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# ACR+ Update

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## **Kit Strange obituary**

We are sorry to inform you that Kit Strange tragically and unexpectedly passed away on Friday the 12th of August, at the age of 56 years.

As one of the most prominent journalists AND researchers specialized in waste and resources in Europe and beyond, Kit has played an invaluable role in ACR+ activities since its foundation and was currently officially ACR+ Information Advisor after being ACR+ Secretary General for many years. Kit was also the founder and director of the Resource Recovery Forum and Residua Ltd.

During those years, many of us have had the chance to meet Kit and to enjoy his expertise. We acknowledge his perceptive analysis of the world evolution, his constant commitment for a more sustainable society and its application in his personal life.

Beyond his numerous and invaluable professional skills, we will recall Kit's continuous commitment to our activities, his friendliness, his sense of humor and his charming joy of doing. We lose a valuable colleague and a friend, an exceptional human being. Our thoughts and

*encouragements go to his three daughters and his family.*

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## Upcoming Events

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**ACR+ General Assembly and International Conference “The implementation of the Waste Framework Directive at local and regional level”, 26-27 October 2011 Genoa, Italy**

The ACR+ General Assembly and international conference 2011 will be devoted to the

implementation of the Framework Directive (98/2008) at the local and regional level in Europe. It will be organised with the city of Genoa (Italy), on 26 - 27 October 2011.

Taking part in the conference, you will:

- get an update of EU policy developments regarding waste management and resource efficiency from keynote experts
- receive inspiration from local and international experiences and practices on waste prevention and recycling
- exchange ideas with waste managers from public and private sectors
- visit the brand new European Waste Museum to be inaugurated during the conference.

To get more information on the event, please visit our [webpage](#) or the official event website: [www.genoawaste2011.eu](http://www.genoawaste2011.eu)



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## **International Conference on Economic Instruments and Waste Prevention, 22 November 2011, Brussels, Belgium**

The conference “Economic instruments and waste prevention” is organized by [Brussels Environment](#) and ACR+ with the support of FostPlus. This meeting is organized on the occasion of the [European Week for Waste Reduction](#) (19-27 Nov. 2011). It will provide the opportunity to evaluate the situation on economic instruments implemented across Europe and their impact on waste prevention at the source. Key instruments such as « pay as you throw », eco-taxes, deposit schemes, buying cards or even the producers’ extended responsibility will be discussed.

For more information and to see the draft program, click [here](#).

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## **Experts conference on Bio-waste prevention (Miniwaste project), 13 September 2011, Brno, Czech Republic**

In the framework of the Miniwaste project, with the support of the Life+ programme of the European Commission, the city of Brno (Czech Republic) will host an experts conference to share the progress of this project with bio-waste experts. This conference will in particular address the issue of bio-waste management in Czech Republic and in Europe. It will also give the opportunity

to present the state of play regarding the monitoring and assessment of bio-waste prevention and some good practices in relations with composting and green and food waste prevention.

Miniwaste is a 3-year project (2010-2012) co-financed by the LIFE+ programme of the European Commission

Click [here](#) to see the conference's draft program.

To learn more about the Miniwaste project, please click [here](#).



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## **GODEM Second Regional conference on Waste Management in the Mediterranean, 19-20 September 2011, Tripoli, Lebanon**

The GODEM project (Gestion Optimisée des Déchets en Méditerranée) aims on the one hand to develop an international network specialized in information and experience centered on the concept resources – products –waste and on the other hand at enhancing the capacities of local and regional authorities in the field of good governance and optimized management of waste in the Mediterranean. The following concrete projects: ‘compost facility and complaints management information system’ in Al Fayhaa (Tripoli - Lebanon), the organization of the informal sector in Rabat (Morocco), a municipal civic amenity center in Sousse (Tunisia) and the management of hotel waste in Mahdia et Djerba (Tunisia) are in the phase of implementation.

The Tripoli seminar will focus mainly at presenting and discussing the general principles and technical data related to the concrete implementation steps Al Fayhaa (and Tripoli) municipality has embarked on in the context of the GODEM project.

Click [here](#) to see the seminar's draft program.

To learn more about the GODEM project, please click [here](#).



