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For Household and Public Spaces Sustainable Waste Management

Open E-Space for Waste Management: Empowering Communities for a Sustainable Future

The Eco-Champions project consortium is excited to introduce the Open E-Space for Waste Management, a new online platform developed and implemented with the support of partner La Bein Pagà. Designed to be easy to access and use, the platform aims to help citizens across partner countries better understand and manage waste in their cities, making more informed and sustainable choices in everyday life.



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That's the vision behind **Open E-Space for Waste Management**, a dynamic, community-driven platform designed to help citizens reduce their ecological footprint and make more sustainable choices in their everyday lives.

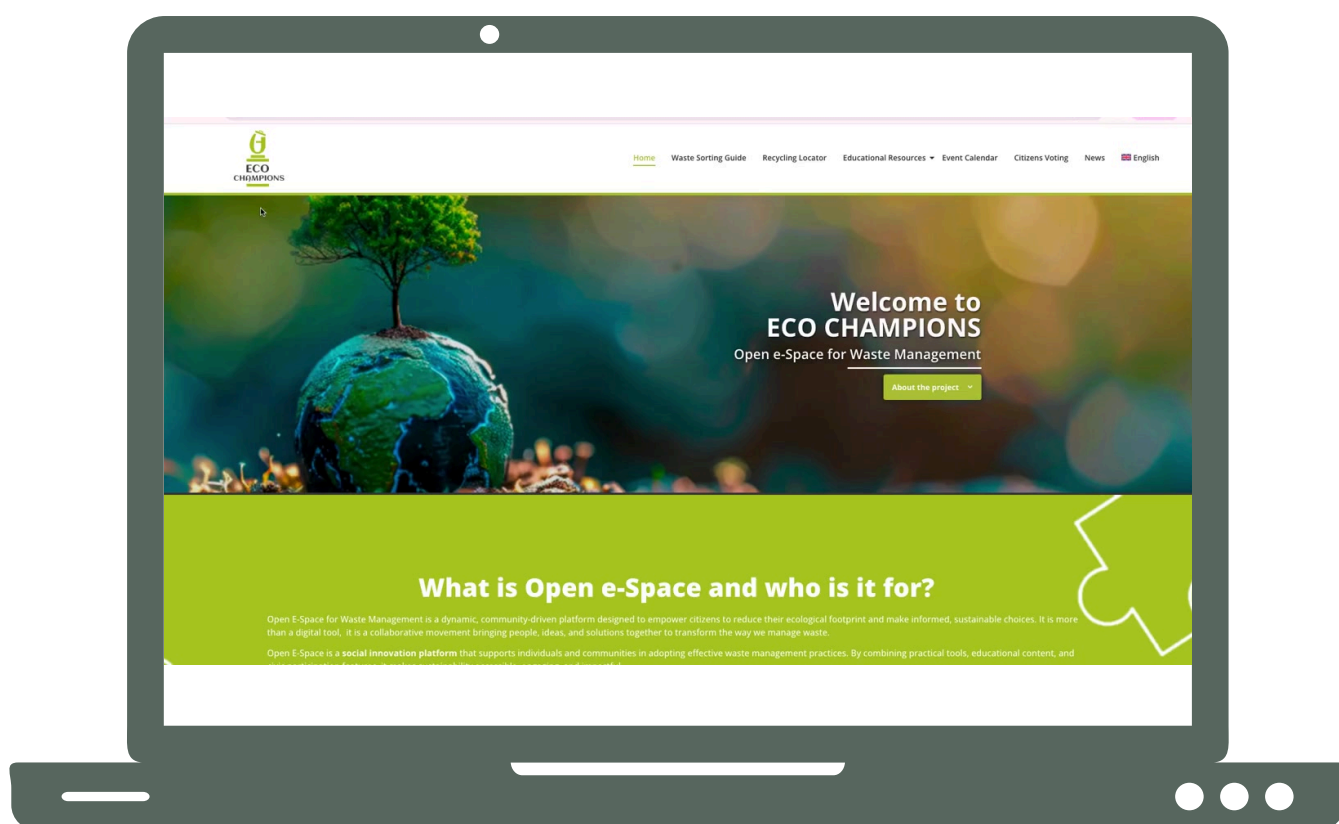
At its heart, the platform supports individuals and communities in adopting effective waste management practices. By combining easy-to-use tools, educational resources, and opportunities for civic participation, Open E-Space makes sustainability not only accessible, but also engaging and impactful. It promotes key principles such as reducing waste at the source encouraging mindful consumption and the avoidance of single-use items as well as improving separation and recycling practices to turn waste into valuable resources and reduce landfill use.



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The platform offers a wide range of practical features to guide users on their sustainability journey. From a clear and user-friendly Waste Sorting Guide to a Recycling Locator that helps you find nearby facilities, Open E-Space makes everyday decisions easier and more informed. Users can also access educational materials on waste reduction and the circular economy, discover local and EU-wide initiatives through the Eco-Event Calendar, and actively participate in the Citizens Voting section where they can voice priorities and contribute to shaping environmental proposals for local authorities.



Who is it for?

Open E-Space is designed for everyone who wants to be part of the solution, from environmentally conscious citizens and motivated young people to experienced older generations, eco-ambassadors, community organisations, and public authorities seeking citizen-driven approaches.

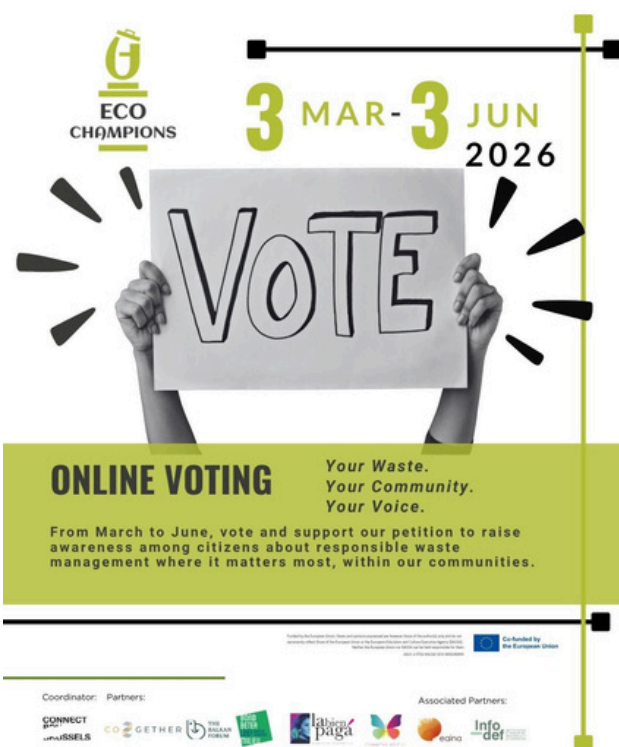
Co-creating the Platform Together: the E-Space Event

A key strength of Open E-Space lies in its collaborative design. On **3 March 2026, 139 citizens** from Belgium, Greece, Kosovo, Spain, and Italy joined an Online Co-creation Workshop to test the platform's beta version. Participants shared **valuable feedback**, explored its features, and **contributed ideas for improvement**. This participatory approach ensures that the platform reflects real needs, local contexts, and diverse perspectives making it more relevant, inclusive, and effective. The workshop itself proved to be **highly interactive** and well-received, with participants actively engaging in discussions around both the platform's features and their everyday experiences with household waste management. The session highlighted strong appreciation for the **project's vision** and **practical tools**, while also underscoring the importance of combining institutional efforts with individual responsibility and grassroots initiatives. Participants showed particular enthusiasm for **co-design opportunities**, such as contributing local events to the platform's calendar, and some expressed interest in continuing to explore the platform beyond the pilot phase, indicating promising potential for sustained engagement as the platform evolves and expands its reach. The integration of real-life experiences with digital tools fostered meaningful exchanges, while suggestions such as extending activities to younger audiences, including kindergartens and primary schools, opened new avenues for impact. Overall, the insights gathered will play a key role in refining the platform's usability, accessibility, and its ability to connect online participation with tangible, real-world community action. Together, we are building not just a platform, but a shared path toward more sustainable communities.

The online voting period and the Petition

After the development of the platform, we moved into WP10, which includes a **three-month online voting period** and a **petition** that will need to be circulated and presented to a wide audience through an online event.

This phase will lead us directly to the conclusion of this extraordinary journey, in which the aim has been to build an informed community around waste management, the value of the circular economy, and the creation of good practices. Thanks to the data and feedback gathered throughout the process, these practices have been defined and selected directly by citizens, stakeholders, and policymakers, based on their local experiences within a shared participatory pathway.



This **petition**, calls for stronger, clearer, and more participatory local waste management systems across Europe. Recognising that waste management directly affects the quality of our environment and daily lives, the initiative promotes transparency, citizen engagement, and shared responsibility at community level. Through a three-month **online voting campaign** (from the 3rd of March to the 3rd of June), residents are invited to support practical, community-focused solutions that improve recycling systems, raise awareness about correct waste sorting, and encourage active participation in local decision-making processes. Together, we can strengthen sustainable cities from the ground up.

29 May 2026: the online event

The online event, which will take place on **29 May 2026**, aims to engage a total of **360 participants** from all partner countries in order to present our petition and explain the importance of voting. During the event, we will outline the objectives of the Eco-Champions project and provide an update on the progress made so far.



Sign up for the event: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82483086300?pwd=dVxYrNQ2j5bklbmtfvqIAwAQP1ld4Y.1>

Road to Patras...

The active involvement of citizens in the online event of the 29th of May, will be a key element in reaching the final event in **Patras** at the **end of June**, where the winning country will be announced based on the recommendations put forward by each participating country.



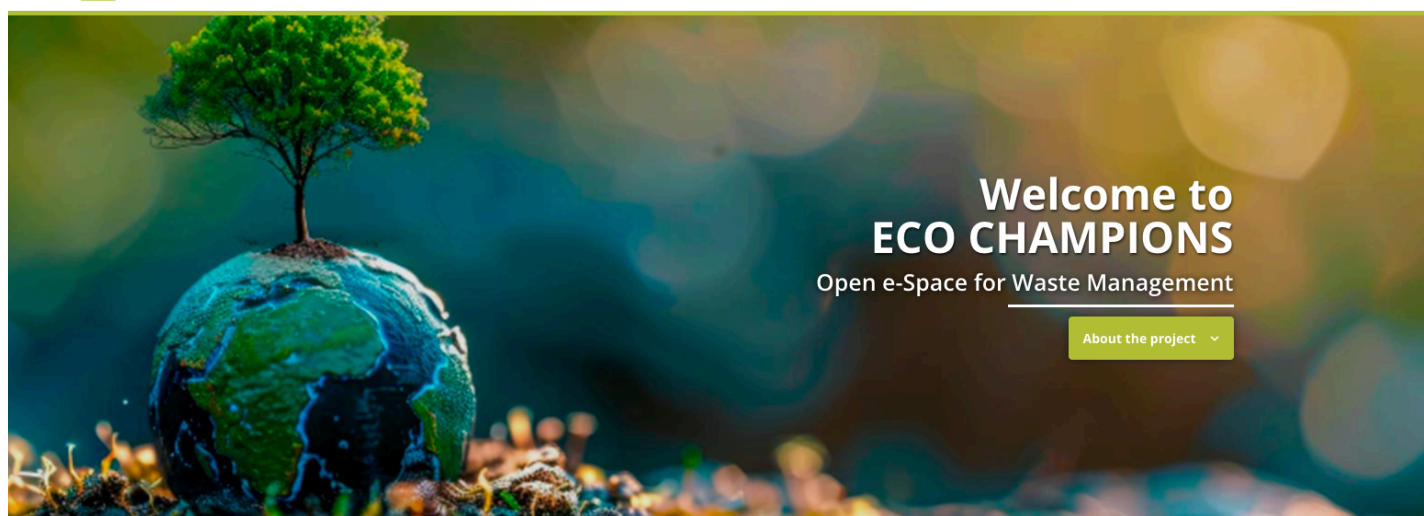
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