



## Best Practices of Recycling through Volunteering

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#### Objectives and priorities

It was the projects aim not only to introduce the EU standards on recycling, but to also underline the importance that volunteering has in updating from current standards to EU standards, as well as the importance that it has on sustainable management of recycling.

The general objective of the project was to create a collaboration platform between the participating municipalities.

The project was very successful in fulfilling both the general and specific objective that it had foreseen.

The specific objectives of the projects that regarded awareness raising of students and introducing the benefits of the concept of volunteering were successfully achieved through the clean-up action conducted in Durrës, as well as the promotional leaflets, TV broadcast and publication on web-sites of the activity.

The general objective of the project, which regarded the creation of a collaboration between the two municipalities was successful too. The commune of Mola already invited officials from Durrës Municipality to future collaborations and joint activities.

#### Activities

The Municipality of Durres, in collaboration and cooperation with the Urban Research Institute

(URI) has proposed a meeting regarding the best practices of recycling through



volunteering in the region of Durres.

On the 19th of May a round-table – open lecture was organized with the representatives of Durrës Municipality, Mola commune representatives and URI staff and they were invited to discuss regarding the goals of the project.

The method used was the exchange of the experiences regarding the issue of recycling and waste management policies. The parties involved discussed the collection of waste and waste management, implemented in the town of Mola, the methods used in the Mola commune regarding waste management ect.

On 20th of May was organized a Clean-up and recycling action in a seaside venue in Durrës.

The method included a massive awareness to increase the knowledge and engagement of students and citizens in the Durres region on the benefits of recycling for environmental protection and economic

development. For this purpose a number of 70 students, URI staff and in collaboration with the 23 experts from Mola commune and participants from the Municipality of Durres, were engaged in cleaning the seaside venue.

All the action made was possible through volunteering which has the main importance in updating from current standards to EU standards, as well as the importance that it has on sustainable management of recycling.

#### MAIN FACTS

**PARTNERS:**

- Communa di Mola Bari

**DURATION:**

01/05/2014- 21/05/2014

**BENEFICIARIES:**

- Durrës District

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