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Background (REF 1)

Local and regional waste management systems are designed in accordance with the specificities of the territory covered. Many territories have similar local or regional characteristics and all of them share the same European legal framework and general objectives. Therefore, creating clusters among municipalities of a near territory to waste management, can involve potential benefits such as improving their performance and setting targets more ambitious.

Waste managers also benefit from this situation since they can give service to higher population.

ACTION

Create a cluster of several municipalities to paper recycling management. Implementation of synergies and coordination among municipalities to share and explore collection options at the level of the region

Examples of good practice implemented

SCOM Est Vendée - TRIVALIS (France) (REF 2)

SCOM Est Vendée is an association of 4 “intermunicipalities” (as it is called in French) gathering 40 municipalities. It is in charge of residual waste collection, separate collection and management of civic amenity sites on its territory. **SCOM is a member of Trivalis to which it has delegated waste and recyclables collection and treatment operations.**

This competency includes treatment itself, collection, disposal of final waste, as well as transport, sorting, composting or storage.



Figure-1. Municipal Recyclables Waste Management tackled by Trivalis. Source: Trivalis

Trivalis is a joint association gathering the 269 municipalities of the Vendée region – either directly or through larger groupings of “intermunicipalities” (17 “intermunicipalities” in total).

Municipalities have waste collection and treatment competencies. As members of Trivalis, they have transferred these competencies to Trivalis.

These 17 communities determine the mode of collection in their territory, the frequencies of passage, the types of containers and the fee for the collection of household waste.



Figure-2. Organizational diagram of Municipal Waste Management in Vendée region (REF 2)



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Keep in mind that... (REF 3,4)

- ⚠ The regional approach should be constituted specifically to provide a **particular service** (municipal solid waste management and disposal).
- ⚠ It is governed by a **board of directors, a council, authority or some similar executive over sighted body, unique to the cluster.**
- ⚠ It may or may not involve the participation of private sector service provider.
- ⚠ It is vital that **legislative and policy issues are considered carefully** when local authorities are evaluating strategic waste management options as the fulfilment of statutory and non-statutory requirements will represent an important consideration in the decision-making process. Decisions concerning statutory and non-statutory requirements will impact on the scope, duration, flexibility and costs of future contracts for waste management
- ⚠ Municipalities considering regionalization should recognize that **costs and benefits of regional projects**, although shared, **will not necessarily be identical for all communities.** Municipal officials might need to consider the tradeoffs of sharing common facilities and equipment.

How to start? (REF 4)

- General description of the region. Which municipalities are going to take part on the waste management system?
- Setting the Waste Management Scene. Definition of key players and key strategic drivers.

- Review of national and local policy and legislative framework applicable as well as the EU waste policy.
- Approaches for the management of waste. Definition of the waste to be collected and treated.
- Appoint the local authority which will collect the Municipal Waste.



Potential benefits (REF 3,4)

			
Improvement of the green image of the municipality	●	●	
Increase of the environmental awareness regarding separate collection	●	●	●
Improvement of the green image of the municipality	●	●	●
Increase of the recycling rates of the city			●
Improvement of the citizens' perception about their municipal entities	●	●	



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4. Other example of GP implemented: NORTH WEST WASTE (UK)