



ACR+ Update

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Everything is in evolution: and so is the responsibility for the management of the ACR+ General Secretariat.

Clearly, it's difficult for us to see Olivier move on to a new professional challenge. But he is going to work at the Waste Unit of the European Commission and so this evolution is good for him and positive for ACR+ as well.

Olivier De Clercq was indeed a super-manager. He worked at the ACR+ Secretariat for 7 years, and with his commitment our association has greatly grown:

- increased membership and geographical coverage
- improved quality of service to ACR+ members using new information technologies
- enhanced "key-player" role of ACR+
- flagship initiatives like European Week for Waste Reduction, Decentralised Observatory of Recycling Performance, EPR Club, ACR+ MED, etc.

Thank you Olivier and good luck!

Now the ACR+ adventure will continue with a new Secretary General: **Françoise Bonnet**, who has been chosen by the Executive Committee at the end of a procedure involving many ACR+ members: thank you also for this.

Ms. Bonnet will take up her new position with ACR+ on 2 January 2013. In the meantime, Jean-Jacques Dohogne, Senior Project Manager at ACR+, will act as Secretary General to ensure a smooth transition.

Ms. Bonnet, 47, who is currently head of the Waste Department of Brussels Environment, has a degree in law from Liège University completed by a post-graduate diploma in advanced European Studies (College of Europe, Bruges) and a masters in environmental law (Faculties Saint-Louis, Brussels). She is Belgian and speaks several languages (FR, EN, IT, ES, NL).

Jean-Pierre Hannequart

President of ACR+

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Upcoming events

After the summer break, ACR+ is back at its best with several **exciting events**. From waste prevention to General Assembly to North-South cooperation, our varied activities will give you an exhaustive view of what is going on in the waste management world. Make sure you register for at least one of our events – we are definitely looking forward to seeing you!

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ACR+ EPR Club has the pleasure to invite you to a thematic seminar dedicated to European and Belgian legislation regarding the EPR scheme for packaging and packaging waste
 - [European Waste and Resource Days, 7-8 November 2012, Brussels](#)
This two-day event features the final conference of the Pre-waste project on 7 November, followed by the ACR+ General Assembly and a European Seminar on Reuse on 8 November. Register now for this free event!
 - [The new ACR+MED platform launch event, 13-14 November 2012, Mahdia, Tunisia](#)
The new ACR+ MED network will be launched at the international conference in Mahdia, Tunisia. Join the network now!
 - [Training on waste prevention monitoring, 24-25 October, Malta](#)
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 - [Miniwaste Final Conference, 20–21 November 2012, Rennes, France](#)
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 - [R4R Networking Regional Event / Experts Group Meeting, 12-14 December 2012, Athens, Greece](#)
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Upcoming Events

EPR scheme and EU packaging law in Belgium EPR Club Seminar | 26 October, Brussels, Belgium

[ACR+ EPR Club](#) has the pleasure to invite you to a **thematic seminar dedicated to European and Belgian legislation regarding the EPR scheme for packaging and packaging waste**. The key issues will be discussed by two expert speakers:

- **Françoise Bonnet**, Head of Waste Department, Brussels Environment
- **Marc Adams**, Director, Interregional Packaging Commission, Belgium

The seminar will be combined with a sandwich lunch.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Friday, 26 October 2012, 12:30 - 14:00

ACR+ offices, Avenue d'Auderghem 63, 1040 Brussels

REGISTRATION

In order to register for this event, fill in the registration form and send it by e-mail to Ella Stefana (acr1@acrplus.org) before 23 October.

*Registration is **free for ACR+ EPR Club Members**. Other participants will be asked to pay the participation fee of **35 euros** by bank transfer (you will find our bank details on the registration form). The registration will be completed after we receive the payment. The number of seats is limited.*

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please visit EPR Club website or contact Ella Stefana at acr1@acrplus.org or +32 2 234 65 21.

We are looking forward to meeting you there!



