



2020

ACR+ Activity Report  
December 2020

# A year like no other



*Iain Gulland  
ACR+ President  
Zero Waste  
Scotland CEO*

“2020 has definitely been a year like no other.

No one can underestimate the challenges we have all faced and continue to face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Critically, the work of ACR+ early in the pandemic to collate and share information on the impacts of the COVID-19 virus on waste management and recycling services across Europe became the ‘go-to’ place for advice and practical information to help municipalities across Europe adapt their own operations to ensure public safety.

This, once again, demonstrated the importance of our network in sharing expertise which enables practitioners on the ground to take forward initiatives of their own tailored to their own localities.

As the focus returns to the longer-term threat of climate change, our More Circularity, Less Carbon campaign has highlighted the importance the shift to a circular economy has on tackling our over consumption and wasteful habits, as well as provides members with further evidence of the positive impacts local action can have on the global crisis.

The range of other projects carried out by ACR+ shows the diversity of the action needed by all of us to reduce the demand for resources and ensure a fairer more equitable planet. The ambition across Europe and beyond is now clearly to move quicker and with greater intensity of effort and ACR+ stands ready to assist and facilitate the change with equal vigour and application.

On behalf of the ACR+ Board I would like to thank the ACR+ secretariat team and all our members for the extraordinary support throughout this year.”

“2020 was a completely different kind of year. I wish I could omit the COVID-19 pandemic but it has impacted so much our lives that it is impossible to do so. And I am proud to say that ACR+ in this situation showed its strength and solidarity. The Secretariat and ACR+ members worked together to continue advancing towards circular economy.



*Françoise Bonnet  
ACR+ Secretary General*

2020 might have been like no other year, it still has witnessed some successful achievements for the network: another well-followed edition of the EWWR, the first results of the More Circularity, Less Carbon campaign, an increased visibility thanks to our work on the impact of the COVID-19 on municipal waste management systems, a first successful online General Assembly...

The pandemic, similarly to the climate crisis gives us no choice but to react and bring forward greener innovative solutions. Although I wish it would have been demonstrated differently, the past year proved how much our activities, our actions are crucial. Some milestones were reached at EU level, with the implementation of the first actions of the European Green Deal or the publication of the new Circular Economy Action Plan. Nonetheless, much more can and must be done. So, we will definitely not stop here! And you can count on us to keep on supporting you to build a sustainable future.”

# 2020 in numbers

## The network

**106**

Members

**5**

New members

**22**

Countries represented

**13**

Staff members  
at the Secretariat

**10**

Cooperation and  
partnerships

## Services and activities

**41**

Newslines

**3**

EU Digest

**18**

Events and  
webinars  
organised

**27**

Projects

**24**

Speeches and  
presentations at  
international events

## Visibility

**2,814**

Followers  
on Twitter  
(+255\*)

**1,350**

Followers  
on LinkedIn  
(+432\*)

\*compared to 12/2019

**1,260**

Subscribers to the Update  
and ACR+ mailings

# 2020 highlights

## January

FISSAC unveils its platform facilitating decision making in material flow analyses and industrial clustering at the project's final conference.

The European Circular Economy Stakeholders Platform appoints us to lead its working group on circular cities.

## March

We welcome the New Circular Action Plan but stress the importance of promptly embedding the measures proposed therein into binding legislation.

We recommend to focus on the need to prevent food and bio-waste and on policy recommendations to incentivise the closing of nutrient loops in a reply to the consultation on the Farm to Fork Strategy.

After receiving requests from our members, we start focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on waste system. Little did we know it would stay in our focus all the year...

## May

We are one of the founding members of Close the Glass Loop to achieve 90% of glass packaging collection for recycling by 2030.

We call for targets on waste prevention and reuse in input to the CoR's public consultation on the CEAP.

## July

We launch a survey to assess the impact of the COVID-19 on municipal waste systems.

We join the UN online course on Circular Economy and the 2030 Agenda.

## September

We held the first meeting of our working group on circular bioeconomy.

