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**You are reading the 3rd SinCE-AFC Newsletter!**

In this issue we want to give you an overview of what happened in the life of the project during the third semester.

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The main focus in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the project was on:

- interregional meeting
- organisation of local stakeholder group (LSG) meetings
- study visits
- continuation of collection of good practices

### 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERREGIONAL MEETING, 05-06.10.2020, South Muntenia, Romania, online via ZOOM

South Muntenia Regional Development Agency (SMRDA) organised the third interregional event and the meeting of project partners. On the first day of this event, South Muntenia Regional Development Agency, as organiser, presented the initiatives and strategies at regional and national level and good practices identified in South Muntenia region, on circular economy in the agri-food sector. Along with SMRDA representatives and project partners, the project stakeholders also participated. The event continued with a series of presentations of good practices identified in all project regions and virtual study visits on the circular economy in the agri-food sector in South Muntenia region. The second day of the event, dedicated to the project partners, which was

attended by 26 guests, aspects related to the good running of the project were discussed.

More info about the event [here](#).





## LOCAL STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETINGS (LSG)

### Poland, 13.10.2020

The 2nd meeting of the Wielkopolska Stakeholder Group was organised in the form of a teleconference using the ZOOM platform. All five entities of the SinCE-AFC project stakeholder list and four entities wishing to join the project were invited to participate in the meeting. During the meeting, the subject of the project was introduced to the participants, the requirements of the Interreg Europe program were presented, the framework plan of tasks in the project and issues related to cooperation within the regional group of stakeholders were briefly discussed and the issue of sustainable production in detail in the context of sharing good practices between representatives of Local Stakeholder Groups of partner regions during a study visit to Bologna, was presented. During the meeting the summary of the study visit to Bologna and the Emilia-Romagna region in February 2020 was also presented.

More information about the meeting [here](#).

### Ireland, 15.11.2020

Donegal County Council organised their Local Stakeholder Group Meeting online. The members of the LSG were informed about the Stakeholders Consultation process going on within the project as well as the Good Practices presented during the Interregional Meeting in October. The LSG were introduced to the cross border Green Transformation initiative that Donegal County Council and representatives of Derry City & Strabane District Council are engaging in and which is looking at policy in the area of circular economy in the north west of Ireland.



More information about the event [here](#).

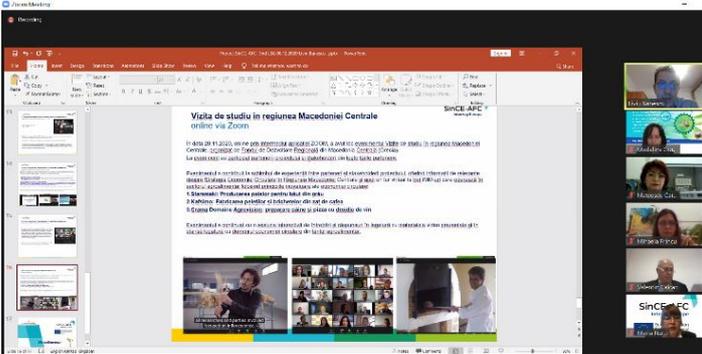




## Romania, 08.12.2020

South Muntenia Regional Development Agency organised the third Local Stakeholder Group Meeting through the ZOOM application.

13 participants attended the event, representing the national and local public authorities, business associations, clusters, research institutes.



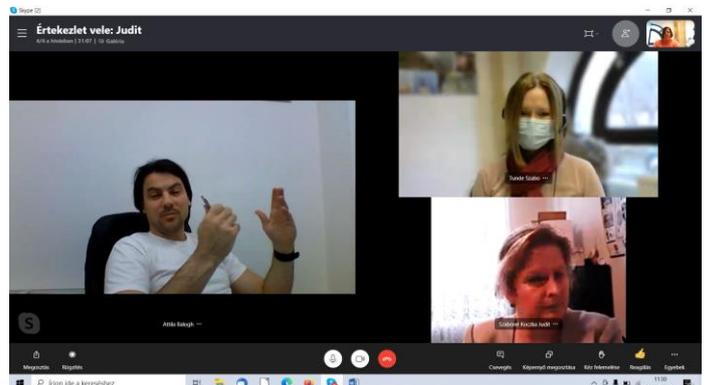
To the participants of the event were presented useful information about: the stage and future actions within the SinCE- AFC project, the 3rd interregional project event and partners' meeting, Study Visit in the Region of Central Macedonia (event organised by the Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia (Greece), in November 26th).

More information about the event [here](#).