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## **Experts training seminar on waste prevention (Pre-waste project), 13 October 2011, Bucharest**

On 13 October 2011, an experts' training seminar on waste prevention will be organised by [SPCII Ilfov](#), the Romanian Pre-waste partner, in Bucharest, with the support of ACR+. This training seminar will address the transferability of waste prevention good practices and the development of waste prevention plans. The training event will be followed by a national conference on waste prevention, also organised by SPCII Ilfov. The training will aim to provide practical and concrete information on how to transfer waste prevention good practices to a local authorities' territory and on how to build up a local or regional waste prevention programme.

It is to be noted that The European waste framework Directive EC/2008/98 sets the obligation for Member States to develop waste prevention plans by the end of 2012. Obviously, these plans will find a concrete implementation at local and regional levels and will therefore need local and regional waste prevention programmes.

Pre-waste is a 3-year project co-financed by the INTERREG IV C programme of the European Commission.

**To learn more about the pre-waste program, please click [here](#) or visit the project's official webpage: <http://www.prewaste.eu/index.php>**



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## **The European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR)-2011 edition**

Organisations willing to participate to the [European Week for Waste Reduction](#) in 2011 can now propose their action for registration to their official [EWWR Organiser](#). The EWWR website gives the list of the [EWWR Organisers](#). If you want to implement an action in a territory which is not covered by any EWWR Organiser, you can propose your action directly to the EWWR Secretariat. **In 2011, the EWWR will take place between 19 and 27 November and the deadline to**

**propose actions is 4 November.**

During this 3rd edition of the EWWR, some common actions will be developed and implemented, with the aim of quantifying waste that can be reduced through a specific action. These actions also aim at reinforcing the pan-European aspect of the project by creating a real “community of participants” across Europe, and attracting media and public attention by implementing similar symbolic actions in different places and contexts. The common actions will focus on **4 symbolic issues and waste flows**:

- **Paper waste reduction**
- **Food waste reduction**
- **Repair/Reuse**
- **Excessive packaging waste reduction**

In addition, a pilot common action of European-wide “clean-up” day will be promoted. Detailed information about how to implement these common actions, and in particular how to measure avoided waste, will be available soon on the EWWR website and from EWWR Organisers.

It is still time to prepare and propose your EWWR action. Register now! Don't hesitate, join in!

More information on [www.ewwr.eu](http://www.ewwr.eu)



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FOR WASTE REDUCTION



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## Horizon 2020 trainings, October-December 2011

The “Horizon 2020 Initiative” aims to de-pollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020 by tackling the sources of pollution that account for around 80% of the overall pollution of the Mediterranean Sea:municipal waste, urban wastewater and industrial pollution. ACR+ has been assigned as the 'thematic waste expert' in the Horizon 2020 Capacity Building programme. In this role, ACR+ implements a solid waste management training programme in 14 countries of the Mediterranean and Balkan area with the assistance of external (training) organizations and other individuals (including ACR+ members). The training programme provides nearly 25 regional, sub-regional and/or national training sessions, study visits and even possibly technical assistance missions of which 5 have already been provided.

Here are the dates for the upcoming trainings:

- Sub-regional training: "Solid Waste Management and tourism: the case of the eco-island Krk", 4 – 6 October, Croatia
- National training on appropriate waste management methodologies, 15-17 November, Palestine
- Solid waste management with particular focus on private sector participation (collection, institutional, legal instruments), 7-9 December, Morocco

For further information please visit the [ACR+ website](#).



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## Three day training module on waste prevention on behalf of the Walloon Region

ACR+ is one of the partners in the organization of a three day training course on waste prevention commissioned by the Walloon Regional Government. 6 training sessions will be organised in 2011 and 2012. They are addressed to civil servants (local representatives, community and regional civil servants, heads of environmental services, environmental councillors and local development agents etc) in preparation to the new Walloon Waste Prevention Plan. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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## International Conference "Save the Planet" Waste Management & Recycling, 28-30 March 2012, Sofia, Bulgaria

ACR+ is one of the main partners in the organization of the edition 2012 of the International Conference "Save the Planet" Waste Management & Recycling to be held in Sofia. This conference covers all key topics related to waste management and is one of the major events in South-East Europe, combining conference and exhibition.

ACR+ will organize a specific session on waste prevention. A call for papers is currently open, see <http://www.eco.viaexpo.com/en/conference/call-for-papers>.

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# News from our Recent Events

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## **The Interpretation of Life Cycle Thinking in the Waste Management Hierarchy, 5-6 July 2011, Brussels, Belgium**

On 5 - 6 July 2011, ACR+ held an International Experts Seminar on “The Interpretation of Life Cycle Thinking in the Waste Management Hierarchy”, which was completed by study visits in Lille and Seneffe. We encourage you to take a look at the outcomes of the Seminar.