## February

We say bye to the RE4 project with a final webinar on social acceptance of CDW-based materials and component and the publication of a booklet presenting the good practices spotted by the project.

## April

Participants at the Interreg Med BLUEISLANDS final conference plead for sustainability and international collaboration as the way forward for Mediterranean islands and tourism.

The EWWR partners up with UN Environment to talk about sustainable lifestyles.

## June

At our first ever online General Assembly, ACR+ members renew their confidence in Iain Gulland, CEO of Zero Waste Scotland, to continue leading our network in its mission to push forward circular economy. He will be supported by a new Board of Directors.

## August

An INTERPOL report funded by LIFE SMART Waste alerts to sharp rise in plastic waste crime.

A bit of rest for the ACR+ team after an intense spring...

# October

We successfully contribute to the first ever fully digital European Week of Regions and Cities and Green Week 2020 through several sessions with our members.

Region Pays de la Loire shares its first results and experience of being part of the More Circularity, Less Carbon campaign.

# December

We offer an online conversation on municipal waste collection focusing on the work of COLLECTORS and our survey on the impact of COVID-19.

# November

For its 12th edition, the EWWR shows its resiliency by totalizing over 10,600 across 33 countries despite the restrictions in many countries. This year's theme, invisible waste, highlights the need to prevent waste all along the life cycle of a product.

We are proud to be renewed as one of the 24 members of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform.

## The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Unfortunately, one of the highlights of our activities this year is linked to our work on the impact of the COVID-19 on municipal waste management system. The collection of experiences across the world, synthesized in a webpage and an infographic gained a major exposure. As a consequence, ACR+ has been quoted in numerous publications by academics or international organisations, invited to several webinars, and asked to share feedback and insights on several occasions.

## We were also there

Zero Waste Fast Forward (02/02)

European Academy in Berlin "Waste Management in the Circular Economy 2020" (27/09)

COVID-19 and zero waste (07/04)

La Gestione Dei Rifiuti nell'Emergenza COVID19 (07/04)

Challenges and Opportunities of Municipal Solid Waste Management (16/04)

A circular economy at the heart of climate action: how materials connect the dots in the EU Green Deal (06/07)

Experiences of European Deposit Refund Systems International Conference (06/08)

Baltic Circular Procurement Congress (02-03/09)

#Circonomia2020 (18/11)

NECSTOUR General Assembly (02/10)

ECOWASTE4FOOD Final Conference (07/10)

Grand Paris Circulaire (08/10)

Reuse and repair participatory lab (13/10)

Circular Economy and Regional Perspectives (15/10)

Pembangunan Perkotaan Yang Berketahanan Iklim dan Inklusif (20/10)

Traceability and circularity of electrical and electronic devices and their waste (20/10)

Circular Economy and biodiversity: how companies can boost biodiversity based on the circular economy principles (22/10)

Ecomondo 2020 (03-15/11)

European Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference 2020 (03-04/11)

European Business Summit 2020 (16/11)

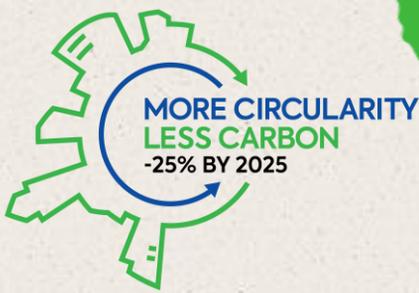
TAIEX EPPA National Workshop on Creating a Circular Economy in Turkey (17/11)

Captación y tratamiento óptimos de la materia orgánica (24/11)

National Civic Amenity Sites Conference (25/11)

19th EURAM Conference "The Business of Now: the future starts here" (04/12)

Climate Chance Talks 6 - Has Covid accelerated or hampered climate strategies in the waste sector? (04/12)



# More circularity, less carbon

[www.acrplus.org/morecircularitylesscarbon](http://www.acrplus.org/morecircularitylesscarbon)

Initial assessment of  
the local carbon impact



November  
2019



Identify key sectors and  
materials with high  
carbon reduction potential

2020



Develop local action plans  
with quantitative target

Implement actions  
and monitor impacts



**Reduce the  
emissions  
linked with local  
resource  
management  
-25% by 2025**

During this first year, a first cohort of three ACR+ members (Brussels, Region Pays de la Loire, Genoa) started collecting data on their local waste generation and management for about 30 categories with the aim of identifying key sectors and materials with high carbon reduction potential and drawing effective action plans. The data collected will then be analysed using the Carbon Metric International, developed by ACR+ member Zero Waste Scotland.

