

ACR+ Waste & Material Flows

Activity Report 2024

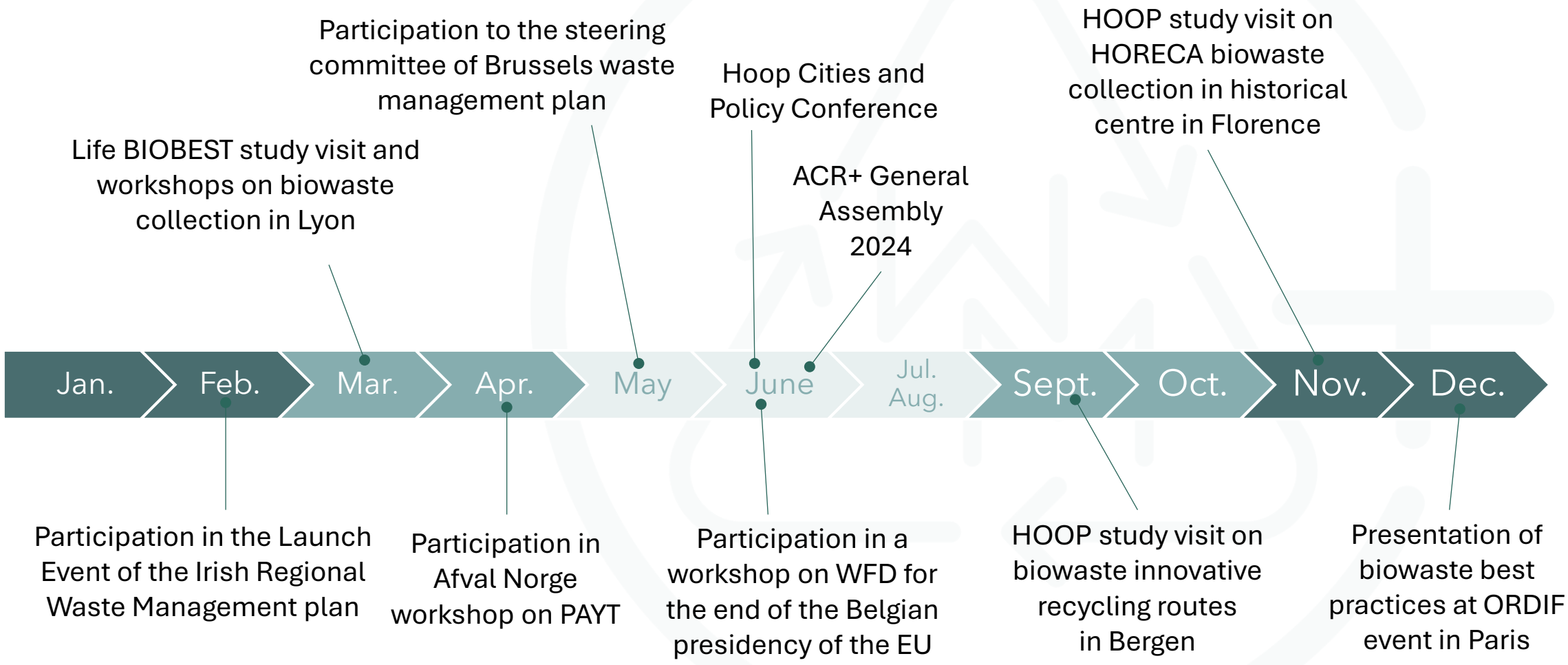


INTRODUCTION

ACR+ continued its efforts to advance its Thematic Area on Waste and Material Flows in 2024, focusing on knowledge sharing and the dissemination of best practices in waste monitoring.

A key highlight of the year is the research that produced the soon-to-be-published report on "social PAYT", based on a study conducted for Brussels. Additionally, the Thematic Area took advantage of different projects to organise conferences and study visits promoting peer exchanges among local and regional authorities, especially on biowaste management. These exchanges are crucial as the sorting obligation for biowaste has been enforced enforced on 1 January 2024.

OVERVIEW



HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES

+ Support to members' waste plans

ACR+ supported several Members to develop their waste plans. In February, ACR+ presented the conclusions of its peer review of the Irish Regional Waste plan during a launch event in Limerick. ACR+ also actively participated in the Brussels' waste plan steering committee within the framework of the plan's revision.

+ HOOP Cities and Policy Conference

The HOOP Cities and Policy Conference brought together cities and regions to discuss and learn about implementing circular bioeconomy solutions. The event featured presentations from local players, panel discussions with experts, and networking opportunities for attendees. A key focus was on identifying regulatory barriers and policy drivers that can help accelerate the transition to a more sustainable bioeconomy.



HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES

+ Study Visits

ACR+ took advantage of several EU-funded projects to organise different study visits focusing on specific aspects of waste management: biowaste collection in urban area in Lyon, HORECA food waste management with underground containers in the historical centre of Florence, to name a few. ACR+ successfully invited several representatives of European cities and regions to foster peer exchanges on common challenges and potential solutions.



UPCOMING: REPORTS

Publication of three reports:

- [Final report of the “More Circularity, Less Carbon” campaign](#), comparing and cross-analysing the results obtained by the 7 ACR+ Members that participated in the different cohort. The report investigates the link between municipal waste and carbon emissions and explore solution to mitigate the associated emissions
- [Report on underground containers](#), cross-analysing their implementation and impact in 6 dense European cities and questioning the role of collection methods
- [Report on “social Pay-as-you-throw”](#) documenting four large European cities that implemented PAYT with social provision, to understand their different design and impact on performances, non-compliances, and costs.



UPCOMING: EVENTS AND STUDY VISITS

Mark your calendar for the following events and study visits:

- [HOOP Study Visit in Porto](#) on 27-28 January 2025, hosted by LIPOR, focusing on end-use of biowaste-based products and collection in dense areas
- [Hazards out first webinar](#) on 11 February 2025: launch event of the joint initiative with FEAD and Hazardous Waste Europe on hazardous waste management
- [HOOP Final Conference in Murcia, Spain](#) in March 2025
- [LIFE BIOBEST Final Conference](#) on 5 June 2025 in Brussels

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