

# Regional Conference in Fossalto - report

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**Project Acronym:** NETWAP

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**Project Title:** NETwork of small "in situ" WAsTe Prevention and management initiatives

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**Specific objective:** 3.3 Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable and innovative technologies and approaches

**Work Package Number:** 2

**Work Package Title:** Communication activities

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**Partner in Charge:** Molise verso il 2000

**Partners involved:** ENEA, Fondazione Fenice

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REPORT - NETWAP REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN FOSSALTO- Network of Small Initiatives for  
Prevention and Sustainable Waste Management

Venue: Council Chamber of Fossalto Municipality, Fossalto (Campobasso)

Time: Friday, November 5, 2021

The Gal Molise, in collaboration with Enea Centro Ricerche Casaccia, Fondazione Fenice Green Energy Park and the Municipality of Fossalto organized the regional conference "Local composting and circular economy", in order to present the results of the project: analysis, strategy, common policy instructions and the composting machine. The event has also provided the chance for the inauguration of the first local composter built in the Molise Region.

Producing compost from biodegradable waste is now easier in the Municipality of Fossalto, since the administration has joined the Netwap project, agreeing to install a local composter in an area of the municipality, for the benefit of its inhabitants. The objectives of the NETWAP project are innovative and ambitious, aiming to reduce the environmental impact thanks to lower emissions due to the reduction of organic waste transport, to contribute to the reduction of biodegradable municipal waste in landfills and to recover a useful resource (organic substances) for agricultural land. Local composting therefore represents an important opportunity for the Municipality of Fossalto that intends to encourage the separate collecting of wet fractions and facilitate the achievement of recycling goals.

The event targeted local politicians and decision makers operating at regional level and general public.

The conference was opened by Saverio Nonno, Mayor of the Municipality of Fossalto. He greeted all the guests, highlighting the great importance of this project for the environment, the value of cooperation and the prospects for the implementation of future projects on environmental protection, the use of modern methods for the conservation of nature and the awareness of local communities.

Fabio Musmeci, researcher at ENEA, stated the NETWAP project allowed to identify new solutions to improve the environment quality in the territories of the Italy-Croatia cooperation area. But, above all, it has enabled to increase awareness, capacity, know-how and

decisionmaking autonomy of local communities towards a new sustainable waste management, based on innovative technologies and procedures.

He also pointed out that proximity composting, that is carried out close to the place of production, is particularly suitable for all those isolated communities that are hard to reach by the traditional system of collection and transport to industrial treatment plants. Since wet waste is mainly composed of water, we too often see truck trips carrying mainly water with unsustainable environmental impacts. Simple solutions can often increase the capacity of territories to manage their own problems.

Bruno Aiello - Partner of DIZIINOXA Srl, presented the functioning of the installed machine, describing in detail the phases of the composting process, the possibilities of use and the advantages deriving from the application of this technology. Francesco Pulejo, on behalf of Fondazione Fenice, highlighted the importance of a sustainable municipal strategy and waste management model that promote the adoption of a cross-border approach based on effective cooperation and circular economy principles. He also addressed the problem of increasing tourist pressure on fragile cultural and natural sites, with particular attention to small, isolated communities far from well-established collection and treatment services. Carmine Tarasco, Scientific Technical Director ARPA Molise, presented the objectives, aims and activities carried out by the Regional Agency for Environmental Protection of Molise, highlighting once again the importance of recycling, in particular composting of organic waste, with a view to environmental protection and circular economy to the benefit of local communities.

Mr Roberto Di Baggio, Subsecretary to the Presidency of the Regional Council, outlined the regional body's commitments to environmental protection, ecological transition and support for local communities, reiterating the importance of projects such as NETWAP. Thanks to the presence of the main political responsible at regional level for environmental issues, Roberto Di Baggio, an idea for a regional law for composting activities was launched.