First results are already obtained for Region Pays de la Loire and Genoa. A webinar on 28 October focused on the application of the Carbon Metric International at local level by presenting the experience of Pays de la Loire and focused

Preparations to recruit the second cohort have been carried out.

Publish annual  
impact reports



2025

Final assessment  
and new  
action plans



**TARGET  
ACHIEVED!**

## The Carbon Metric International

Adapted from the Scottish Carbon Metric developed by Zero Waste Scotland to measure the whole life carbon impacts of Scotland's waste, this tool goes beyond weight-based measurement by including the emissions from resource extraction and manufacturing of the products that turned into waste.

# Projects & activities

## Awareness raising and communication

### The European Week for Waste Reduction



The [European Week for Waste Reduction](#) (EWWR) aims to raise awareness about waste prevention through the implementation of actions about sustainable resource and waste management across numerous countries in Europe and beyond during one single week.

Nearly 10,700 actions took place between 21 and 29 November 2020 for the 12th edition of the EWWR focusing on invisible waste. A theme largely embraced also in the form of digital actions, which increased the visibility of the campaign online. 38 coordinators supported volunteers and promoted the EWWR at the local level and actions took place in 33 countries.

Earlier this year, on 25 June, the EWWR held an online Awards Ceremony to celebrate and reward the best actions from the 2019 edition. On this occasion, Commissioner Sinkevičius congratulated with all participants and stressed the importance of the EWWR in achieving the EU's objectives on circular economy.

## Operational instruments and monitoring

### COLLECTORS



The [COLLECTORS](#) project aims to highlight and document good practices for the collection and sorting of three waste categories: packaging and paper waste, WEEE and construction and demolition waste.

Throughout its final year COLLECTORS share its results during several events, including its final conference, presenting its assessment of collection systems assessed and good practices for the three waste streams studied. ACR+ published two of the project's main deliverables: policy recommendations with propositions on how to improve national and regional framework conditions and guidelines providing recommendations and good practices for local waste collection systems to better assess their situation and improve their performances when it comes to paper and packaging waste, WEEE, and construction and demolition waste. These deliverables were updated in December with a section on the COVID-19 pandemic, its impact on waste management, and the measures that can be taken to maintain a proper collection service. These updates are based on a survey directed to local and regional authorities and conducted in mid-2020.

# European Observatory of Waste Management Performances



The Observatory aims at creating a more transparent and effective collection of waste and recycling data focusing on the analysis of selective collection performances across different regional/local authorities in Europe.

The Observatory's activities were intrinsically connected to the COLLECTORS project. One of the main activity consisted in compiling local data to propose benchmarking elements for the COLLECTORS guidelines. Besides, ACR+ database of local waste collection system has been used to feed a study on glass collection and recycling commissioned by FEVE.

## DECISIVE



DECISIVE – a DECentralised management Scheme for Innovative Valorisation of urban biowaste – looks to alter the current urban metabolism for organic matter, energy and biowaste, to a more circular economic model and to assess the impacts of these changes on the whole waste management cycle.

While the first demonstration site in Lyon, launched in November 2019, attracted attention as a solution for small-scale anaerobic digestion, it had to be put on a hold. Similarly, the pilot decentralised bio-waste management system in Barcelona was cancelled (even though a communication campaign to boost biowaste separation will be organised) and the second demonstration site in Dolina, Italy has been delayed until the end of the year. Partners developed two lines of approach to counter the situation: they forecasted a feasible scenario of partial implementation of the project and intensified efforts in providing theoretical background information for other activities. This includes in particular a study allowing interested parties to explore potential options and approaches to setting up a decentralised biowaste collection system thus increasing the replicability potential of the DECISIVE solution. The Italian demonstration site in Italy retook its course by the end of the year as the equipment was shipped and set up for the next stages of the demonstration site to follow.

