



European Waste Reduction Week
LIFE-MED PROJECT MEETS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN BUCHAREST

Bucharest, 25th November 2016 – CAUTO, Legambiente Lombardia, Medicus Mundi Attrezzature and University of Brescia visited Ateliere Fara Frontiere's laboratories in Bucharest. A good opportunity to understand how the project Life-MED is going on in Romania after two year working on it. During the visit all the partners took part in a seminar at the Facultatea de Inginerie Medicală in Bucharest about medical equipment's cycle of life, meeting students and companies involved in medical equipment production.

LIFE-MED, Medical Equipment Discarded – A new integrate system to reduce waste by medical equipment and medical WEEE is an European project, with the contribution of the LIFE financial instrument of the European Community.

The coordinator beneficiary is Cantiere Autolimitazione (CAUTO), the associated beneficiary are Medicus Mundi Attrezzature (MEMUA), The University of Brescia, Faculty of Engineering, Ateliere Fara Frontiere (AFF) and Legambiente Lombardia.

MED project deals with the management of discarded medical equipment and devices. The project addresses primarily the environmental problem of sustainable waste and natural management. It supports waste prevention programmes and measures to promote the application of the waste hierarchy.

It provides a reduction in the production of waste from health care facilities and veterinary clinics through the application of an integrated system that foresee the preventive donation of biomedical equipment and devices to organizations and associations in EU territory.

At the end of the project Life-MED, the disposal of 100 ton of equipment will be avoided.

Through a partnership with Ateliere Fara Frontiere, a Romanian association, the project has a direct transnational application.

The sustainability of the management of hospital waste will be addressed also through the analysis of the regulatory framework within a working table of consultation, composed of Italian institutional stakeholders in charge with these issues, (consortia, control authorities, government agencies in charge, sector trade associations).

Watch the video of the meeting: https://youtu.be/mVP_Qc72JRQ

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