Terminology glossary and useful links

Training #3: Awareness raising and community engagement

Module 7 - Associations dealing with the valorisation of bio-waste

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A. Main associations

Abbreviation	Full name	Role / relevance	Website
ECN	European Compost Network	European network promoting composting, anaerobic digestion, and the use of organic soil improvers. Key actor in bio-waste valorisation at EU level.	https://www.compostnetwork.info/
ISWA	International Solid Waste Association	Global organisation advancing sustainable waste management, including bio-waste valorisation and circular economy solutions.	https://www.iswa.org/
ECESP	European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform	EU platform bringing together stakeholders to promote circular economy initiatives, including bio-waste valorisation.	https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en
VHE	Verband der Humus- und Erdenwirtschaft e.V. (Germany)	Represents the humus and soil industry, promoting the use of compost and organic materials in agriculture and landscaping.	https://www.vhe.de/
CIC	Consorzio Italiano Compostatori	Italian association supporting composting, biogas production, and market development for bio-waste-derived products.	https://www.compost.it/
RCC	Réseau Compost Citoyen (France)	Promotes community composting and citizen engagement, improving the quality and quantity of bio-waste collected.	https://www.reseaucompost.org/
ARC	Asociatia Romana a Compostului (Romanian Compost Association)	Supports composting development and promotes sustainable management of organic waste in Romania.	http://www.asociatiacompostului.ro/
AICA	Asociación Española de Compostaje (Spain)	Spanish association promoting composting practices, research, and the use of compost products.	https://www.compostaje.org/

B. Environmental agencies and knowledge platforms

Abbreviation	Full name	Role / relevance	Website
EEA	European Environment Agency	Provides data, reports, and indicators on waste, recycling, and soil across Europe.	https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/topics/waste-and-recycling

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			https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/topics/soil
EUSO	European Soil Observatory	EU platform monitoring soil health and supporting soil-related policy and research.	https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/euso
UBA	Umweltbundesamt (German Environment Agency)	Provides scientific and policy information on waste management, including bio-waste treatment and composting.	https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/topics/waste-resources/waste-disposal/organic-waste-treatment

For further reading, the following study is recommended:

Adam, J. et al. (2024). Determination and improvement of the quality of separately collected bio-waste from households. *Waste Management & Research*, 42(9), 842–854.

It provides scientific insight into how the quality of separately collected bio-waste can be measured and improved, directly linking citizen behaviour, contamination levels, and final product quality.

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