## FISSAC



The FISSAC project – Fostering Industrial Symbiosis for a Sustainable Resource Intensive Industry across the extended Construction Value Chain – aims to develop and demonstrate a new paradigm for the construction value chain built on an innovative industrial symbiosis model.

Presented during the final conference on 29 January, the project achieved several results: the new eco-materials implemented in different demo-sites; the involvement of stakeholders through the living labs; a platform made to facilitate the establishment and operation of Industrial Symbiosis networks; the role of local authorities in fostering the industrial symbiosis.

## RE4



[RE4](#) – REuse and REcycling of materials and structures in energy efficient pREfabricated elements for building REfurbishment and construction – aims at the development of a fully prefabricated energy-efficient building made of components with up to 65% by weight of construction and demolition waste-derived materials and structures.

Although the project finished in February, it kept attracting attention and winning awards throughout the year, for example it won the DGNG (German Sustainable Building Council) Sustainability Challenge 2020 in the “Research” Category and became a success story of the EU-funded Research and Innovation. The project closed on a fourth and final webinar on solutions for a wide acceptance of CDW-based materials and components, a summary video, and the publication of a booklet presenting the best practices it identified, ranging from source separation and collection to sustainability and market potential, and to policy and framework conditions.

## Legal and economic instruments

### EPR Club



The [EPR Club](#) is a unique multi-stakeholder platform for discussion and exchange of information and best practices on issues related to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Europe.

The EPR Club focused on the topic of textile thanks to a lunch debate organised on 16 June. The audience was offered a large picture of what is currently at stake in the textile sector with various speakers expressing the views of the local and EU authorities, showing the case of EPR for textiles in France, and also highlighting the perspectives of the recyclers and collectors. The Secretariat also actively prepared an International Conference on EPR as an instrument to tackle microplastics pollution, originally scheduled in December but postponed to January 2021.

### LIFE RETHINK WASTE



LIFE RETHINK WASTE (Rethinking municipal tariff systems to improve urban waste governance) will combine and compare the use of Pay As You Throw (PAYT) with the Know As You Throw (KAYT) approach.

A seminar on PAYT/KAYT took place on 19 February organized by ACR+. The day-long seminar gathered public authorities, consultants, and other waste management practitioners to analyse the performance of various existing initiatives and novel ideas that are about to be implemented. It led to the publication of a catalogue of good practices. ACR+ is coordinating the development of a toolkit to facilitate and boost the implementation of PAYT and KAYT systems.

# LIFE SMART Waste



The project Smarter Regulation of Waste in Europe ([LIFE SMART Waste](#)) aims to demonstrate innovative ways of understanding, tackling and reducing waste-related crime.

Law enforcement agencies now have the possibility to use new detection and collaboration tools and techniques, designed and piloted by LIFE SMART Waste, in their fight against waste crime. The project, now completed, also produced a summary of tactical opportunities identified for environmental regulators and recommendations for policy and legislative change at regional, UK and EU level.

# ProCirc



The project “[Circular Procurement: Accelerate circular economy through procurement power, alliance- and capacity building](#)” aims at leveraging procurement to invest in circular partnerships.

In its first year of activity, ProCirc gathered several tools for circular procurement in a toolbox aimed at supporting public authorities during the various steps of the procurement process. The project partners have also identified opportunities for circular procurement pilots on furniture, ICT, and construction. In addition, several Communities of Practice gathering experts on circular economy have been set up in the various partner territories with the view to emulate exchanges and the development of circular solutions to be procured and innovative business models by the market.

## Strategy and planning

# Circular Europe Network



[The Circular Europe Network \(CEN\)](#) is a specific initiative on circular economy launched by ACR+ in order to support local and regional authorities in planning circular economy as well as adopting and implementing ambitious circular economy strategies.

