



PROJECT

Zero Waste Cyprus

waste management culture

INTELLIGENT MONITORING AND EFFICIENT WASTE REDUCTION IN CYRPUS ISLAND

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NEWSLETTER

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Learn about the institutional change being introduced in Cyprus, as a Legislative Reform, to standardize the procedures for the prevention and management of municipal solid waste, according to the Recovery and Resilience Facility

*Coordinating Body between Central Government and Local Authorities
for the management of municipal solid waste*



Municipal waste management in Cyprus: Challenges and response measures



The **coordination of actions** in the municipal waste management between Central Government and Local Authorities is considered crucial for Cyprus' compliance with the **objectives** set for **municipal waste management** per the European and National environmental legislation.

The **rational management of municipal solid waste** is one of the most important challenges that Cyprus must face, taking into account:

- the low performance, in relation to the high European targets set for the preparation of municipal waste for reuse / recycling
- the disproportionately higher per capita rate of waste generation
- the high percentage (80%) of the produced quantities of waste, which ends up in disposal sites (landfill, IWMF)

In the EU Early Warning reports of 2019 and 2022, some recommendations are mentioned to deal with the above challenges, one of which is the establishment and operation of a Coordinating Body between the Central Government and the Local Authorities to achieve a rational management of the solid municipal waste.

Preparation study for the establishment and operation of the Waste Management Coordinating Body between the Central Government and Local Authorities



In order to determine the structure of this Coordinating Body, it was deemed appropriate to prepare a study with the provision of external assistance by Consultant, after announcing a tender with simplified procedures.

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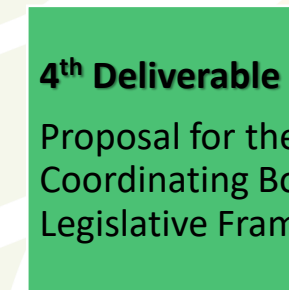
1st Deliverable
Start report



2nd Deliverable
Review of existing governance system for waste management and examples of Best Practice from other countries



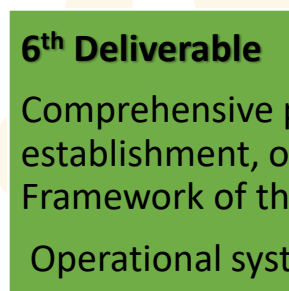
3rd Deliverable
Contacting Regional Consultation Workshops with Stakeholders



4th Deliverable
Proposal for the creation of a Coordinating Body and draft Legislative Framework



5th Deliverable
Contacting a Central Consultation Workshop with Stakeholders



6th Deliverable
Comprehensive proposal for the establishment, operation and Legislative Framework of the Coordinating Body.
Operational sustainability study

Inaugural Meeting

KICK - OFF MEETING

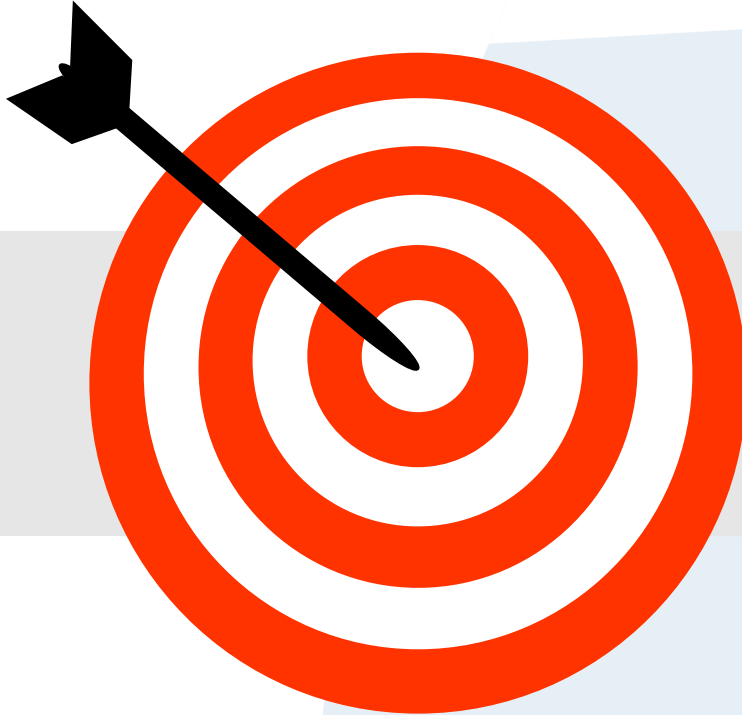


On April 28th, 2023, the Kick-Off Meeting was held to inform all parties involved in the municipal waste management, regarding the initiation of a recommendation study for the establishment and operation of a Coordinating Body between the Central Government and the Local Authorities, with the aim of **facilitating the implementation of the municipal waste management policy**.