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European Waste and Resource Days, 7-8 November 2012, Brussels, Belgium

In order to help cities and regions face the challenges related to waste management, the Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and sustainable Resource management (ACR+) together with Brussels Environment are organizing the first **European Waste and Resource Days**. The event is organised with the support of the Committee of the Regions, the INTERREG IV C programme and the RREUSE network. This two-day event features the **final conference of the Pre-waste project on 7 November**, followed by the **ACR+ General Assembly and a European Seminar on reuse on 8 November**.

On the first day, the **Pre-waste project final conference** will highlight the main outputs of the project. Involving 10 European partners, Pre-waste aims at providing cities and regions with guidance, good practices and monitoring tools in order to help them to set up and implement their waste prevention strategies. The Pre-waste project is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and made possible by the INTERREG IVC Programme. More information about Pre-waste: www.prewaste.eu.

On the second day, the **ACR+ Conference** will address innovative actions and instruments for optimising waste management in cities and regions. This conference will, in particular, give the opportunity to discuss

quantified objectives and performances for recycling in Europe, as well as economic instruments for waste management. The conference will be followed by **ACR+ annual Statutory General Assembly**. Later on the same day, a **technical seminar** will focus on the legal organizational and socio-economic aspects of reuse and preparing for reuse activities, taking advantage of the practical expertise of members of the RREUSE network.

For **more information** about European Waste and Resource Days, programme and speakers [click here](#).

In order to register for this free event, [follow this link](#). We are looking forward to seeing you there!



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The new ACR+MED platform launch event 13-14 November 2012, Mahdia, Tunisia

ACR+ MED is a new **permanent network of Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs)** for an Integrated and Sustainable Waste and Resource Management in the Mediterranean area. The network will be launched at the **international conference in Mahdia, Tunisia, on 13 and 14 November 2012**.

If you are facing big challenges in getting your **municipal waste management** on track ACR+ MED might be your solution. The network aims to become a catalyst to foster multi-stakeholder networking in the field of municipal waste management services at Local and Regional Authorities level.

ACR+ MED aims at taking into account **the specificities of the Mediterranean region** and at increasing expertise through the exchange of experiences between cities and regions from "MED" countries and from Europe, covering the "Union for the Mediterranean (43 countries being the EU 27 + 16 Mediterranean countries)" geographical boundary.

Find out more about ACR+ MED by [clicking here](#).

The new **ACR+ MED website** will also be available soon!



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Training on waste prevention monitoring

In order to help waste prevention officers to develop and implement efficient waste prevention strategies, **Pre-waste will hold a training on waste prevention indicators** and the use of the Pre-waste web tool, in Malta on **24 and 25 October**.

This is the final year for the Pre-waste project, which aims at significantly reducing waste generation and its degree of hazard through the close collaboration of local and regional authorities, public entities and other stakeholders. Along the project's duration and under the coordination and impulse of ORDIF, Pre-waste partners analysed waste prevention indicators and built a framework that helped develop a **web tool on waste prevention monitoring**. One of the final activities of the project is to organize a **Joint Interregional Training Session** dealing with the 'Methodology and application of indicators to monitor waste prevention policies / actions and use of the web tool'.

The first day of the training will cover the following topics:

- The concept of waste prevention

- Assessing the effect of waste prevention actions
- A successful experience in waste prevention monitoring (case study)
- Build-up of shared indicators and Pre-waste web tool
- Technical illustration of the Pre-waste web tool, management & sustainability

In the afternoon, small **group parallel sessions** will allow participants to get practical knowledge of how to use the Pre-waste web tool diagnosis and monitoring functions.

The second day (morning only) will address the following issues:

- Setting quantitative targets for waste prevention
- Collection of data for waste prevention indicators
- Leading a waste prevention attitude survey

This training is **open to everyone** interested in waste prevention monitoring. However, due to the limited number of places interested participants should register at info@prewaste.eu.



The project is co-financed by the ERDF and made possible by the INTERREG IVC programme

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4th Edition of the European Week for Waste Reduction, 17-25 November 2012

Thanks to the success of its previous editions in 2009-2011, the EWWR already plays a key role in **raising awareness of the waste prevention strategy and policies** of the European Union and Member States by mobilising a great number of stakeholders through a selection of decentralised events taking place across Europe during the same week.