ACR+ launched and animated meetings of several working groups gathering ACR+ members and external experts on the topic of circular economy governance, indicators and monitoring, circular public procurement, and circular bioeconomy. A report has been drafted in the framework of this last group, to be published at the beginning of 2021. The database of good practices continues expanding with the inclusion of 8 new factsheets.

Cir©Lean



Cir©Lean –an European network of businesses and SMEs for industrial symbiosis – aims to support the setup of a network of businesses and SMEs to seize industrial symbiosis business opportunities and facilitate monitoring of industrial symbiosis at EU level.

To prepare the establishment of a European framework of stakeholders on industrial symbiosis and the related project activities, partners collected feedback and recruited European industry stakeholders at various stages of the value chain that are willing to engage in voluntary symbiosis activities, as well as business associations, public authorities representing regions and cities, and research organisations. An online project open day took place to present to a wide audience the CircLean network, monitoring and reporting approach, tool and label.

## EURE



EURE – Effectiveness of Environmental Urban policies to improve Resources Efficiency – proposes the exchange of experience among local authorities as methodology to evaluate the different ways to articulate the 5% of their ERDF to support integrated sustainable urban development.

At the very beginning of the year and for their third meeting, the EURE partners met in Empoli (IT) to discuss redevelopment and innovation for urban areas and public buildings. They identified good practices, some of them already available on the website. An important part of the year was dedicated to prepare regional reports and a joint report giving an overview of the local urban system, the urban challenges identified on the studied territory and how the funds allocated by article 7 of the European Regional Development Fund Regulation are being used on partners’ territories.

## LCA4Regions



LCA4Regions – Improved Environment and Resource Efficiency through use of Life Cycle Instruments for implementation of regional policies of the European Union – endeavours to improve the effectiveness of environmental policies through the adoption of Life Cycle Assessment methodologies.

Three Transnational Learning Journeys (TLJ) took place during the year for partners to exchange experience and good practices. The first one took place in Kaunas (LT) and it was a great opportunity for partners to physically meet before the outbreak of the Covid-19, which did not slow down the project activities. Two online TLJs have followed: the first one took project partners to Navarre (ES) showing that the perceived high cost of Life Cycle Approaches is a matter of perspective: from a barrier to an opportunity for long-term investment with benefits for the future. The second, focusing on Satakunta (FI), discussed LCA for waste management and material flows and highlighted two essential tools with a high potential to reach the project’s objectives: material flow analysis and social life cycle assessment. Partners have started to identify and publish Good Practices, available on the project’s website.

# Cooperation and capacity building

## BLUEISLANDS



The BLUEISLANDS project aims to identify, address and mitigate the effects of the seasonal variation of waste generation on Mediterranean islands as an effect of tourism, and establish the necessary conditions to fuel local loops of circular economy.

After over three years of work, BLUEISLANDS came to an end in April 2020 with a successful web-conference organised in cooperation with the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change Biodiversity and Sustainable Development. In a very peculiar time for tourism, the speakers discussed the role that circular economy plays in the future of tourism and in the recovery phase after the COVID-19 pandemic. A video recording and a full report of the event are available online. The end of the project also saw several capacity building workshops organised locally in the partners' regions to capitalise on the work done throughout the project.

## CEYOU



CEYOU aims to promote, engage, connect, and empower young people around the circular economy. This will happen through dialogue with decision-makers, activity-based learning, open educational resources and a web application to connect change-makers on this topic.

All along 2020, several activities aiming to build a dialogue among public authorities and youth on circular economy topics managed to take place online. Among these, an online Hackathon series organised by ACR+ member UCSA challenged a group of young people to come up with innovative circular economy solutions on waste reduction, food waste and extending products' life-span. The CEYOU network also actively engaged with the European Week for Waste Reduction in November, organising a series of actions targeting young people of different ages and youth organisations.

## CRIC



The project proposes a cooperation between cities and research centres in Europe and Indonesia and contributes substantially to sustainable integrated urban development, good governance, and climate adaptation/mitigation through long lasting partnerships, and tools such as sustainable local action plans, early warning tools and experts panels.

