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Activity Report 2011

ACR+ General Assembly,
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ACR+ work in 2011

- WASTE REDUCTION
- SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION
- WASTE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT
- LEGAL AND ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS
- EURO-MED NETWORK
- INFORMATION CENTER



1. Waste Reduction

- To promote and communicate about waste reduction (EWWR)
 - ▶ **European Week for Waste Reduction:**
 - ▶ edition 2010 with 4300 actions in 20 countries
 - ▶ succesful awards ceremony
 - ▶ new proposal submitted for continuation
- To determine and promote some quantitative benchmarks
 - ▶ **Online database of waste prevention case studies**
- To promote some indicators and methodology for monitoring prevention : **Miniwaste project/ Prewaste project**
- To analyse the role of economic instruments (seminar Brussels, 22/11/2011)





2. Sustainable consumption

2.1. Sustainable distribution

- Report “strategies for raising awareness on sustainable consumption in the retail sector in Europe”
(with member Walloon Region, in FR)
- Follow-up European Retail Forum (European Commission)



2.2. Green Commerce (Life+ project)

- 6 GC Bulletins
- 102 posts on GC EU Blog
- ACR+ information event in Brussels on 25 May 2011
- Assessment webtool for small shops now online
- Pilot audits launched in partner cities in Spain



3. Waste Collection and Treatment

→ To harmonize methodology (data collection, indicators) and promote a true European benchmark

- ▶ ACR+ Observatory of Municipal Waste Recycling Performances
- ▶ 20 cities and regions participating
- ▶ Meeting in Brussels, February 2011
- ▶ Waste Data Matrix elaborated
- ▶ 3 groups working from April to September
- ▶ R4R project proposal submitted by ORDIF in support
- ▶ One joint session in Genoa





3. Waste Collection and Treatment

→ To promote optimization of material and energy recovery

- ▶ European seminar “LCT and waste hierarchy” + study visit, 5-6 July 2011, Brussels, with Holcim



- ▶ Study “Best practices for glass selective collection”, with FEVE (report in November)

→ To optimize biowaste and sewage sludge management

- ▶ International Conference (Valencia), 16-17 June 2011, with ISR and Valencia Region



4. Legal and economic instruments

4.1. ACR+ General Assembly, 26-27 October 2011, Genoa
“The implementation of the EU Waste Framework Directive at local and regional level”, with Genoa Municipality, AMIU and AICA



4.2. Conference “Economic instruments for waste prevention”, 22 November 2011, with Brussels Environment

4.3. Follow-up EU policy developments: WEEE, Biowaste, European strategy on prevention and recycling, Resource Efficiency Roadmap

4.4. European Club EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility): preparatory work



5. Euro-Med Network

5.1. Godem project (DG Aidco)

- Supervision diagnoses in 6 cities in Maghreb/Mashrek
- Godem Regional conference in Tripoli (LB), Sept. 2011
- preparation of a guide
- Creation of a database of contacts for networking activities



5.2. Horizon 2020 (DG Aidco) - 25 training sessions on different topics related to waste management in MENA and Balkan countries, in 2011

- solid waste management Turkey, March 2011 and Cyprus, May 2011
- study visit on energy recovery from waste (from Lebanon), May 2011
- study visit on WEEE (from Algeria, Albania and Montenegro), June 2011
- solid waste in hotel/ tourism sector (Croatia), October 2011
- appropriate waste management methodologies (Palestine), November 2011
- marine litter and tourism industry (Nice), December 2011



6. Services to members

6.1. Existing services

- ACR+ Events
- ACR+ Working Groups
- ACR+ Technical Reports
- Warmer Bulletin
- ACR+ Newline and ACR+ Update
- ACR+ website and in particular the “members-only” area
- Partnership opportunities (EU projects)

6.2. New services in 2011

- first webinar on Resource Efficiency Roadmap by EC invitee (6 Oct. 2011), next one in December
- ACR+ e-Meetings (Board of Directors)
- ACR+ online documentation centre for members (articles, reports, presentations, weblinks, archives)



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ACR+ website visits

Website visits statistics

October 2009-October 2010 and 2010-2011

Overall visits





ACR+ virtual library

The screenshot shows the ACR+ virtual library website. On the left is a navigation menu with a green header labeled 'Menu' and three items: 'Welcome', 'Waste Prevention Database', and 'Logout'. Below the menu is a search bar with a green header labeled 'Search', a text input field, and a blue 'Go' button. At the bottom left of the menu area is a photograph of a woman wearing sunglasses and holding a silver plate over her head. The main content area has a blue header labeled 'Virtual library' and a white box containing the text 'Welcome to our Virtual Library!'. Below this is a paragraph: 'This is a service offered exclusively to our members. On this page you will find documents that our experts consider to be important and useful for our members to read. They are divided in five categories:'. To the right of this paragraph is a list of five categories, each preceded by a blue arrowhead: 'Prevention', 'Waste and Climate', 'Sustainable Consumption', 'Eu Waste and Resources Policy', 'Recycling', and 'Biowaste'.

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