



PRESS RELEASE

European Week for Waste Reduction jury announces EWWR Awards finalists

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On 25 March 2018, the jury for the EWWR Awards met in Brussels to select the finalists and winners of the EWWR 2018 Awards. The most outstanding actions fostering waste reduction will be rewarded during the 10th EWWR Awards Ceremony.

The most impactful actions promoting waste reduction within the framework of the 2018 edition of the **European Week for Waste Reduction** (EWWR) have been decided upon. On 25 March 2019, the EWWR Awards jury gathered in Brussels to select three finalists for each category of the EWWR Awards. The winners will be revealed during the [EWWR Awards Ceremony](#) hosted by the [European Committee of the Regions](#) in Brussels, Belgium on 15 May 2019. The event is part of the [EU Green Week](#), which will host several initiatives promoting dialogue on environmental topics between 13 and 17 May 2019.

The EWWR finalists were chosen by a jury comprised of experts working in the environmental sector. Hosted by the EWWR Secretariat, the jury had a fruitful discussion on the inspiring actions submitted for consideration for the EWWR 2018 Awards. Three were shortlisted as finalists in each of five separate categories (see below). Just like in previous years, the categories were defined based on the type of institution or entity that undertook the various activities. A sixth category – the European Special Prize – will award the action that, in addition to fostering waste reduction, also promotes trans-regional or trans-national cooperation. The jury's selection was based on the EWWR [selection criteria](#), which consist of: how well the actions are communicated, their visibility, the quality of content, as well as their originality and the lasting impact of the action.

The EWWR 2018 Awards finalists

Out of the 14,347 actions undertaken as part of the 2018 edition of the EWWR, national coordinators nominated 82 for the jury to consider. Of them, the finalists below were selected:

Public administration and organisation

- *La LouvièR³ : zero-waste objective* implemented by the City of La Louvière, Wallonia, Belgium
- *From the sea to the table*, implemented by Diputació Foral de Gipuzkoa, Basque Country, Spain
- *Zero-waste marathon*, implemented by Sant Vicenç de Castellet, Catalonia, Spain

Association/NGO and body/organisation of public interest

- *Hello Wielo*, implemented by the Polish Zero Waste Association, Poland
- *#zerofoodwastebcn day*, implemented by Association Plataforma Aprofitem els Aliments, Catalonia, Spain
- *Cloughmills Library of Things*, implemented by Cloughmills Community Action Team, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

Business/Industry

- *Environmental awareness for workers and contractors*, implemented by Opel España, S.L.U, Aragon, Spain
- *Emerging pollutants*, implemented by Clinica IMQZorrotzurre, Basque Country, Spain



- *School and commerce, anti-waste symbiosis*, implemented by Resid'ÚS, Catalonia, Spain

Educational establishment

- *Green cleaning*, implemented by St. Fintan's National School, Ireland
- *Recycling waste cooking oil*, implemented by St Thomas More College ALP School, Malta
- *IES nº 1" towards zero waste*, implemented by N° 1 High School, Asturias, Spain

Citizen(s)

- *Festive bio-waste weigh ins*, implemented by Marina Seder Colomina and Morgane Robert, France
- *Climate Elf in action!*, implemented by Ildikó Szabó Bozókiné, Hungary
- *Coffee Break*, implemented by Denise Castro and Daniela Malanchini, Azores, Portugal

Join us in Brussels on 15 May 2019 and find out who the winners are!

The EWWR Awards Jury 2018

The EWWR jury is composed of environmental experts who are recognised at the European level. This year, six jury members have been appointed, each of them representing one of the award categories:

- Public administration/organisation: **André van de Nadort**, European Committee of the Regions (CoR);
- Association/NGO: **Piotr Barczak**, European Environmental Bureau (EEB);
- Business/Industry: **Clemens Rosenmayr**, Eurochambres;
- Educational Establishment: **Kristina Madsen**, Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE);
- Citizen(s): **Simona Bonafè**, European Parliament (EP);
- European Special Prize: **Chiel Berends**, European Commission (EC).

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