Thanks to a set of mitigation action, the project went full gear since its start in January. Several meetings, workshops and training activities have been organized on line, delivering on effective exchange of knowledge about resilience and inclusiveness related topics, such as urban planning, disaster risk management and circular economy. Ten urban analysis reports – one for each Indonesian pilot city – have been published with five under ACR+'s responsibility, setting the framework to develop the tools and shape the project's training activities which are part of the project action plan.

# INTHERWASTE



[INTHERWASTE](#) – Interregional Environmental Integration of Waste Management in European Heritage Cities – aims to foster the exchange of experience and polices for efficient and sustainable waste management in European heritage cities.

The second phase of the project followed its course with partners implementing their local Action Plans. A decision was taken to postpone the project’s final conference and the presentation of the five pilot cities’ achievements to 2021. The project was featured in a webinar during the European Week of Regions and Cities and in a policy brief published by Interreg Europe’s Policy Platform. The final conference, previously scheduled for 2020 has been postponed to 2021.

# LIFE TACKLE



The [LIFE TACKLE project](#) – Teaming-up for A Conscious Kick for the Legacy of Environment – aims to increase the awareness and to improve the practices of sports events key actors in order to improve waste management during football events.

A football season without fans hindered the project activities and the pilot tests in 12 pilot stadiums across Europe. Still, the project successfully held its mid-term conference on 3 March 2020. It tackled two important topics: the cooperation between sport event organisers and local and regional authorities as a crucial element in achieving improved environmental management and the holistic approach to improvements in sport events, especially bringing various stakeholders together from the food and beverage providers, and waste operators. As the football games started taking place by the end of the year, behind closed doors though, certain pilot tests could still roll out and contribute to the pilot tests report by the end of the year.

# SMART WASTE



[SMART WASTE](#) – Innovation in Waste Management Policies – aims at **improving public policy instruments supporting innovation within waste management procedures**, both in terms of new approaches and new technologies.

Partners managed to keep activities at local level through emails, calls, online meeting, etc. and continued to identify good practices and failures of their policies and exchange on common issues. The first good practices are now available on the project’s website.

## WES



The Water and Environment Support (WES) project in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region aims at protecting the environment and improving the management of scarce water resources in the Mediterranean through national and regional activities taking place in eight countries of the MENA region (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia).

Some of the activities have been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, since field missions and site visits are at the core of the project spirit. However, the project consortium has successfully implemented adaptation workplan in several activities. In particular, activities started in Tunisia to support the country to make its public procurement processes more environmentally sustainable, with a focus on the construction sector, and in Palestine about medical waste management. In November, the WES Steering Committee endorsed the project's workplan for 2021. On 9 December ACR+ moderated the kick-off meeting of the activity aimed at enhancing medical waste management in West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

## WINPOL



WINPOL – Waste Management Intelligent Systems and Policies – aims to improve regional and local waste management processes by promoting intelligent equipment and innovative planning derived from it in order to minimise waste generation and increase the efficiency of waste management processes.

2020 rang the end of the first phase, of interregional exchanges, for the project. It culminated in the organisation of a Thematic Seminar on innovative tariffication, the identification of 30 good practices, and the publication of a Good Practices Guide. Partners worked on drafting and publishing Action Plans to bring improvement to waste policy instruments on their six territories through the transfer of selected good practices. The Action Plans will be key during the coming years which will focus on their implementation and monitoring.

## They started this year...

## HOOP



The HOOP project – Hub of circular cities **bOO**sting **P**latform to foster investments for the valorisation of urban biowaste and wastewater – is about investing in local initiatives to extract valuable resources from urban biowaste and wastewater in order to make innovative bio-based products.

The project was officially launched in October. During its first months of existence, partners prepared the field for the upcoming work and already promoted the project at events and through two videos published on social media. One of these videos is featuring ACR+ and the EWWR to present the HOOP European network of follower cities that ACR+ will be coordinating.

