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### 1. Construction of the pilot unit

The construction of the pilot unit started on February, 2018, after the signed of the contractor relevant contract and finally concluded on 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2018. Before the start up of the pilot unit construction, territory marking and works for grading the ground took place.



Picture 1. Topographical diagram of the F4F pilot into the area of MSW bio-drying unit of Heraklion



Picture 2. Territory marking for the F4F pilot unit placement



Picture 3. Works for grading the ground

The plan view of the pilot unit is being presented in the following picture.



Picture 4. PLAN VIEW of the Pilot Unit.

The total area of the pilot unit is  $468m^2$ . As it is being presented in the plan view, the pilot unit consists from the **prefabricated or hand sorting building** (green line) where hand shorting of the incoming food wastes takes place. This building is a 14m long and 6m wide room (total area  $84m^2$ ) where air condition and air extraction units for health and safety issues have been installed. Moreover, these units have also been used for the preservation of the incoming food wastes. Into this building the relevant personnel from the food wastes collection system (1) deposit the bins from the refrigerator track at the first few meters (2) of the building. Moreover, in this prefabricated building has been installed a 6m conveyer belt (3) where four people work in order to hand short and remove all foreign particles from the hotels' collected food wastes (metals, plastic, glass, etc.). Following the conveyor belt a shredder (4) has been installed so as the food wastes to be shredded in pulp. This pulp is being collected in a small inox tank under the shredder where a pump forwards the pulp through a pipe suitable for food into the drying halls of the solar drying greenhouse (red line). According to the plan view presented above, the solar drying greenhouse and the floor

are being presented in the following pictures. Into the solar drying greenhouse, two drying halls have been constructed. The length of the halls is 20m and the width of them is 5m (total area per each hall is 100m<sup>2</sup>). From this area, 15mx5m have been used for the drying (5), where extensive network of pipelines connected with water solar heaters has been installed. In each drying hall and on the top of the pipelines a high quality stainless still cover has been placed in order to amplify the temperature of the food waste pulp and to accelerate the drying time. Each corridor/drying hall has 0.8m high reinforced concrete side walls, on the top of which the drying turning systems have been placed. At the end of these drying halls (6) there is an area for emptying the final product after drying and for packing (this is for the final optimum operational period of the project). The rest area (7) into the solar drying greenhouse has been used for temporary storage of the produced products.





Picture 5. Cross section of the solar drying greenhouse hall



Picture 6. Cross section of the concrete floor of the solar drying greenhouse halls In the following pictures steps during the pilot unit construction are being presented.





Picture 7. During concrete formwork





Picture 8. Construction of the greenhouse framework



Picture 9. After covering the greenhouse with polycarbonate sheets



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Picture 10. During the prefabricated unit construction with the relevant equipment

In the following pictures works concerning the construction of the drying halls into the solar drying greenhouse are being presented.



Picture 11. During the installation of the network of pipelines connected with water solar heater system



Picture 12. After covering with concrete the network of pipelines connected with water solar heater system

For the operation of the heating floor system the following equipment have been installed in the pilot unit, as being presented in the pictures below.





Picture 13. The heating system with the supply and return collectors, the boiler, the solar panels and the temperature display panel of the network of pipelines for the floor heating system

Above of the heating floor system, inox sheets have been placed in the solar drying halls, as being presented in the following pictures.





Picture 14. During installation of the inox sheets above the floor heating system in each drying hall



Picture 15. Funs into the solar drying greenhouse for air circulation



A panoramic view of the constructed pilot unit is being presented in the following pictures



Picture 16. Panoramic view of the constructed F4F pilot unit