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PRESS RELEASE

European indicators to assess waste prevention policies efficiency

As part of the European PRE WASTE project aiming at identifying good practices in waste prevention, ORDIF drives an expert group working on the definition of indicators in order to assess and monitor waste prevention policies.

By the end of the first semester 2010, each partner of Pre Waste project had to identify around 10 good practices on its territory or in neighbouring countries, as well as data enabling to assess their efficiency.

Implement collective composting for apartment buildings (quantities' reduction), promote eco-friendly gardening products (toxicity's reduction), or give new life to books (reuse) are a sample of the good practices identified by ORDIF for preventing waste generation at local and regional level. Among all good practices, just twenty will be selected by IBGE (Brussels' Institute for environment management) so as to be analyzed and transferred to other territories.

ORDIF began to study partners' good practices and thought about a common methodology aiming at assessing the avoided quantities resulting from waste prevention actions. Indicators will enable to assess prevention policies' efficiency in terms of waste reduction as well as economical, social, and environmental impacts.

Pre Waste project will last 3 years (2010-2012), co financed by the INTERREG IVC programme (European Commission's programme). This project aims at supporting local and regional authorities by giving examples of good practices, feasibility studies, and tools for assessing what works, as well as a common methodology for local and regional waste prevention policies. For the recall, 524 kg of municipal wastes are produced per inhabitant per year in UE-27. According to the Guide for local and regional authorities in support of the new framework directive published by Association of cities and regions for recycling and sustainable resource management (ACR+) in November 2009, a reduction of 100 kg per inhabitant per year is possible.