# European Cluster Collaboration Platform



The aim of this service contract of EASME is to intensify cluster collaboration across regional and sectoral boundaries and facilitate SMEs' access to clusters and internationalisation activities. The objective of this action is to promote the development of more world-class clusters in Europe, with a view to fostering the competitiveness, sustainability and resource-efficiency of enterprises, notably SMEs.

ACR+ provided support to the integration of the European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre (EREK) within the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP). The European Cluster Conference took place on 10-11 November, bringing together representatives of the European Commission, Member States, key stakeholder networks, cluster organisations and business to address the role of clusters as drivers and enablers of change in the context of the green and digital transitions and building resilience.

## They kicked off this year...

### FOODRUS



FoodRUs will deploy 23 technological, social, financial, ethical, educational, political, labelling and organizational innovative solutions to overcome the specific challenges of 3 value chains: Cross-regional Spanish pilot on vegetables and IV range salads; Danish pilot on the value chain for meat and fish; Slovak pilot on the bread value chain.

### KA2-GREENER



The GREENER project aims at improving the skills of procurers and administrative profiles focusing on SMEs, with regards to Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria and enhancing the responsiveness of curricula of traditional profiles to the future demand of skills, and ), and improving local and regional actors' readiness and raising awareness on the influence of GPP.

### TOURISME



The TOURISME project – Improving sustainability of tourism SMEs through knowledge transfer, international cooperation and multi-stakeholder engagement – aims to improve the sustainability of SMEs active in the field of tourism, working closely with 62 different SMEs, located in Spain, Italy, Cyprus, and France.

## Effective members

### • Local and regional authorities

Aalborg (DK)  
Amsterdam, Metropolitan Region (NL)  
Arnhem-Nijmegen Region (NL)  
Barcelona (Ayuntamiento - ES)  
Barcelona (Area Metropolitana - ES)  
Belfast (UK)  
Brussels (ABP) (BE)  
Brussels (IBGE) (BE)  
Cascais (EMAC) (PT)  
Catalunya (ARC) (ES)  
Charente (FR)  
Cleantech Regio (NL)  
Contarina (IT)  
Córdoba (SADECO) (ES)  
Diputación de Castellón (ES)  
Eastern Midlands Waste Regional (IE)  
Epirus Region (GR)  
Flanders (OVAM) (BE)  
Fryslan (NL)  
Genova AMIU (IT)  
Gijón (EMULSA) (ES)  
Greater Pamplona (ES)  
Greater Porto (Lipor) (PT)  
Guimarães (VITRUS Ambiente) (PT)  
Haarlem (NL)  
IBOGEM (BE)  
LCA Marsa (MT)  
Lisbon (PT)  
City of Luxembourg (LU)  
Maastricht (NL)

Madrid (ES)  
Malta (MT)  
Nantes Métropole (FR)  
Navarra (ES)  
North London (UK)  
Odense (DK)  
Paris (FR)  
Prato (IT)  
Regione Autonoma della Sardegna (IT)  
Région Pays de la Loire (FR)  
Région SUD Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (FR)  
Region of Tuscany (IT)  
Rennes Métropole (FR)  
Resíduos do Nordeste (PT)  
SERIT (IT)  
Sofia Municipality (BG)  
Southern Waste Region (IE)  
Greater Besançon (Sybert) (FR)  
The Hague (NL)  
Torres Vedras (PT)  
Ufficio Comune per la Sostenibilità Ambientale - Comune di San Giuseppe Vesuviano (IT)  
Viana do Castelo (PT)  
Wallonia (OFWD) (BE)  
Warsaw (PL)  
Xylokastro and Evrostini Municipality (GR)  
Zagreb (HR)  
Zadar (HR)

### • National authorities or agencies

Rijkswaterstaat (NL)  
Zero Waste Scotland (UK)

### • Public authority networks

Cercle National du Recyclage (FR)  
COPIDEC (BE)

