



ACR+

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ASSOCIATION  
OF CITIES  
AND REGIONS  
FOR RECYCLING  
AND SUSTAINABLE  
RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT

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# Introducing ACR+

Cities and regions leading the way towards optimal municipal waste management and sustainable use of resources

# Rethink

# Reduce

# Reuse

# Recycle

# WHO ARE WE ?

The Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and sustainable Resource management (ACR+) is an international network of nearly 100 members with the shared aim of promoting the sustainable consumption of resources and the management of municipal waste through prevention at source, reuse, recycling and, as a last priority, energy recovery.

ACR+ membership mainly consists of local and regional public authorities as well as national networks of local authorities representing more than 1100 municipalities around Europe (EU-27 + candidate countries) and neighbourhood policy countries. ACR+ also welcomes other players in the sustainable resources-products-waste management, such as NGOs, academic institutions or private organizations, as “partner members”.

The Association was founded in Pamplona in May 1994 by a group of cities and regions led by the Brussels-Capital Region. Over the years, the Association has been in the front line to reflect the evolution from “waste” to “resources and products”.

Looking at European environmental policy from a local and regional perspective, ACR+ has become an essential and well-recognized player at the international level.

# WHAT DO WE AIM AT ?

ACR+ ENDEAVOURS TO:

- develop the **expertise** of public authorities and encourage practical **action** in municipal waste management and sustainable consumption
- **anticipate** new developments and future challenges facing local and regional authorities
- promote the creation of **partnerships** to develop eco-efficient solutions
- encourage **harmonization** of concepts, definitions and standards.

“SORTING OUR WASTE IS FINE BUT WE NEED TO GO FURTHER:  
WE MUST ALSO SORT WHAT WE BUY.”

Jean-Pierre Hannequart, ACR+ President

# WHAT DO WE DO ?

The wide range of activities and services developed by ACR+ are meant to provide state-of-the-art information and prospective thinking on a variety of issues focused on the resources-products-waste cycle:

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### ASPECTS

- Prevention
- Reuse
- Selective collection
- Recycling
- Recovery
- North-South cooperation

## WASTE FLOWS

- Biowaste
- Packaging waste
- Electr(on)ic waste
- Paper waste
- Hazardous waste
- Bulky waste

## INSTRUMENTS

- Legal
- Economical
- Technical
- Educational
- Statistical

Why join us? →



## Conferences & Workshops

ACR+ organizes international conferences where delegates can debate and collect information on topical issues related to waste management. Thematic workshops and site visits are also frequently arranged.



## Technical Reports

ACR+ publishes technical reports providing detailed analysis of specific topics related to municipal waste management. These publications are key tools for decision-makers as well as technical experts.



## Campaigns & Projects

ACR+ initiates and participates in European projects with its members. Besides, the association runs thematic awareness-raising campaigns, such as the European campaign for waste reduction.



## News & Information

ACR+ informs its members about developments in waste management, particularly in waste prevention and recycling, through its weekly news service (ACR+ Newsline), a quarterly newsletter (ACR+ Update), the ACR+ website and regular communications to its membership.



## European Policy

ACR+ keeps a close eye on European policy developments and makes its voice heard in the discussions and decision process. Examples: monitoring of the revision of the waste framework-directive, creation of the WEEE-PIN working group (electrical and electronic waste).

# WHY JOIN US ?

BY JOINING ACR+, YOU WILL:

- ① enjoy direct access to a network of experts involved in municipal waste management
- ② exchange information and experiences with other cities and regions
- ③ pay reduced fees to attend ACR+ conferences and workshops on topical issues
- ④ get free copies of all technical reports produced by ACR+
- ⑤ receive up-to-date information on latest trends through:
  - access to 'members-only' area of the ACR+ website
  - weekly ACR+ Newslines (electronic)
  - quarterly ACR+ Update (electronic)
  - free subscription to leading waste management journal, the bimonthly Warmer Bulletin
- ⑥ raise the profile of your own performances or innovative experiences
- ⑦ be involved in studies and international projects (sometimes with European funding) on waste management
- ⑧ follow the European policy developments and get the opportunity to express the views of local and regional authorities at European level.

# HOW TO JOIN ?

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