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UNE (Spanish Association for Standardization) identified the work carried out at VALUEWASTE as a standardization opportunity on the topic: ‘key factors for the successful implementation of urban biowaste selective collection schemes’.

VALUEWASTE (Grant Agreement No. 818312) is happy to announce that a pre-normative document has been published by the [European Committee for Standardization \(CEN\)](#): CWA 17866:2022 “Key factors for the successful implementation of urban biowaste selective collection schemes”, an initiative based on the main findings at the VALUEWASTE Standardization Task led by [UNE](#), also supported by sister projects [Scalibur](#), [HOOP](#), [WaysTUP!](#) and [Cityloops](#) - members of the ROOTS initiative on “[Circular Policies for changing the biowaste system](#)”.

This document, **first-of-its-kind European pre-standard** which is crucial to developing circular cities, was developed by the [CEN Workshop “KEY-BIOWASTE”](#). Pedro Gustavo Rodríguez, [PREZERO](#), and Tania Marcos, UNE (as secretary), chaired the initiative; together with relevant project partners [CETENMA](#) (VALUEWASTE coordinator), [EUBIA](#)-European Biomass Industry Association, and the cities of Kalundborg (Denmark) and Murcia (Spain). Individuals of significant organisations across Europe also joined: ATEGRUS, Avfall Sverige, Balkan Assoc. of Standard Users, ITENE, ECOGEOS, ENVAC IBERIA S.A., FRITZ SCHÄFER GmbH, Latvian standard (LVS), Wellness Telecom S.L., Wellnesstech Sustainability Horizon, S.L. and Zero Waste Latvia., participated and actively contributed to it.

CWA 17866 it is intended **to help city managers and waste management service providers to increase the quality of the selectively collected biowaste**, enabling the development of robust biowaste valorisation processes. Applies to municipalities where separate collection of biowaste has not started and already have collection systems in place. It focusses on actions to promote biowaste collection and improve the perception of citizens on urban biowaste as a local source of valuable materials. It will bring citizens' sorting and recycling efforts to increase the biowaste quality and contribute to pave the way **for the transition of cities to a circular economy**.

CWA 17866:2022 is **available for free download** at: https://www.cencenelec.eu/media/CEN-CENELEC/CWAs/RI/cwa17866_2022.pdf

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About the VALUEWASTE project

The VALUEWASTE project started back in 2018, gathering 17 partners from 5 EU countries and, after 4 years, has reached its end in October 2022. The goal of the project was to foster the adoption of circular valorisation schemes for urban biowaste in cities across Europe, demonstrating technologies and developing pilot experiences in two European cities: Murcia (Spain) and Kalundborg (Denmark). Interviews with all VALUEWASTE partners at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJuH9uLUcUM&t=2s>

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