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ACR+ elects a new Board of Directors and its President

At the occasion of its 2016 General Assembly taking place on 31 May 2016 in Malta, ACR+ elected a new Board of Directors for the next 2-year term. The first decision of this new Board of Directors has been to re-elect Josep Maria Tost i Borràs as ACR+ President for a new 2-year mandate.

Valletta, Malta – Gathered in the Mediterranean Conference Center in Valletta, ACR+ General Assembly elected as new Board of Directors' members the cities of **Paris, Genoa, Odense, Porto Metropolitan area (LIPOR), North London (NLWA)**, as well as **Île-de-France region (ORDIF), Brussels region, Catalunya (ARC), Zero Waste Scotland and WasteServ Malta.**

Following the renewal of the Board of Directors, **Josep Maria Tost i Borràs, Director of the Catalan Waste Agency (ARC), was appointed unanimously as ACR+ President** for another 2-year term. In his second tenure Josep Maria Tost i Borràs is eager to pursue the core work of ACR+, supporting cities and regions towards better resource efficiency.

“New challenges are coming ahead for cities and regions with the publication of the Circular Economy Package by the European Commission. Local and regional authorities have a key role in the transformation of Europe towards more resource efficiency. ACR+ and its members are looking forward to strengthening their technical expertise in material resource management and will continue exchanging and disseminating best practices.” said Josep Maria Tost i Borràs.

In addition, the newly elected Board of Directors appointed Roberto Cavallo, President of AICA, as Expert member of the Board.

On the same day, an international conference was organised by ACR+ and its member WasteServ Malta. This event, focusing on food waste and bio-waste management, was opened by **Karmenu Vella, the European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries**, who insisted on the importance of preventing food waste stating that *“reducing food waste is the easiest and most effective way to reduce pressure on the environment.”*

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The Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and sustainable Resource management (ACR+) is an international network of members in EU 28 and EU neighbourhood countries who share the aim of promoting smart resource consumption and production and sustainable management of waste mainly through prevention at source, reuse and recycling. The association has nearly 100 members, mainly local and regional authorities, representing approximately 1400 municipalities, as well as NGO's, academics and private sector.

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