

## ACR+MED WORKSHOP

### THEMATIC WORKING GROUP PRIORITY WASTE FLOWS

#### “Plastic bags”

Brussels, 25.03.2013



ACR+MED is an international network of members who share the common aim of promoting integrated sustainable waste and resource management with a particular focus on local and cultural Mediterranean context. One of the 4 Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) that have been constituted is animated by the Brussels Region and will discuss the management of priority waste flows. In that respect, a workshop on plastic bags is organized in Brussels on March 25, 2013.

Plastic bags are omnipresent and often excluded from recycling schemes. They are a symbol of a consumer-driven, throw-away society, the environmental impact of their resource use and production phase is important and they often end up in landfill, or as litter.

The workshop will discuss what instruments exist to tackle and reduce the negative impact of plastic bags. Experiences regarding plastic bags management will be shared and recommendations for proper management of this specific waste stream will be formulated.



## Workshop programme

Monday 25 March 2013

8h45	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
9h	Welcome by Jean-Pierre Hannequart, Director general IBGE and President ACR+
9h30	<p><b><u>Session 1</u> : the problem of plastic bags for the environment</b>  <i>Key note speaker: Mr. Bernard Merckx , Waste Free Oceans</i></p> <p>Round table discussion</p>
10h30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h	<p><b><u>Session 2</u> : what experiences from the South</b>  <i>Key note speaker: Ms. Sassi Abir Ep Besrou, ANGED (Tunisia)</i></p> <p>Round table – 5 min presentation by each of their experience</p>
13h	<i>Lunch</i>
14h30	<p><b><u>Session 3</u> : what instruments exist to tackle the use of plastic bags</b>  <i>Key note speaker: Ms. Barbara Dewulf, IBGE Brussels and coordinator TWG ACR+MED</i></p> <p>Break out discussion in groups          Synthesis of the discussions in plenary</p>
16h	<p><b><u>Summary and discussion</u></b> of next steps.</p> <p>Discussion on other future topics to be discussed in the TWG</p>
17h	End
20h	<i>Dinner offered by the organizers. Venue tbc</i>



## Practical information

### Venue of the workshop

IBGE-BIM, Brussels Environment, Gulledele 100, 1200 Brussels

Directions :

<http://www.bruxellesenvironnement.be/Templates/Default.aspx?id=3314&langtype=2060>

### Languages

The workshop language is ENGLISH, no translation is foreseen.

### Hotel

A room with breakfast has been booked for the invited participants for 2 nights (24 and 25 March 2013) in hotel Ramada Woluwe, at walking distance from the venue of the workshop. See <http://www.ramadabrusselswoluwe.be/lang/en/index-5.html> for directions.

### Meals

On Sunday evening 24 March 2013, dinner is foreseen in hotel Ramada Woluwe.

On Monday a lunch will be served during the workshop and a dinner offered in the evening

### Participants list

To be completed