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Terracina is a bath town of 46.000 inhabitants. In 2015 it became a Zero Waste Municipality with a Zero Waste Observatory. In the same year Terracina adopted the door-to-door collection reaching 59,17% of Recycling, while in 2016 it reached 73%, becoming the first “Comune Riciclone” of Latium. How was it possible to reach this important goal? It was possible because the local City Administration works together with citizens, local sanitation transfer station and associations, including our Zero Waste Committee. In order to improve Recycle the Municipality of Terracina created separate waste collection centres and an “Eco-point” at the harbour where fishermen can bring plastic fishing waste, it placed recycling bins in town, it adopted Junker app, it distributed free compost bins and it forswore a waste awareness raising campaign. In this scenario our Zero Waste Committee has a leading role. We are daily engaged in Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. In 2016 we monitored and encouraged the separate collection in every school of our municipality, contributing to Terracina “Comune Riciclone”, and we promoted the campaigns for the use of the canteens in spite of plastic bottles, in 2017/18 we promoted the reduction of packaging in local bakeries and the collection of plastic toys on Terracina beaches at the end of summer. We organised book and toy reuse markets in 2017 EWWR and Zero Waste events. In order to sensitise students, teachers and families we organise Zero Waste training courses at school. Thanks to Zero Waste Committee engagement the “Istituti Comprensivi” of Terracina are now all “Eco-schools”. Finally, we administrate Zero Waste groups on Facebook because it is important to spread ecological issues and because we are open to debate. That’s for all these reasons that I think we can talk about “The case Terracina” for what concerns Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Biography

Filomena Compagno is an Italian Zero Waste activist. She is part of the Terracina Zero Waste Committee and Observatory and she is the ecological referent of the Istituto Comprensivo Milani of Terracina, where she teaches French and is daily engaged in Recycling, Reducing and Reusing. Together with the local Zero Waste Committee she organized important ecological events, she monitored the separate collection in local schools and she promoted the campaigns for the use of the canteen in spite of plastic bottles, for the reduction of packaging in local bakeries and for the collection of plastic toys on Terracina beaches. In 2017 she took part as a speaker at the Annual Zero Waste Workshop in Capannori (Lucca). She is writing a book on Zero Waste Schools and in December 2018 she will take part to the EWWR Decennial in Rome as Action Developer.

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