What is URBAN-WASTE about?

The URBAN-WASTE project brings together key stakeholders along the waste prevention and management, as well as the tourism value chain in order to develop eco-innovative and gender-sensitive waste prevention and management strategies in cities with high levels of tourism in order to reduce the urban waste production and improve municipal waste management.

Specific objectives of URBAN-WASTE are:

- to foster and structure a stakeholder participatory framework for policy-making in waste management
- to develop integrated eco-innovative strategies for waste urban policies
- to address gender in waste prevention and management

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We can all act! After removing the card, take photos with this polaroid-like frame and share with us what you think about #UrbanWasteEU and what you did to make your holidays more environmentally friendly.

Where and when is it happening?
11 pilot cities and regions are involved in the project and will be the backbone of the implementation and demonstration activities as well as the participatory structure in form of the Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Plan for waste prevention and management in tourist cities. The project will run from 2016 to 2019.

What to expect from the project?

Decision makers
The project will empower local decision makers with the necessary know-how, analysis of the current practices and strategies for improvements.

- URBAN METABOLISM
  Exhaustive knowledge database on urban metabolism

- CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES
  Trainings and webinars for policy makers

- BEST PRACTICES
  Compendium of best waste management practices in touristic cities

- MOBILIZATION AND MUTUAL LEARNING PLAN
  A platform for increasing knowledge management and sharing

- WASTE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
  Tourism type tailored strategies for achieving the project’s objectives

Tourists and tourism service providers
The project will raise awareness on the impact of tourism on local communities and environment with a set of IT tools.

- WASTEAPP
  Play and win prizes and awards while making your stay more sustainable

- FOOD WASTE TRACKER
  Follow food waste in real time and prevent its production

- INTERACTIVE MAPS
  Waste-free and high performing tourism services on your maps

Why are we taking action?
European cities are among the world’s greatest tourism destinations. During high season tourist cities have to cope with a residing population that reaches from two to ten times their usual number leading to high levels of unsustainable consumption and waste production. URBAN WASTE aims at preserving the ecosystems services from the degradation due to irresponsible consumption patterns and inadequate waste management.

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