OVAM: **Anne Vandeputte.**
 - Ecowerf: **Sara Coessens.**
 - Educative worker/volunteer: daily task to aware people and social organizations about the topic: **X**
 - Romania:
 - Local level: one of the municipalities of the region of Constanta: **Mariana Gaju**, Primar Cumpana (waiting for answer).
 - Coordinating and legislative level (provinces and national): Coordinator Waste Management judet of Vaslui: **Iulian Cretu** (waiting for answer).
 - Ecorom Ambalaje: organization which fulfils the take back obligation of packaging waste to meet the recovery and recycling objectives regarding the packaging put on the Romanian market (possibility – not yet asked).
 - Moderator:
 - **X?**



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- **Possible outcomes / Points of interest:**
 - a. **Inter-municipal cooperation:** Inter-municipal cooperation can bring solution. A cooperation between different municipalities may give a benefit in solving the waste issues for the local authorities as well as for the citizens.
 - b. **Specialization and supporting organizations:** A specialized organization (Ecorom (RO) and Fost Plus (B)) can help with promotion, coordination and financing of the selective collection and recycling of household packaging waste.
 - c. **Information and awareness raising:** Inhabitants have to become more aware of their own style of living. Information and awareness raising of inhabitants and civil society organizations can help to counter the growing waste problem. In both countries good practice are available.
 - d. **The polluter pays:** Environmental tax which citizens had to pay to the municipality can be changed through a payment in proportion to the amount of waste produced.