## Hungary, 14.12.2020

The 2nd meeting of Hajdú-Bihar County Government Local Stakeholder Group took place online. During the event the project in general, it's timeline, the actual and future tasks were presented. To the stakeholders present the good practices from the partners' regions were presented, the results of 1st phase of SINCE-AFC consultation process was discussed.

Further possible good practices from the County and the study visit organised by Region of Central Macedonia were discussed.





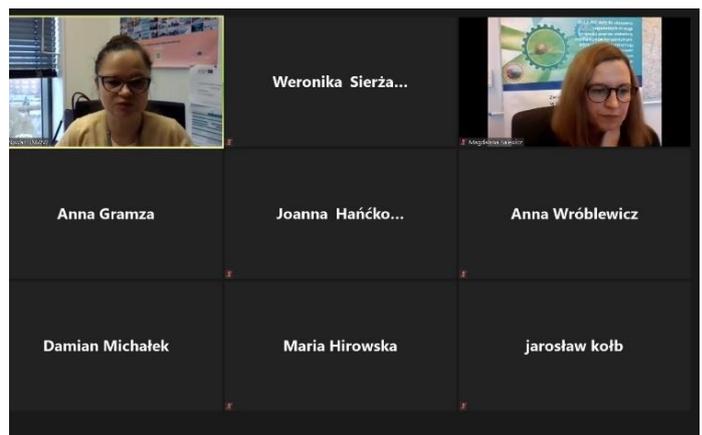
## Bulgaria, 21.12.2020

At the event, the summarized results from the last project consultation with stakeholders, conducted through online questionnaires. The meeting continued with a presentation of the good practices shared during the Third Interregional Online Meeting of the project partners. The participants were briefly acquainted with the virtual tour in three small and medium enterprises organised by the Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia. The organisations' works in the food industry, using the innovative principles of the circular economy were presented. The third information meeting in Devnya ended with a discussion panel on the application of the circular economy in the municipality and in the Varna region. Possible measures for the development of the circular economy at the local level were discussed. More info about the meeting [here](#).



## Poland, 26.01.2021

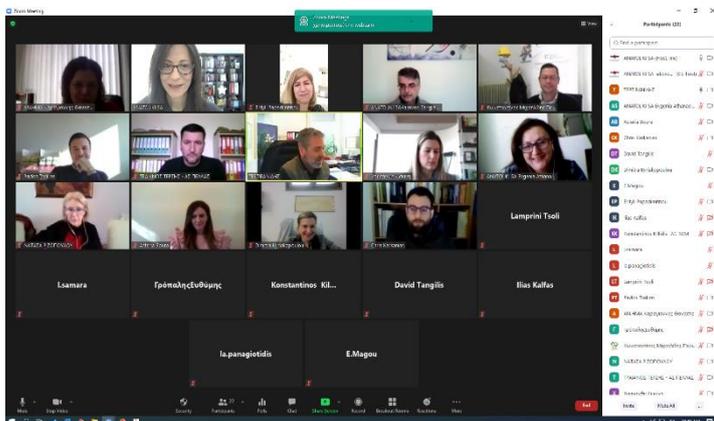
The 3rd meeting of the Wielkopolska Region Stakeholder Group took place online. Despite the pandemic situation and the financial crisis 5 stakeholders participated including the Wielkopolska Culinary Heritage Network. During the meeting the scope of the project was introduced, good practices were discussed and the study visit of Central Macedonia region was summarized to the participants. More info about the event [here](#).





## Greece, 28.01.2021

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Local Support Group meeting in Greece was organised by ANATOLIKI SA with the cooperation of the Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia on behalf of the Region of Central Macedonia (RCM). The agenda included the initiatives of the Region of Central Macedonia to promote circular economy, the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of SINCE-AFC consultation process and multiple good practices identified in the project partners' countries. Furthermore, representatives of 2 new good practices identified in the RCM analyzed their initiatives to achieve circular economy in their SMEs. 30 participants from Region and Municipal authorities, Universities, AgroFood cooperatives and associations, Waste Management and Industry associations, as well as Development Agencies attended this event contributing in a fruitful discussion on circular economy promotion. More information about the event [here](#).



