

Fig.127 Selfie showing the equipment I used early in the project when venturing outside. A second hand pouch is hanging on my right side to gather the trash I pick from the sidewalk. Inside the pouch there is a zip-lock bag I used to get for free at the security check of an airport. The bag is where I placed the trash so as not to contaminate the pouch with bacteria.

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After picking the trash from a sidewalk I put in a pouch I wear around my chest. The trash actually goes in a zip lock bag I always keep inside the pouch so as not to make it dirty. When a bag is full I replace it with a new one and put the filled bag in a box waiting for its content to be scanned. These bags are the same distributed at airports to place liquids separately prior to the security scan. In my short lived career as an academic I have often commuted around Europe and have been collecting several of these bags. However during the time of the security scan I often feared that the guard might find some illicit substance in the trash I had picked. Previously I have also been using plastic-coated milk containers to store the trash I picked. For the purpose each container was made flat, teared open, washed and dried. Later when my kids were small I used to put the trash under their their stroller. Generally after picking trash I always have a feeling I want to wash my hands. I even feel a little itchy on my skin and I always make sure I do wash them especially before eating. I am not however a maniac of tiny invisible bacteria and while I keep rather clean, I hate chemicals on my skin and I avoid using strong chemicals to clean the household. Around me there is always some level of dirt I know too many people do not tolerate.