It was organised by ACR+ with the support of Holcim Company. It was meant to gather a group of experts in order to clarify and discuss the interpretation of the EU waste hierarchy through Life Cycle Thinking, as foreseen in article 14, 2 of the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98, illustrated by concrete examples of waste management.

The event was divided in two parts:

- \* 5th July: experts seminar, consisting of interesting presentations followed by a fruitful panel discussion;
- \* 6th July: one day study visit to anaerobic digestion (Sequedin, Lille Métropole) and co-processing plants (Seneffe).

**For further information and to view the agenda, presentations, press release and photo gallery please visit the [ACR+ website](#).**

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## **Sustainable management of sewage sludge and bio-waste, 16-**

## **17 June 2011, Valencia, Spain**

This conference was co-organised by ACR+, the Generalitat Valenciana (Regional Government of Valencia) and the Instituto para la Sostenibilidad de los Recursos (ISR). Its purpose was to contribute ideas to the elaboration of the new European sludge management strategy.

The topics discussed included:

- experiences from big cities in Europe and the comparison of the applied treatment methods
- priority for review and evaluation through the economical and operational aspects of sewage sludge management
- the costs of operation and the optimisation of the material and energy recovery
- the benefits of sewage sludge management in combination with the management of the organic fraction of municipal solid waste.

Key speakers included Bartosz Zambrzycki (EC), Jean-Pierre Hannequart (ACR+), Ann Braekevelt (OVAM, BE), Dr Michael Oberdorfer (North Rhine-Westphalia State Environment Agency, DE).

Our members can view all the presentations [here](#).

Conference webpage: [http://www.isrcer.org/c\\_lodos/home\\_ining.html](http://www.isrcer.org/c_lodos/home_ining.html)

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## **Seminar Green commerce, 25 May 2011, Brussels, Belgium**

This event, which took place on the 25th of May, presented the first outcomes of the Green Commerce project, which aims at greening the activities of the small shops in Europe. The newly-created GC self-assessment tool and the technical requirements for the GC European label were officially presented for the first time, together with the pilot experiences in the participating cities (San Sebastian and Torrevieja). The seminar was a side-event of the European Green Week and gathered participants from different regions and cities in Europe as well as representatives of the private sector and other stakeholders.

To learn more about the Life+ Green Commerce Project please click [here](#).



## **Horizon 2020 enables sharing of know-how and experience: ACR+ organises study visit in Belgium on managing waste from electronic and electrical equipment**

The “Horizon 2020 Initiative” aims to de-pollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020 by tackling the sources of pollution that account for around 80% of the overall pollution of the Mediterranean Sea:municipal waste, urban wastewater and industrial pollution.

Belgium hosted the latest study visit organized by ACR+ under the Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/MEP project. Thirteen decision makers from relevant national authorities and NGOs flew in from Albania, Algeria, Egypt and Lebanon to follow an intensive workshop on “Management of waste from electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE)” (20-22 June 2011), aiming at improving understanding and decision making skills on the subject. Already experienced professionals, they benefited especially from the balanced mix of theory, practice and site visits in Lokeren and Willebroek plants.

Overall, both trainees and trainers agreed that the workshop was a success, confirming the popularity of the site visits which visualize and consolidate the theoretical knowledge provided. Participants also acquired hands on experience through the development of a preliminary draft WEEE management plan that could be used by their division in their home countries.

For further information please visit the [ACR+ website](#).



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## **Waste Prevention training, 20-22 July 2011, San Sebastian, Spain**

ACR+ assisted its member Gipuzkoa Waste Department in the organization of a summer course at the university of the Basque Country on Municipal Solid Waste Prevention. 70 people attended of which 2/3 were municipal officials. The training focused on waste prevention in relation to the new EU legal waste framework directive. The first two days focused on experts' presentations (Legal, European, regional and local authorities representatives) while the last day was reserved for an interactive, participatory workshop whereby trainees established, through group and individual exercises, a waste prevention plan.

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## WELCOME!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Members:

- [Genoa](#) (Italy),
- [SuperDrecksKëscht@](#) (Luxembourg),
- [ENT Environment and Management](#) (Spain) and
- [Agència d'Ecologia Urbana de Barcelona](#) (Spain).

Thank you for joining ACR+, we are proud to have you on board!

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