At the meeting, the critical points and questionnaire results were presented, regarding the creation and establishment of this administrative structure, and the views of the involved bodies were discussed, regarding the responsibilities and tasks that will frame the operation of this Coordinating Body.

The project aims to contribute to the support of the Central Government (Department of Environment) and Local Authorities (Municipalities, Communities) to achieve a rational management of municipal solid waste through:

OBJECTIVES



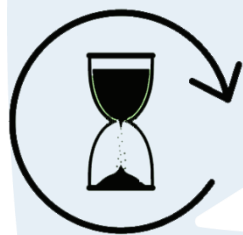
Bridging the gap between Central Government and Local Authorities



Facilitating the implementation of the waste management policy, especially for municipal waste



Promotion of information campaigns on prevention, reduction of waste & circular economy



STARTUP
2026



BUDGET
€950.000



FUNDING
THALIA 2021-2027

Conducting Regional Workshops using the participatory process method

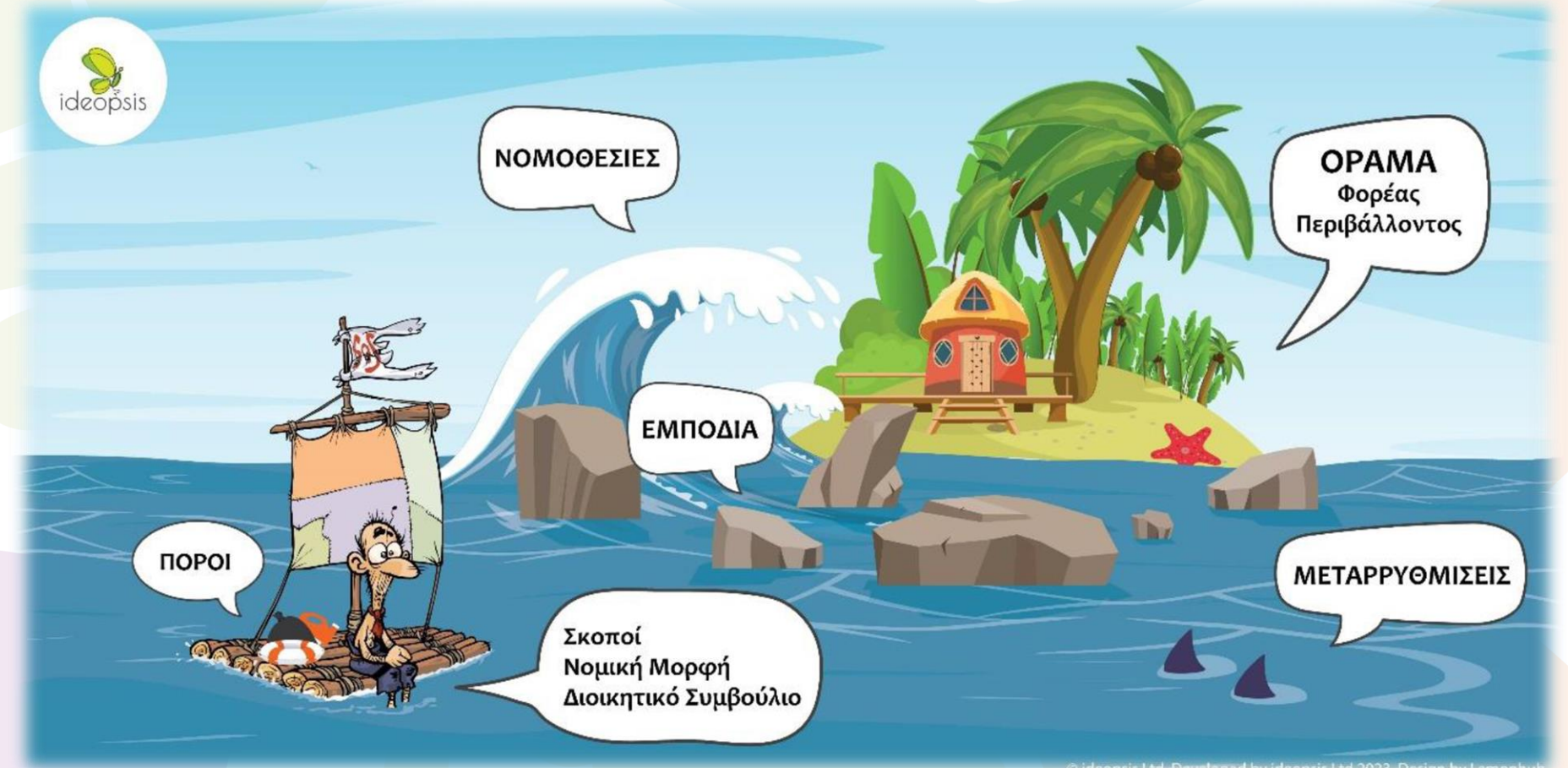
- For wider support and consensus regarding the operation of the Waste Management Coordinating Body, Regional Consultation Workshops were held with stakeholders, to record the opinions, suggestions and concerns regarding its structure and operation.
- The Regional Consultation Workshops were conducted using the Participatory Process method, in order to ensure the active participation of all interested parties in the decision-making process.
- The collected opinions led to the creation of a global picture regarding the prevailing situation of waste management in Cyprus and the attitude of the participants/stakeholders regarding the establishment and operation of the Coordinating Body.



