



#### S.W.A.N.

#### a digital Solid Waste reuse plAtform for BalkaN

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#### **V**ISION

• Development of an innovative Digital Platform that will act as a catalyst to the transition from linear to circular economy by creating locally and managing transnationally value chains for (non hazardous) solid waste, towards a society of zero waste.









#### **O**BJECTIVE

#### **INDUSTRIAL & REGIONAL SYMBIOSIS**

• Organise and interconnect all waste producers within a region, a country and/or between countries to recycle and recover their waste in industries.



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Site:

https://www.swan-interreg.com/

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#### **PARTNERSHIP**

#### **Lead Partner-Greece:**



LP1:Association of Municipalities in the Attica Region-Solid Waste Management Public Authority (E.D.S.N.A.)

#### Partners-Greece



P2: Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy



P3:Univ. of the Aegean-Research unit/Department of Business Administration

#### Partners-Albania



P4: Albanian Ministry of Tourism and Environment

P5: ILIRIA-Protection and Social & Environmental Development Association NGO

#### Partner-Bulgaria



P6: Bulgarian Industrial Association-Union of the Bulgarian Business

#### Partner-Cyprus



P7: Cyprus Univ. of Technology- Department of Environmental Science and Technology



#### HOW?

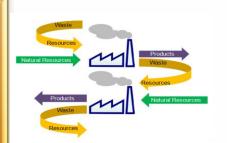
#### DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A DIGITAL PLATFORM THAT WILL:



map solid waste sources and potential receivers of waste streams



propose regional, national and transnational viable waste reuse pathways, through matching supply with demand



establish a collaborative network of relevant stakeholders in the region



#### **MAPPING**

- All the existing sources of (non hazardous) solid waste including small, medium and large enterprises
- Quantitative and qualitative characteristics of waste streams (including spatial characteristics, categorization of waste requirements for treatment before reuse)
- Potential users/industries of these waste streams.





#### **MATCHING**

Develop and implement an algorithm that can match the sources and potential receivers, provide different options for solid waste "reuse" value chains and related business models based on criteria:

- geographical (proximity between source and sink),
- technical (suitability of waste type)
- financial (viable investment for all parties involved) and
- environmental (waste hierarchy).

#### **Inputs:**

- Survey of Mapping
- Design and development of proposed list of profitable business models for each country
- > Design and development of proposed list of potential transnational business models
- Performing and develop of PESTLE Survey among local actors



#### **SWAN DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM OF FOUR IT PLATFORMS/ DATA BASES**

Each IT platform will act as a digital observatory for cataloguing the corresponding partner region's solid waste sources and flows. A common architecture will enable them to exchange information, leading to the creation of the SWAN Balkan Solid Waste Map—a unique dashboard of solid waste flows and stakeholders in the region.





#### **BENEFITS**

#### **FINANCIAL**

- Industries will develop relevant strategies, quality specifications and standards for resource savings
- Waste producers and collectors will identify ways to recover value

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Secondary Material for industries to save non renewable resources
- GHG abatement
- Reduce waste disposal

#### **SOCIAL**

- Job creation, ranging from IT support for the four IT platforms, to new SMEs that will enter the resulting waste management value chains
- Low cost waste management



#### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

# RESEARCH / PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- Swan Ecosystem Platforms and Databases
- Interested SMEs will be encouraged to introduce innovations (products, processes)

#### KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

- Circular economy/ industrial and regional symbiosis
- Solid waste reuse value chains
- Policy recommendations

### SUSTAINABLE NETWORKS

- SWAN Industrial Ecosystem access will remain free and active after the completion of the project
- Expansion to other Balkan countries by including additional stakeholders



## Thank you!

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