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RAWFILL





Overview of the RAWFILL project



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RAWFILL = Raw materials recovered from landfills

Landfill mining - a process where solid <u>waste</u> which has previously been <u>landfilled</u>, is excavated and processed.

The function of landfill mining is to reduce the amount of landfill mass encapsulated within the closed landfill and/ or temporarily remove hazardous material to allow protective measures to be taken before the landfill mass is replaced.

During the process of mining, valuable recyclable materials, combustible fractions, soil, and landfill space are recovered.



For the last 30 years, the planet ressources decreased by 30 %.





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+/- 100,000 landfills in the NWE Europe

Negative impact on the environment

Future source of valuable materials for recycling/upcycling



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Landfill mining – potentially viable method of sourcing materials

Other EU-funded projects in LFM : ✓ COCOON, ✓ NEW-MINE ✓ SMART GROUND

RAWFILL : focus on developing new methods to reduce the economic risk of LFM projects



One of today's identified **problems** :

- Lack of detailed information relating to the economical potential of landfill sites (quantity, quality, value of recoverable materials and of the land)
- The costs of investigation methods on landfill sites (wich currently are high or even prohibitive)



Our contribution to encourage future profitable LFM projects :

- 1. A common structure of inventories of landfill sites by integrating the economic potential of sites
- 2. An innovative investigation method of landfill sites by combining the traditional methods of soil sampling, treches, boring, etc. with modern geophysical methods (that will reduce the cost and the duration of studies and will give more detailed information about the content of the landfill site)
- 3. And a decision support tool that will allow the selection of the most profitable LFM projects to encourage landfill owners and other SH to recover ressources and land

These methodologies are currently being tested through several pilot sites.





- An Interreg NWE project
- Total budget 3,8 mil €
- EU funding rate 60%
- RW funding rate for Walloon partners : 30%
- Duration 3,5 years
- **Beneficiaries : public and private owners of LFs, others SH**



RAWFILL project unites 8 partners from 4 EU regions with complementary expertise:





SPAQuE company

- Established in 1991
- Expertise : rehabilitation of landfills and brownfields and management of polluted soil
- Staff: 80 people
- Turnover : € 30 M
- Main sources of financing : ERDF, the Marshall Plan
- References in rehabilitation : 205 ha of landfills and 828 ha of brownfields

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Role of SPAQuE in RAWFILL project

WP Management – WP Leader

- administrative, technical and financial management; networking with stakeholders

WP Communication

- organisation of large scale project events
- advice on communication activities

WP Long term effects

- platform for sharing the project results for private and public LF owners





Role of SPAQuE in RAWFILL project

WP ELIF

- analysis of existing LFs inventories, benchmark of the LFM initiatives and projects
- final inventories structure

WP DST

- list of indicators and selection criteria
- design of the decision supporting tool

WP Demonstration of LFM resource potential – WP Leader

- estimation of the economic potential of the two pilot sites, based on the results of the pilot tests



Transnational cooperation within RAWFILL:

- Exchange of know-how and innovative practices between regions with different level of development of landfill mining projects (technical and legal)
- Joining forces to define common activities and strategies to tackle common needs





Kick off meeting – Liège – June 2017

ELFM symposium – Mechelen - February 2018

Joint Workshop with Cocoon - Mechelen - February 2018

Joint Workshop with Smartground Consortium - Mechelen - February 2018









ELFM Symposium – Mechelen - February 2018





Joint Workshop with Smartground Consortium

- Mechelen - February 2018







Wallonie

Revalorisation des décharges wallonnes







Pour jauger le potentiel de l'ancienne décharge







Onoz site visit – 19th of June 2018





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Workshop Metabolon - Germany - August 2018



Workshop Metabolon - Germany - August 2018 North-West Europe





Interreg NWE Idea Lab Paris – 2nd October 2018





European Parliament – 20th November 2018





European Parliament – 20th November 2018



Identified drivers for landfill mining operations

- Onoz site value of ime and ashes low value of the land
- Lingreville environmental risks, visual aspects (wastes in the see)
- Le Marais environmental risks protection of the drinking water quality

Recovery of materials, land recovery, new economical projects, reduction of environmental risks, infrastructure construction, recretaive areas, human health aspects...

Pollutec 2018 - conference RAWFILL : Landfills II – the return











ULiège - Rawfill project presentation – December 2018

Géophysical tests on the Onoz site – 28th of January 2019 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51IjUCnqujY</u>







Aquaconsoil - oral presentation - May 2019 – Anvers - Belgium

Workshop on DST – May 2019

Workshop in Landfill mining with French, Belgian and German authorithies – 2019 - Engelskirchen - Germany

Sardinia symposium - 3 papers, oral presentation, a poster and one workshop with the Université de Cranfield (UK) – October 2019 - Sardinia

Final event – June 2019 – Belgium



LFM, when?

- LFM yes, but not only for material recovery
- LFM allows the increase of the LF capacity for waste storage
- LFM will reduce the environmental risks for environment (drinking water, etc..)
- LFM will allow the development of new projects on the recovered land
- LFM will reduce the costs of post management activities of a landfill
- LFM is one of the options for the dynamic management of landfills
- LFM is difficult to develop without an adapted legislation in the field of waste and landfills, but...





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Thank you!