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Activity Report 2011

ACR+ General Assembly, 27 October 2011, Genoa

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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)

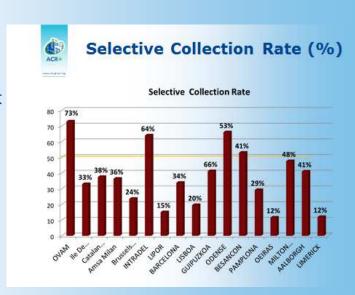
- 6 GC Bulletins
- 102 posts on GC EU Blog
- ACR+ information event in Brussels on 25 May 2011
- Assessment webtool for small shops now online
- Pilot audits launched in partner cities in Spain





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+ Newsline 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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