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# European Week for Waste Reduction announces finalists of the EWWR awards

On 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, the EWWR Awards Jury came together in Brussels to determine the finalists and winners of the [EWWR 2015 Awards](#).

The annual **EWWR Awards ceremony** is an event created to reward the most outstanding actions carried out in each EWWR edition. Each year, Coordinators, Action Developers and anyone interested in the EWWR gather during one evening to celebrate the EWWR and its participants. A Jury of European professionals working in the environmental sector selects finalists and winners amongst all the many inspiring EWWR actions!

Hosted by [ACR+](#), the leading EWWR project partner, the Jury had a fruitful discussion about the fantastic actions submitted for the EWWR 2015 Awards. For all six [categories of Action Developers](#), three actions have been chosen as finalists, according to the [selection criteria](#). The winners will then be revealed during the Awards ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 in Brussels.

### The EWWR 2015 Awards finalists

Out of more than 90 actions that had been submitted by EWWR Coordinators to run for the EWWR Awards, three actions per category of Action Developers have been chosen as finalists:

#### Administrations/ Public Authorities:

- *A Tiana reduïm els residus* (In Tiana we reduce waste), implemented by the Ajuntament de Tiana
- *The Gift of Waste*, implemented by North London Waste Authority
- *The near community ReTurn reuse and recycling center*, implemented by VA SYD

#### Associations/NGOs:

- *BCN comparteix el menjar* (Barcelona shares its food), implemented by Nutrició sense Fronteres
- *LuogoComune* (SharingPlaces), implemented by Il Formicaio Aps
- *Reducing waste from perishable food products*, implemented by Banco de Alimentos de Bizkaia

#### Business/Industry:

- *Mes déchets valent de l'Or* (My waste is worth gold), implemented by Village Partenaire scrl
- *Projeté la Vespa i la Vispa* (Vespa & Vispa Project), implemented by Campos Estela
- *Turn Trash Into Art!*, implemented by Skeleton Sea

#### Educational Establishments:

- *EuroRecycling*, Implemented by Lucas Rey-Matias Landaburu Primary school
- *L'essenziale non pesa... ed é invisibile agli occhi* (What's essential doesn't weigh... and is invisible to the eyes), implemented by Scuola Secondaria di Primo Grado G.B. Monteggia
- *Ne dobd ki, használd újra!* (Do not throw away your future!), implemented by Pumuckl German Nationality Kindergarten



**Citizen:**

- *Differenziamoci 2015* (Diversifying 2015), implemented by Nerina Palazzolo
- *Let's make a wormbox*, implemented by Ireen Laarakker
- *The experiment "Yellow Bag"*, implemented by Evelyn Spillmann

**Other:**

- *Let's make recycling easy*, implemented by Lithuanian Green Party
- *Smart City Expo World Congress towards 0 waste*, implemented by Fira Internacional de Barcelona
- *Waste Away – waste reduction week in Weddin*, implemented by Baumhaus Projekt, Himmelbeet and WeddingWandler

Out of these three finalists per category, one action has been chosen as the winner by the EWWR awards Jury. The **winners will be announced** at the [EWWR Awards ceremony](#) on **11<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 in Brussels**, taking place in the framework of the international conference "[Circular Economy in practice: Rethinking our production and consumption models](#)".

## The EWWR Awards Jury 2016

The EWWR Awards Jury is composed of personalities from the environmental sector who are recognised at the European level, as well as professionals in the field of waste management. This year, 6 Jury members have been appointed, each of them representing one of the Action Developers categories:

- Administration/Public authority: **Peter De Franceschi**, Head of Brussels Office, ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability)
- Association/NGO: **Piotr Barczak**, Project Officer for Air and Waste at EEB (European Environmental Bureau)
- Business/Industry: **Michael Steurer**, Advisor, EU Affairs for Energy & Environment, Eurochambres (The Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- Educational Establishment: **Rob Burman**, Policy Officer Circular Economy, FEE (Foundation for Environmental Education)
- Individual citizen/Other: **Simona Bonafè**, MEP, ENVI Committee, European Parliament
- Other: Gunther Wolff, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission