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Project code: LIFE12 ENV/GR/000427

#### Project Title:

"Landfill mining pilot application for invaluable metals, materials, land a

Project Location: Polygyros (Chalkic

Beneficiaries: ENVECO, HELECTOR,

**Start – End:** 01/07/2013 – 30/6/2016

**Budget:** €1.377.004,00 (50% EU cont













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#### LandFill Mining definition (generic):

"the extraction of resources from landfills"

→ Definition varies according to:

Who (issues of ownership & needs)

(public vs private bodies)

What (issues of technology & methods)

(in situ vs ex situ, direct vs indirect, materials vs other)

Where (issues of legislation)

(EU vs everywhere else)

**Why** (issues of motivation & efficiency)

(for profit or social benefit)











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>> increasing interest in municipal solid waste (MSW) valorisation (hierarchy of WFD 2008/98/EC)

>> growing inquisitiveness on the fate of existing landfills (especially closed ones)

>> abandoned landfills & dumpsites (considered environmental and health threats, occupy valuable land close to settlements)

>> conceived as unintentional storage for raw and soil material

>> countries like Greece still continue to bury more than 80% of their MSW (despite the EU trend of 35% reduction on landfilled waste)

Old landfills and dump-sites occupy: space, land, soil, raw materials and metals, energy content that can be RECLAIMed when technologies mature











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#### Action A1: Investigation of LFM state-of-play in the EU

- Literature review (congresses, sci papers, monographs, studies)
- Waste legislation review (EU, greek)
- LFM types and techniques
- Worldwide LFM mapping
- Stakeholder meetings (Belgium, Spain, Netherlands)
- National meetings (Kozani, Athens, Crete)

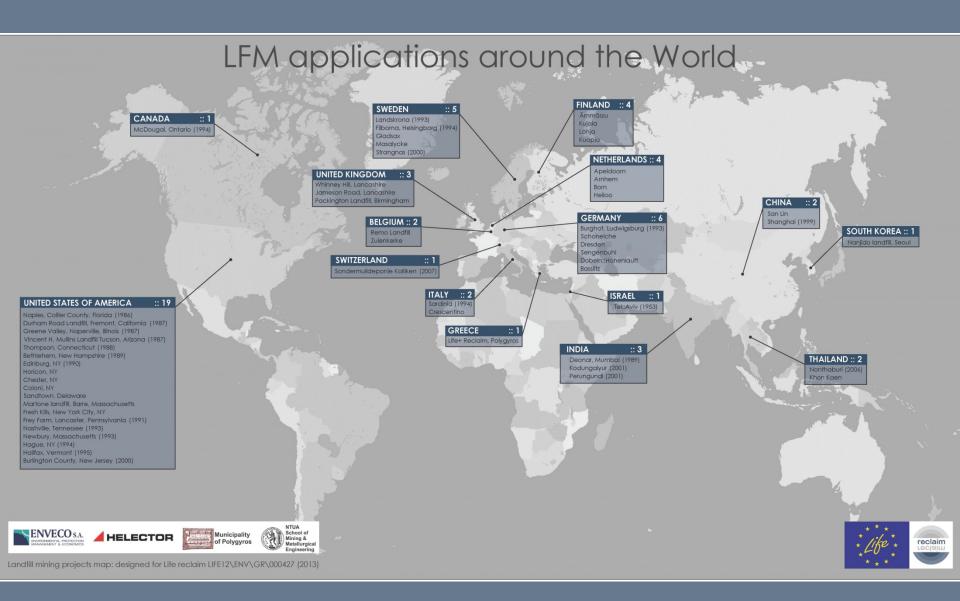
**Result**: consolidated knowledge transfer on LFM





















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#### Action A2: Permitting of LFM activity in Polygyros LF

- Description of current activity of the PL
- Presentation of existing monitoring results
- Preliminary description of LFM activity
- Submission of permit modification dossier
- Maintain contact with the authorities during permitting

Result: Permit signed 27/3/2014 and issued 2/4/2014

#### Action A3: Environmental & social baseline for Polygyros area

- Environmental data collection
- Social data collection
- Initial visits & meetings

Result: Technical Report on the Baseline environmental and social conditions











## Landfill Inventory



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ACTION B1: Creating a landfill inventory to explore the LFM potential of Greece and selected EU countries

- EU Countries: Cyprus, Belgium (Flanders), Spain (Catalonia),
  Netherlands
- Construction of **questionnaire** for landfill characteristics
- Communications with national authorities responsible for waste management and with individual facilities (when needed)
- Additional data from national studies
- Data assessment and preparation
- •Web-GIS creation: over 22,000 landfill sites were recorded

#### Result:

<u>Data processed and published online: web-GIS application</u> <u>Report on the methodology used and findings</u>









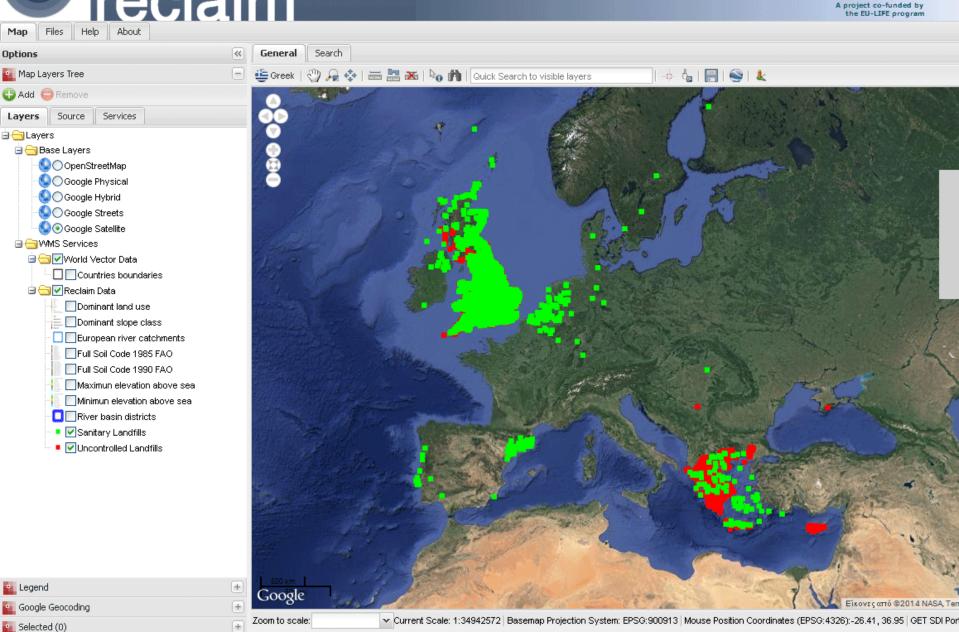


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# **Pilot Demonstration Unit** Design



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#### **ACTION B2: Exploitation Plan development**

- Description of available technologies & methods
- Visits to Polygyros Landfill
- Identification of target areas (waste age & content)
- Mining **scheme** resources operation details
- Environmental Monitoring system proposal

#### **ACTION B3: Design of waste treatment process**

- Waste sampling missions (2)
- Waste treatment methods review
- Adaptation of the proposed methods to sampling findings
- **Design of the Pilot Demonstration Unit**: type of machinery to be used, calculation of productivity and procedure of processing.
- Reporting













# Pilot Demonstration Unit Installation



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#### **ACTION B4: Sub-contracting procedures for Demonstration Unit**

 Call for tender and final contract on the provision and installation of necessary machinery and equipment

#### **ACTION B5: Pilot-scale Demonstration Unit installation**

- Defining roles and responsibilities
- Preparation of location of the Unit: landscaping, drainage system, waterproofing and formation of the space
- Delivery and installation of machinery
- Adjustments on the day-to-day activities
- Creation of a template to record production
- Installation of Environmental Monitoring equipment













# Pilot Demonstration Unit Operation



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# ACTION B6: MSW mining, Operation and Testing of the Pilot Demonstration Unit

- During **May July 2015**
- Extraction of waste with excavators and transportation of waste with tracks to the Unit location
- Regular weighting of inputs and outputs of the Unit
- Waste is fed to the Unit assembly using a backhoe loader
- A **Trommel sieve** separates smaller waste and soil from larger waste
- Hand-sorting of waste: Hard plastics, plastic bags, aluminum cans, glass, electrical waste
- Magnetic separation
- Other features: Washing Machine, Storage of waste
- Total amount of processed waste: more than 1200c.m. ( ~ 580tn)
- Beneficiation tests: ex situ (laboratory)













# **Pilot Demonstration Unit**Other Actions



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#### **ACTION B7: Environment Rehabilitation Plan**

- Literature review (congresses, sci papers, monographs, studies)
- Selection of alternatives for the Polygyros LF
- Development of **tools** to ease the selection process of the best option
- Design of a 3D model of a rehabilitation plan
- Reporting: A generalised Manual which can be used in many Landfill Mining cases

#### **ACTION B9: Financial and Socioeconomic Analysis**

- Development of a socioeconomic survey questionnaire
- Polygyros local survey (286 local residents)
- National survey: April-July 2015 (392 Greek households)
- Policy and economics analysis tool
- Socioeconomic analysis











## Pilot Demonstration Unit Next Actions



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#### **ACTION B8: National Action Plan**

- Opportunities, scope and feasibility for Landfill Mining in Greece
- Policy alternatives: description and assessment
- Description of road map for achieving goals
- Assessment of: available means, objective setting, intermediate goals, prioritization, timeline, need for capacity building
- Elaboration of a National Action Plan covering all regions of Greece (exculding islands)

#### ACTION B10: Strategic Environmental Assessment Study

- Screening phase: Establishing the context of the SEA
- Elaboration of a SEA for the NAP: Scoping phase, Environmental Baseline assessment, consideration of Alternatives, detailed description of the NAP, Impact assessment, Mitigation of Impacts
- Informing Decision Makers











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#### Pilot Demonstration Unit

Environmental Indicators	Social Indicators

Waste minimization **Economic** 

Material resources Socioeconomic

Social Soil degradation Background

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Energy	resources	

Land use









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# Communication Actions of the project



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#### ACTIONS D1, D2 & D3

- Notice Boards, Posters, Leaflets
- Press releases, newsletters, scientific newsletter
- Social media accounts (linkedIn, facebook)
- **Media** communication (wide impact magazines, online newspapers and blogs, local TV channels)
- Development of the project's website www.reclaim.gr
- Development of an online FORUM about Landfill Mining
- 1st Local Workshop (15th September 2014)
- 1st National Conference (16th September 2014)
- Participation in EURELCO consortium (European Enhanced Landfill Mining Consortium)
- Athens 2015 International Landfill Mining Conference (24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2015)











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# 2nd National LFM Conference

(Athens, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016)

Papers accepted at life@reclaim.gr

**Reclaim Forum:** Join the discussion online!











### Conclusions



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- 1. Landfill mining is **still evolving** (technology and process advances)
- 2. Need for **standardisation**; not only individual case applications
- 3. Preparation of **Action Plans** to solidify the technical and legal framework
- 4. Involvement of the **public sector** will affect the Solid waste management at a National level











# Next Steps of the Project



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 Assessment of the data provided by the Pilot Demonstration Unit

- Rehabilitation manual for Landfill Mining projects
- Financial and Socioeconomic analysis of LFM
- National Action Plan elaboration + SEA study
- Information and Dissemination actions













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