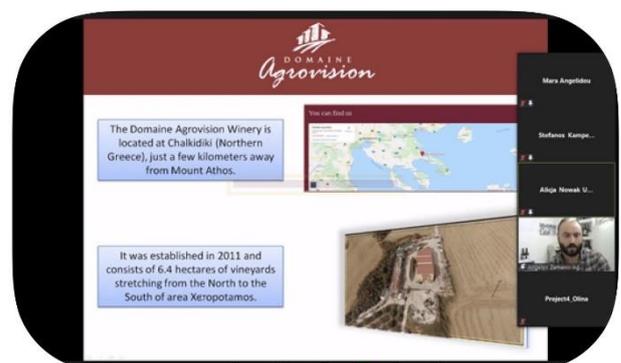


## STUDY VISITS

### Study visit

The Regional Development Fund of Central Macedonia (RDFCM), on behalf of the Region of Central Macedonia, organised a virtual study visit on 26 November for the “SinCE-AFC” project, focusing in SME’s of the Region, which are active in the Agri-food sector and incorporate good practices of circular economy. All project partners, plus members of local support groups formed by each partner, representatives of the Region of Central Macedonia and representatives of the selected SMEs attended the study visit. Mrs. Lamprini Tsoli, representative of the RDFCM, who referred to the circular economy’s strategy of the Region of Central Macedonia. The virtual study visit that followed consisted of selected SMEs of the Region of Central Macedonia, that are active in the Agri-food sector and implement good circular economy practices at the phases of the production, processing, packaging, distribution and final consumption of the products they produce.

The first virtual visit was at "Staramaki", a Social Cooperative Enterprise based in Kilkis, which produces biodegradable straws from wheat stems. The second virtual visit was about "Kafsimo", a Social Cooperative Enterprise also located in Kilkis that has proceeded to the exploitation and recycle of coffee waste in order to create pellets and briquettes. The third virtual visit took place at the company "Domaine Agrovision Winery", based in Ierissos, Halkidiki, which has started collaborations with local catering companies for the exploitation of wine lees (a by-product produced in the process wine) through its integration into the production of bread and pizza. After the presentation of the





companies, a discussion among the participants followed. All these three examples of good circular economy practices which promote the production of quality products, minimizing the environmental footprint, creating new jobs as well as local business networks-clusters, where one business can take advantage of by-product of the other, were analyzed further.

More information about the event [here](#).

## SinCE-AFC AT OTHER EVENTS

- IUC ASIA Meeting - Final Stakeholders Consultation Webinar: Designing Circular Cities in Malaysia  
19 August 2020

The webinar was organised by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, an international alliance of cities and local governments with a shared long-term vision of promoting and supporting voluntary action to combat climate change and move to a low emission, resilient society. Experts from the EU spoke on this at the webinar which was held in conjunction with the International Urban Cooperation Asia final stakeholder consultation. During the webinar Mr. Marino Cavallo (Head of Research, Innovation and Management of EU Projects Office in Metropolitan City of Bologna) showed Bologna's strategy to approach and overcome the challenges of food, organic waste and water security thanks to the promotion of circular economy principles in agri-food sector while presenting the main elements of SinCE-AFC project: programme; funding obtained; duration; main objectives; partnership; role of associated partners; main work packages foreseen; key responsibility; ongoing results; good practices identified.

More information about the event [here](#).

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### Good practices identified

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#### GP1 - Biological District of the Bolognese Apennines

An innovative synergic system for the **sustainable management of local resources**.

Starting from **organic production** and consumption model (short chain, purchasing groups, bio public canteens), the Biodistrict promote the **territory** and an inclusive economic, social and cultural development.

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- SinCE-AFC project at the SANA 2020 Rivoluzione Bio event

The Metropolitan City of Bologna, with SinCE-AFC project, took part in an important event, both nationally and internationally relevant: SANA, the international organic and natural products Exhibition that for thirty years has been looking for new and advanced meeting points between business and sustainability, thanks to the many events in its program. Once again, this year has represented a positive (with over 10,000 attendees) experience of presentation the main new products on the market, developing new partnerships, sharing and in-depth analysis, despite the scenarios imposed by the pandemic that have imposed new formats and innovative procedures.

It was an entire day, on 9 October 2020, animated by the debate of strategic thematic tables for the sector that saw the interaction of policy makers, experts and industry players; a great opportunity to participate in the multidisciplinary debate and in the research, updating and innovation work already started with the 2019 edition and the drafting of the Bio 2030 Manifesto.

Within Table 1 “Sustainability, Climate Change, Biodiversity” Mr. Marino Cavallo – Head of Research, Innovation and Management of European Projects of the Metropolitan City of Bologna – gave the speech and presentation



“Circular economy in the agri-food sector. An experience of European interregional cooperation”. The topics that the expert speakers addressed at the table were: Environmental sustainability and animal welfare, Social sustainability: the role of the person, work and the right price, The biological model for the protection of biodiversity. The members of the





**Local Stakeholder Group** of the project were invited to the event and it was an opportunity to meet them and to make new contacts with representatives of the sector interested in the project activities. The point was then made on the project, with updates and discussion on activities in progress and to be developed with the contribution and participation of stakeholders.



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