



Food waste prevention and re-use

Joint meeting of the WG Food & WG Waste

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This short form is to facilitate the exchange of information among participants during the speed networking session. In small groups, each participant will present **one best practice from their cities on food donation and redistribution and food waste separation, collection and treatment.**

title of project / initiative	Re-using coffee waste growing oyster mushrooms
City & population	Municipality of Utrecht - current population 340.000 and is growing to 420.000
Briefly describe the project considering: main goal and activities, target group(s), actors involved	<p>Within the Living Lab Smart and Healthy Cities a collaboration between the ministry of infrastructure and environment, province Utrecht en the municipality Utrecht a project on circular economy and the re-use of coffee waste as executed. An interdisciplinary student team investigated the potential of re-using coffee waste for growing oyster mushrooms in the train station area of Utrecht and developed a business case.</p> <p>The goal of the project was to stimulate and facilitate local entrepreneurs interested in this topic and organise exchange between different stakeholders. The student team interview different stakeholders in the chain, from waste collectors to mushroom growers. In the end of the project a multi-stakeholder meeting was organised to present the results.</p>
What is the timeline for development and implementation?	The student project had a duration of 10 weeks.
What are the costs/funding?	Through the Living Lab Utrecht Smart and Healthy City round about 3.000 euros.
What are the main successes/expected outcomes?	<p>The multi-stakeholder meeting contributed to expansion of the network. Collaboration between different stakeholders was created.</p> <p>This project was used as a tool to expand the topic of food waste within the municipality itself to civil servants of the spatial department.</p> <p>After the project, the municipality has agreed to experiment in coffee waste separation and re-using it with local entrepreneurs.</p>
Which challenges did you face during implementation?	This is a quite new topic. Collaboration of different stakeholders was challenging. Also after the project it was a challenge on how to spread the knowledge within the municipality and what the role as a local government is in how far you can facilitate and stimulate. Currently we take a step by step approach.
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