Regional Consultation Workshop Worksheets



First Work Group Worksheet
"Defining a vision for the Coordinating Body"



Second Work Group Worksheet
"How will achieve our shared vision?"

Larnaka & Famagusta Districts Regional Consultation Workshop



On June 02nd, 2023, it took place the 1st Regional Consultation Workshop, at the House of Letter and Art in District of Larnaca.

Participants:

A. Central Government

- Department of Environment

B. Local Authorities

- Municipality of Aradippou
- Municipality of Livadia
- Community of Pyrga
- Community of Mazotos

C. Sewerage and Drainage Board

- Larnaca Sewerage and Drainage Board

D. Development Agencies

- Development Agency of Larnaka–Ammochostos Ltd
- Nicosia Development Agency

E. Academic Institution

- University of Neapolis Paphos



Paphos District Regional Consultation Workshop



On June 09, 2023, the 2nd Regional Consultation Workshop took place, at the Municipality of Geroskipou, in Paphos District.

Participants:

A. Central Government

- Department of Environment

B. Local Authorities

- Municipality of Peyeia
- Community of Pano Arodes
- Municipality of Geroskipou
- Community of Kouklia
- Coommunity of Tala
- Municipality of Paphos
- Municipality of Polis Chrysochous

C. Council for the Exploitation of Places for the Disposal or Utilization of Household Waste

- Pafos Exploitation Council

D. Development Agency

- Pafos Development Company Aphrodite Ltd



Limassol District Regional Consultation Workshop

Participants:

A. Central Government

- Department of Environment
- Limassol Water Development Department
- Nicosia Water Development Department

B. Local Authorities

- Municipality of Yermasoyia
- Municipality of Kato Polemidia
- Union of Cyprus Communities
- Municipality of Ipsonas

C. Council for the Exploitation of Places for the Disposal or Utilization of Household Waste

- Regional Waste Management Council

D. Sewerage and Drainage Board

- Sewage Board of Limassol – Amathus (SBLA)

E. Development Agencies

- Limassol Development Agency

F. Consumer Agencies

- Cyprus Consumers Association

G. Collective System of Extended Producer Liability

- Cyprus Recycling Organization

H. Non - Profit Organizations

- Friends of the Earth Cyprus

I. Academic Institution

- Neapolis University Pafos



On June 12nd, 2023, the 3rd Regional Consultation Workshop took place at Agios Athanasios Municipal Library Hall in Limassol District.



Nicosia District Regional Consultation Workshop

Participants:

A. Central Government

- Department of Environment
- Ministry of Health

B. Local Authorities

- Municipality of Latsia
- Municipality of Nicosia
- Municipality of Strovolos

C. National Standardization Body

- Cyprus Organization for Standardization

D. Collective System of Extended Producer Liability

- AFIS Cyprus Ltd
- Green Dot Cyprus

E. Non - Profit Organizations

- Friends of the Earth Cyprus
- Periopsis

F. Pedagogical Institute

- Education Unit for the Environment and Sustainable Development

On June 13th, 2023, the 4th Regional Consultation Workshop took place, at the HYBUILD Renewable Energy and Sustainability Exhibition Space, in Nicosia District.



Central Consultation Workshop in Nicosia District

Participants:

A. Central Government

- Department of Environment
- Office of the Environment Commissioner
- Water Development Department
- Directorate General Growth, Ministry of Finance

B. Local Government

- Municipality of Geroskipou
- Municipality of Aradippou
- Municipality of Strovolos
- Community council of Palodia
- Municipality of Livadia
- Municipality of Larnaca
- Union of Cyprus Communities



On September 5th, 2023, the Central Consultation Workshop took place, at the ETEK Educational and Cultural Center, in Nicosia District.

