



# EWR good practices and case studies

(Let's make a wormbox/ workshop Wormery)

## 1. Details of Action:

Coordinators: Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment  
Action Developers: Ireen Laarakker  
Name of nominated action: Let's make a wormbox/ workshop Wormery  
Town: The Netherlands  
Region: The Netherlands  
Country: The Netherlands  
Website: [www.compostgilde.nl](http://www.compostgilde.nl)  
Nominee [category](#):  
Dates of action: November 27th

## 2. Action's theme:

- Reduce – Strict avoidance and reduction at source
- Reuse – Preparing for reuse and reuse
- Recycle – Waste sorting and Recycling
- Let's Clean Up Europe!

## 3. Action related to the Prevention Thematic Days 2015: Dematerialisation: Doing more with less?

- Yes
- No

## 4. Description of the nominated action:

Why composting on a small scale is important :

*Less greenhouse gas:* There is no need for garbage trucks to drive your waste to a central processor. You can do your own potting soil or (artificial) fertilizing instead of picking up in the garden center . Especially with worm composting produces much less N<sub>2</sub>O than traditional composting (at home or in central composting plant).

*Better quality of the compost:* You decide what you throw into your compost pile. The free compost from municipal waste can sit anything. In particular worm compost is known to have good effects on plant growth and health. It is fun: making valuable resource from your own waste.

Compost Guild is an initiative a diverse range of communities, who share knowledge and materials. Compost Guild wants consumers and policy makers show that home composting can significantly contribute to reducing the waste problem , and the greening of the city. With this website we make to the consumers easily do it yourself and we provide background and knowledge about the environmental impact of home composting. Composting at home is seen as the most logical way to sustainably with your garbage to go. Basel, where decentralized composting actively promoted and supported doing well with 50 % of the residents! In Brussels, the aim is to 20%.

The 'Compostgilde' wants to inform consumers and policymakers about the benefits of home composting. For this goal we developed a website that will be launched November 27th. Following the website launch, there will be a workshop where people can make their own worm box. They will receive sufficient instructions AND compostworms. So they can immediately start composting at home. The event will be held at small scale eco-cityfarm, called 'Noordoogst'. Those interested can get a tour around the facility, including the compostheat and



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pigg-stable where all their own waste is put to use.

## 5. Type of evaluation conducted and outcome of the evaluation:

- Number of visitors/participants
- Feedback from visitors/participants (willingness to change their behaviour)
- Quantity of waste avoided/collected
- Amount of CO2 avoided
- Other indicators

## 6. Reasons why the action has been selected for the EWR 2014 Awards:

### a) Visibility and communicational aspects

Friday, November 27 Compost Guild launches its website. We do this by means of a short presentation about home composting and community composting. Afterwards you can join to make a workshop Wormery. The website communicates a lot though all different kinds of social media. Also when they organize a workshop: local press is present

### b) Quality of content and focus on waste reduction, products reuse or materials recycling

it is a local thing, a small waste stream, but it is easy-going. Recycling is the first thing going trough. You'll start te process of thinking different about today's environmental problems.

### a) Originality and exemplarity:

Worm Composting is still unknown to many people . Through this accessible workshop one can get to know it and start immediately .

### b) European reproducibility:

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The workshop is one copy on one in every European city. The instructions for making a wormery on our website

### c) Lasting impact:

The Wastestream is reduced, so less transport of waste , lower CO2 -Men make your own compost and therefore does not compost or manure more e transporting garden center home -At worm composting are much less greenhouse gas than other forms of organic waste processing (incineration , central composting , 'normal' compost heap ) -The produced vermicompost improves the soil .

### d) Motivation:

You will be rewarded with top quality compost as a participant , and experience for yourself how easy and fun it is to compost itself . Even with home garden and kitchen tools, and little space.



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