

Cyprus and recycling



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Our project

Within the Erasmus program students of the 11th grade got a chance to do research on recycling in Cyprus and interview two community leaders. The community leaders were of the villages **Peristerona** and **Kokkinotrimithia**. Out of the two, the one recycles and the other doesn't.



Recycling on Cyprus

Basic Information



- Cyprus government: Has several frameworks and regulations regarding recycling but not as specific
- Communities Are free to make their individual decisions on how to recycle



The communities that do recycle mostly recycle these materials:

- Paper



- PMD



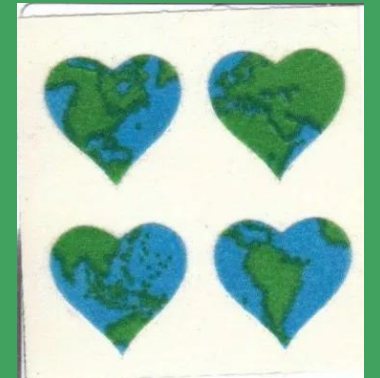
- Glass



- Bins for clothes and cooking oils in various public spaces
- Green areas/sites for: furniture, wood, damaged household appliances and so on

The first interview (Peristerona)

- The Interview with the President of the Community of Peristerona, Mr. Pantelis
- The community recycles:
 - Plastic and paper weekly from house to house
 - Clothing and glass via recycling bins available in the community
 - Furniture, electric appliances etc at Green Sites in two areas
- Some citizens: are not willing to follow the recycling procedures due to
 - Lack of information on the practices and procedures available
 - Personal convenience



The second interview (Kokkinotrimithia)

- The Interviewing with the community leader of Kokkinotrimithia, Mr. Christoforos Meletie
- Recycling in the community is not a priority due to extra cost
- Recycling on Cyprus is not done the right way:
- Recyclable materials end up being thrown away or burned since:
 - factories are located abroad, and a lot of money is needed for recyclables to be sent there

Our conclusions

About Peristerona:

- Action has been taken
- However proper recycling requires cooperation from both citizens and the government
- Information leaflets on the recycling procedures have been published since 2022

About Kokkinotrimithia:

- The local authorities agree that recycling is an important aspect in their community and planet, however
- Resources are not available due to the high cost



Considering all of the above

- Unfortunately, Cyprus even if our government has an innovative strategy towards recycling with several frameworks and legislations recycling isn't done properly.
- As a small country the needed factories and resources for it are not available.
- Our government has to pay annual fines to the EU because of our non eco friendly behavior.
- The best solution for us is for our government to apply for any helpful EU funds for sustainability in order to provide our citizens with the best recycling experience and to design a better education on the matter of recycling so that everyone can stay updated, not only for the sake of our country but also for a healthier planet.



**Thank you for
your attention!**