C. Development Agencies

- Development Agency of Limassol
- Development Agency of Larnaka–Ammochostos Ltd
- Nicosia Development Agency
- Troodos Development Company

D. Council for the Exploitation of Places for the Disposal or Utilization of Household Waste

- Regional Waste Management Council

E. Sewerage and Drainage Board

- Larnaca Sewerage and Drainage Board
- Paphos Sewerage and Drainage Board

F. National Standardization Body

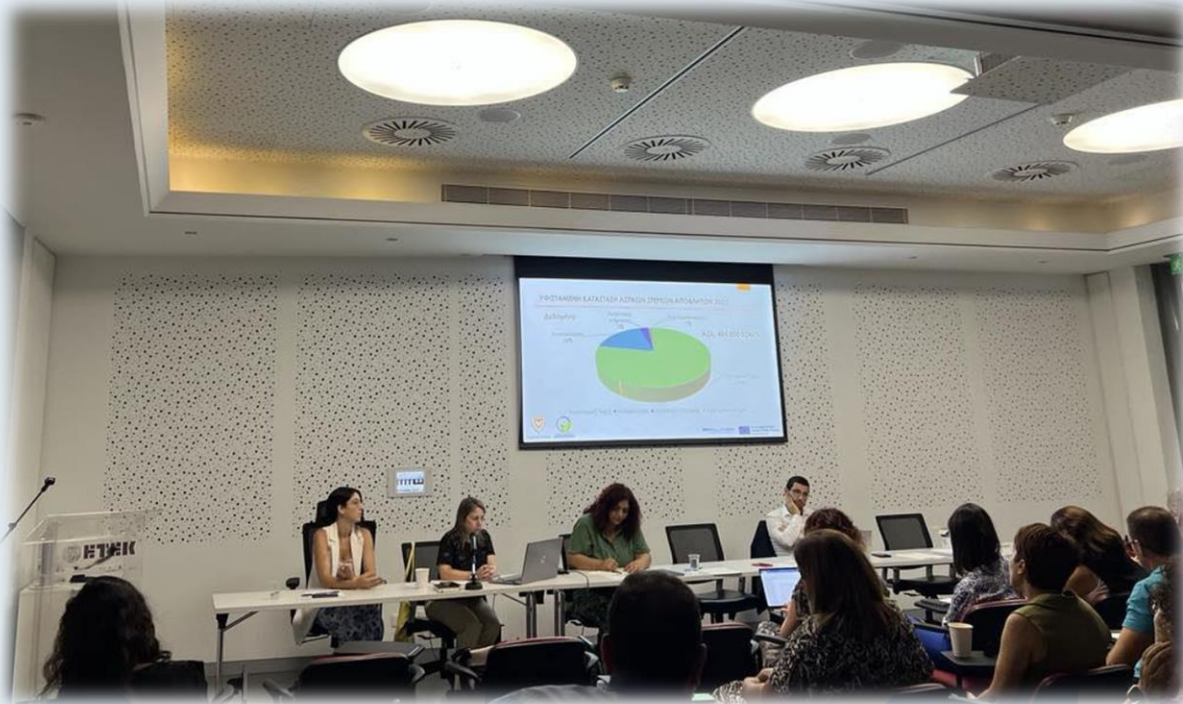
- Cyprus Organization for Standardization

