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## Press Release

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### **A key solution to climate change: sustainable materials management**

**With the upcoming COP21 event in Paris and in anticipation of the imminent publication of the second Circular Economy package by the European Commission in December 2015, ACR+ highlights in a position paper the importance of supporting the three first levels of the waste hierarchy within public policies.**

*Brussels, Belgium* – Due to security measures in connection with the alert level in Brussels Capital Region, the European Committee of the Regions cancelled an event that ACR+ was organizing yesterday in its premises, in cooperation with Zero Waste Europe and Zero Waste France. The conference was offering to discuss the transformation of the EU into a low carbon economy, building on the recent publication of a report, "[The Potential Contribution of Waste Management to a Low Carbon Economy](#)".

Although the conference has to be postponed, **ACR+ wants to insist on the role of sustainable materials management as a key solution to climate change.** It is therefore publishing today a position paper **calling decision-makers to better acknowledge the potential of local and regional authorities (LRAs) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by providing direct support to LRAs circular economy plans and initiatives.**

*"True resource efficiency and the adoption of a life-cycle perspective when elaborating public policies represent a tremendous potential in GHG savings, which is still not fully considered,"* explains Françoise Bonnet, ACR+ Secretary General. ACR+ calls **to set enabling conditions for a transition to a circular economy by applying the best possible regulatory approaches and economic incentives** that will catalyze and scale-up the implementation of climate actions.

As a conclusion, ACR+ reminds that **applying circular economy principles would, besides climate change gains, provide economic, energy and resource savings, as well as boost job creation.**

ACR+ position paper is available [here](#).

More information on the rescheduled conference will be posted in the upcoming days on [ACR+ website](#).

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