

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CASE STUDIES

1. Relevance to Zero Waste Approach:

- Demonstrate a clear commitment to the fundamental principles of zero waste, emphasizing waste prevention, reduction, recycling, and responsible waste management and disposal.
- For example, eco-design or design for purpose will have an impact not only on the recovery or potential for reuse but also on the development of complete sustainable value chain actors.

2. Measurable Impact/Demonstrable Success:

- The case should exhibit quantifiable results in waste reduction, diversion to reuse, repair, refurbishing, and recycling.
- Specific measurable outcomes, such as reduction in waste generation (tonne/year), increased recycling rates (%), and decreased Greenhouse Gas emissions (t CO₂ equivalent yearly), are essential indicators.
- If applicable: any “red part validation”

3. Sustainability and Scalability:

- The case should demonstrate sustainability, considering economic, environmental, and social factors associated with zero waste practices.
- The case should showcase the relevance feasibility, potential for replication and adaptability in various contexts or communities, including the ability to generate revenue for local economies.

4. Innovation and Technological Applicability:

- The case should highlight innovative designs, planning, technologies, or approaches, including social innovations, that contribute to waste reduction, improved waste management, and increased circularity or resource efficiency in pursuing zero waste.
- Technologies used should be context-appropriate and utilize locally available knowledge, science, materials, and resources, creating new skills and tools for broader use.
- Ensure that chosen case studies adhere to relevant waste management regulations and standards, emphasizing the importance of legal compliance in sustainable waste practices.

- Heighten innovative cross-sectoral solutions that engage multiple sectors and stakeholders for positive change.

5. Geographical Representation:

- The case compilation should ensure a balanced geographical representation, including representation by Small Island Developing States, landlocked, and least-developed countries.
- Ensure local conditions are taken into account too, e.g., biodiverse countries might offer a variety of cases worth being included.

6. Resource Efficiency and Integration of Circular Economy Principles:

- The case should demonstrate efficient resource use, aligning with circular economy principles and promoting a closed-loop system through reduction, reuse, recovery, remanufacturing, etc.

7. Educational Value:

- Select case studies that offer educational value, providing insights and lessons learned that can be shared with other organizations, municipalities, or communities looking to adopt similar zero waste practices.

8. Non-Promotion of Specific Private Company:

- The case should avoid publicizing or promoting a specific private company for economic advantages.

9. Inclusivity/Collaboration/Community Engagement:

- The case should prioritize inclusiveness, such as gender-inclusiveness, demonstrating how diverse social groups like youth, differently-abled individuals, women, civil society, and small and medium-sized enterprises can play a role. It should minimize negative impacts on vulnerable populations and informal sectors.

10. Social and Environmental Safeguard:

- The case should show the application of safeguards to avoid and mitigate negative environmental or socio-economic impacts on stakeholders or rights-holders, including on livelihoods, social structures, and human rights.