G. Collective System of Extended Producer Liability

- Cyprus Recycling Organization

H. Non - Profit Organizations

- Friends of the Earth Cyprus
- Kykloikodromio



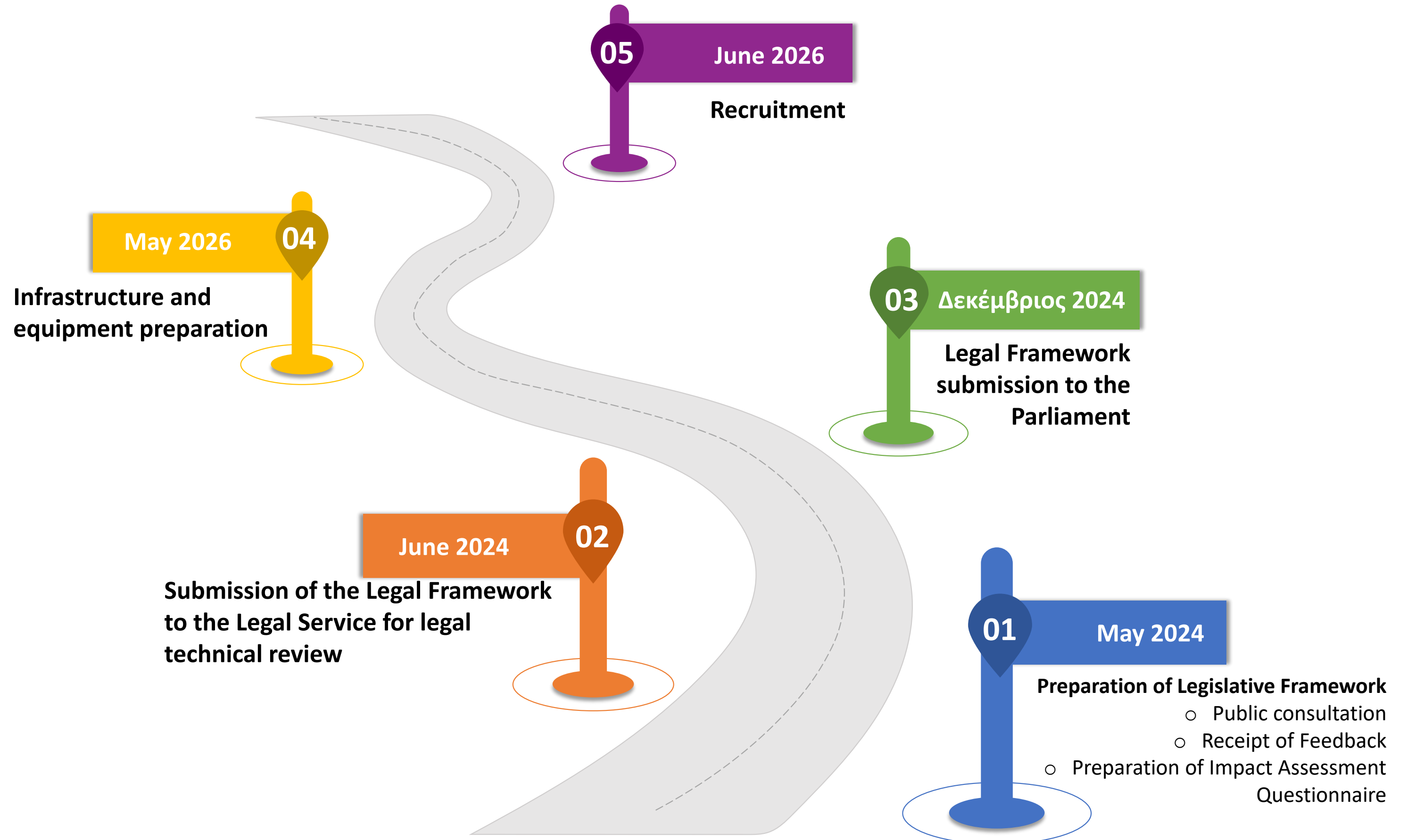
Prevailing views on the establishment and operation of the Coordinating Body for Municipal Waste Management

- Flexible and administratively autonomous body
- Sustainable with financial and operational autonomy
- Promote and coordinate activities within the waste management hierarchy
- Provision of technical and advisory support to Local Authorities (Municipalities, Communities) and/or the Central Government
- Participation in implementation programs, support and/or creation of pilot programs, education and information campaigns aimed at preventing waste generation, sorting at source and separate collection of waste
- Clear distribution of roles and responsibilities
- Not to conflict with the responsibilities of other parties involved
- Staffing with specialized personnel
- Technical competencies and technical expertise

Prevailing views on the institutional form of the Coordinating Body for Municipal Waste Management

- Proposed name: ***Unified Waste Prevention and Management Agency***
- Legal status: ***Public Law Legal Entity***
- Management: ***Board of Directors***
- Headquarters: ***Nicosia***
- Staffing: ***General Manager, Financial Director, Scientific staff***
- ***Establishment of committees and specialized bodies***
 - Assistance and advice in the exercise of its responsibilities
 - Temporary in nature → dealing with specific issues/problems

What are the next steps ?



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Nicosia Municipality



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της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης



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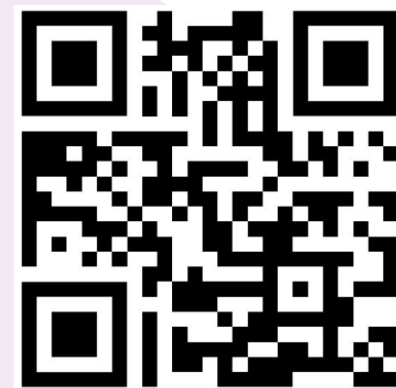
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