



# AWASTER Adopting WASTE as Resource

2<sup>nd</sup> Training Session  
Waste-Free event  
4<sup>th</sup> Technical and Steering Committee Meeting

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Agenda

Venue: Casarano

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## AGENDA

### First day – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### Part 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> AWASTER Training session

**Location:** Antico Sedile Comunale (Piazza San Giovanni Elemosiniere, Casarano)

9:30-10:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
10:00-10:10	<b>Welcome speeches</b> <i>Representatives of Municipality of Casarano, IRENA</i>
	<b>AWASTER Training program – Improving the business knowledge base on circular economy</b>
10:10-10:20	<b>AWASTER – Adopting WASTE as Resource:</b> Brief introduction to the project and its activities <i>IRENA</i>
10:20-10:40	<b>Presentation 1 - Improving the business knowledge base on circular economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circular economy principles explained in a business-friendly way</li> <li>• Economic and operational benefits for companies</li> <li>• Practical examples relevant for SMEs</li> </ul> <i>Municipality of Casarano</i>
10:40-11:00	<b>Presentation 2 - How to reach and engage businesses in circular economy initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective communication channels and tools</li> <li>• Role of intermediaries and local stakeholders</li> <li>• Building trust and long-term cooperation with businesses</li> </ul> Speaker: TBD
11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:15	<b>Interactive group work</b> <b>Objective:</b> To gather input on business needs, challenges and opportunities related to circular economy implementation.  Method: Participants will work in thematic tables reflecting different focus areas: Table 1: Knowledge gaps and training needs of businesses Table 2: Effective ways to reach and involve businesses Table 3: Main challenges and barriers for implementation



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	Table 4: AWASTER experiences and transferable lessons <i>Moderated by IRENA</i>
12:15-12:45	<b>Outcome of group work and discussion</b>
	<b>End of AWASTER training session</b>
12:45-13:45	Light lunch
13:45-14:30	Guided tour of Casarano (optional)

### Part 2 – AWASTER Technical group meeting

**Location:** Antico Sedile Comunale (Piazza San Giovanni Eleemosiniere, Casarano)

14:30-15:15	WP2 – A.2.1 Early adoption of circular economy principles educational schemes  <i>PP2 – Overview of planned and performed activities</i> LP,PP4,PP5,PP6 – brief presentation about the status of activities in partner regions (5-7 minutes each PP)	All PPs (managed by PP2)
15:15-16:00	WP2 – A.2.2 Low resource economy schemes  <i>PP3 – Overview of planned and performed activities</i> LP,PP2,PP4,PP5,PP6 – brief presentation about the status of activities in partner regions (5-7 minutes each PP)	All PPs (managed by PP3)

### Part 3 – Waste free event

**Location:** Ex Mercato Coperto (Via Matino, Casarano)

16:00-19:00	Waste-free event: showcase and workshops on circular economy best practices	All PPs
20:00	Social dinner	



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### Second day – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### Part 4 – Project AWASTER Technical Group meeting – part 2 and 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting

**Location:** Antico Sedile Comunale (Piazza San Giovanni Elemosiniere, Casarano)

8:30-9:00	Registration of participants	All partners
9:00-10:30	WP3 – Results capitalization and transferring	SINLOC
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-11:15	Project management	IRENA
11:15-11:45	General overview of project communication activities, deadlines	PP2 - SUNCE
11:45-12:30	Steering Committee meeting – discussion, questions and next steps	All partners (Managed by IRENA)
12:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting closure	All partners

