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Waste prevention workshop in Brussels meets great success

Within the framework of the Pre-waste project, Brussels Environment (IBGE) organized an international workshop on 28 March, gathering waste prevention experts from across Europe. During this event, Pre-waste partners and about 130 waste prevention stakeholders had the opportunity to share opinions about key issues regarding waste prevention at local and regional level. They also discussed some of the 50 good practices chosen within the project amongst the 100 case studies on waste prevention assembled by the project partners.

This one-day event covered such subjects as the **EU context** of local and regional waste prevention planning, the **use of indicators, regulatory and economic waste prevention instruments**. It included parallel sessions where participants could go more deeply into the matter regarding **food wastage, packaging, rental/repair/reuse** and **sustainable consumption, production and lifestyles**.

Speakers included in particular Pre-waste partners (IBGE, ACR+, Marche Region and ORDIF), as well as representatives of the European Commission, the European Environment Agency, local and regional authorities, business, academic and NGO sectors.

At mid-day, a “**poster session**” was organized, where participants were able to ask more information to Pre-waste partners about a selection of **good practices and waste prevention strategies** in Europe, exhibited in poster format. These good practices covered in particular repair and reuse centers, taxation and awareness raising on plastic bags, dematerialisation in offices, reusable nappies, food waste avoidance and home composting.

The presentations and other outputs of the conference can be [downloaded on this webpage](#).

Pre-waste is a 3-year project (2010-2012) co-financed by the **INTERREG IV C program**. Its aim is to help local and regional authorities to improve their waste prevention policies. The main outputs will be 20 waste prevention best practices, a web tool allowing the assessment and monitoring of waste prevention actions and guidelines for developing efficient local and regional waste prevention policies.

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