### New members



# Partner members

## • NGOs

AICA (IT)  
ALDA (EU)  
ARGE (AT)  
Bugday (TR)  
Ecological Recycling Society (GR)  
Environnement Eco-Sain (MA)  
Foundation Projecta (BG)  
Fundación para la Economía Circular (ES)  
FADI (RO)  
Fundació Formació i Treball (ES)  
Green Planet Association (RO)  
Humana – Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo(ES)  
Institut Eco-Conseil (BE)  
Institut de l'Économie Circulaire (FR)  
Institute of Urban Studies (TR)

NABU (DE)  
Nicosia Development Agency (ANEL)  
ORDIF (Observatoire régional des déchets d'Ile-de-France) (FR)  
ORÉE (FR)  
Passerelles.info (FR)  
RAL Quality Association for Reverse Consumption e.V. (DE)  
Reloop (EU)  
Ressources ASBL (BE)  
Retorna (ES)  
Rezero (ES)  
Rudologia (FR)  
WORMS (BE)

## • Academic institutes

ARCO (IT)  
CIHEAM-IAMM (FR)  
Deusto University (ES)  
Eixoecologia (ES/PT)  
Fundació ENT (ES)  
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Inst. Of Management (IT)  
Venice International University (IT)  
Wcycle Institute Maribor (SI)

## • Consultancies

RDC Environnement (BE)  
SuperDrecksKëscht (LU)

## • Professional federations

FEVE (BE)

## • Private partners

Citeo (FR)  
Suez (BE)  
Sistemi Formativi  
Confindustria (IT)

## Supportive members

 Generalitat de Catalunya  
Departament de Territori  
i Sostenibilitat

 Agència de  
Residus de  
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## Circular Plastics Alliance



ACR+ joined meetings and activities of the [Alliance](#) as a member of the Steering Committee. The Alliance delivered its first actions: a work plan on design-for-recycling of plastic products, a report on collected and sorted plastic waste in the EU, and an R&D agenda for circular plastics.

## Close the Glass Loop



ACR+ joined Close the Glass Loop to achieve with the other founding members 90% of glass packaging collection for recycling by 2030. ACR+ has a key role in gathering data to build an overview of how the glass collection and sorting chain work in the Member States, cross-analysing for this national frameworks and local waste practices. The platform was officially launched on 30 June.

## European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform



Member of the [ECESP](#) since 2017, ACR+ has been reconducted in November to represent local authorities within platform in particular by managing the ECESP leadership group on cities and regions. ACR+ actively contributed to the ECESP annual conference which took place in November by animating a workshop.

## Urban Agenda Partnership on Circular Economy



ACR+ joined meetings and actions of the [Urban Agenda Partnership for Circular Economy](#) (UAPCE), providing in particular support to actions led by its members involved in the UAPCE, and working specifically on actions on indicators and governance, a guide for financing circular economy in cities, a roadmap for urban resource management and a publication on collaborative economy.

## And also...





*ACR+ Secretariat team at the General Assembly 2019 in Dublin.*

## The team

ACR+ Secretariat team in Brussels is currently composed of: Danko Aleksic, Virginia Amate Padilla, Jean-Benoît Bel, Françoise Bonnet, Marie Cardon, Núria Cases i Sampere, Gaëlle Colas, Hélène Konopski, Erneszt Kovács, Francesco Lembo, Paolo Marengo, Giulia Marrazzo, Philippe Micheaux Naudet.

## The board of directors

At the General Assembly 2020 a new board of directors has been elected and chose its president. Until June 2022, Zero Waste Scotland, represented by its Chief Executive Iain Gulland, will be holding ACR+ Presidency.

ACR+ board of directors also includes the following members:

- Agència de Residus de Catalunya (ES) – Vice presidency
- LIPOR (PT) – Vice presidency
- City of Odense (DK) – Treasury
- Arnhem-Nijmegen (NL)
- Brussels Environment (BE)
- Eastern-Midlands Region (IE)
- Provincie Fryslân (NL)
- City of Genoa (IT)
- Région des Pays de la Loire (FR)
- Regione Autonoma della Sardegna (IT)
- The Hague (NL)
- Ser.i.t (IT)
- Waste Serv Malta (MT)

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