During the 3 editions of the project, a tremendous increase in activity was seen in all respects – more actions, more territories and more participants by 50 % every year – showing the **growing success** of the Week in Europe (and beyond) and the growing interest in how to reduce the waste we put in our garbage bin in our everyday life.

Most of existing EWWR Organisers already expressed their will to continue to organise the Week in their territory during the next edition of the EWWR that will take place between **17 and 25 November 2012**. Moreover, **new countries and regions** (namely Bulgaria, Hungary, the Greek region of Crete, the county of Merseyside in the UK and Iceland's capital city Reykjavik) have decided to take part to edition 2012.

We already cannot wait to find out what innovative actions will be implemented this year! **Join us for EWWR2012 !**

To **learn more** about EWWR [click here](#).



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Miniwaste Final Conference, 20–21 November 2012, Rennes, France

The **Miniwaste** final conference will take place in **Rennes, France, on 20-21 November 2012**. It will exhibit the results of the project and highlight the main tools public authorities can use to address bio-waste prevention on a local or regional scale. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

The one-and-a-half-day conference in Rennes will present the **project's outputs and include discussions amongst bio-waste experts, workshops and study visits** with smaller groups. The participants will also be among the first to test the **computerised tool** developed to monitor bio-waste prevention activities.

On the first afternoon, participants will get a complete view of what is done in Europe regarding **bio-waste prevention**, followed by a **debate** comparing the strengths and weaknesses of various bio-waste management strategies, from separate collection over anaerobic digestion to home composting. During a

networking cocktail that will conclude the first day, participants will have the opportunity to try out the computerised tool developed as part of the Miniwaste project.

The morning session of the second day will be very **practical and interactive**: four workshops covering the issues of engagement of citizens to compost, food waste management, monitoring tools (with a particular focus on the protocols and the computerised tool developed by Irstea) and green waste management. The afternoon will present the **actions organised and the results obtained** by Rennes Metropole, Lipor and Brno in mobilising citizens and stakeholders to reduce bio-waste at source on their territory. Finally, a **roundtable** will give the floor to public authorities' representatives in order to discuss strategic choices regarding bio-waste management at local or regional level. A traditional "**gôûter Breton**" will wrap up the conference and give the participants the chance to get to know each other better over a selection of local specialties.

The full programme is available on the [Miniwaste website](#). More information: contact@miniwaste.eu
Register today by [clicking here!](#)



Miniwaste is a European project co financed by the LIFE+ programme

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R4R Networking Regional Event / Experts Group Meeting 12-14 December 2012, Athens, Greece

The R4R project is hosting its **2nd Expert Group Meeting and Regional Networking Event** in Athens from 12 to 14 December. It will be a perfect opportunity to discuss waste management and recycling activities in Greece amongst the R4R Partners and key waste experts.

More details will be available soon on the project's website: www.regions4recycling.eu. Make sure you stay up to date!



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7th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns 17-19 April 2013, Geneva, Switzerland

With governance and finance for sustainable development as the focus, the 7th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns will take place from 17-19 April 2013 in the City of Geneva. The conference will **bring together local and national governments, UN and European institutions, business, science institutes and research and development organisations** from all over Europe.

The conference comes at a moment when the world's attention to the exemplary role of local governments in sustainable development may have never been as extensive. This is your opportunity to be part of an event that will mark a milestone for Europe's local governments in their quest to achieve sustainable communities and competitive markets.

Objectives of the conference

The 7th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns will raise sustainability at all levels of governance and seek an institutional mechanism that effectively addresses the current financial and environmental crises.

The dimensions of a Green Economy will be at the forefront of the conference programme. Perspectives from experts, researchers, politicians and practitioners from various government levels will be included to gain a better understanding of how gaps between environmental, economic and social goals can be bridged.

Register now!

Make sure to secure your place for this exciting event now. For more information about registration, programme development and logistics please visit regularly the conference website: www.sustainablegeneva2013.org



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Recent News

ACR+ EPR Club successfully launched in June!

On the 4th of June, **ACR+ launched the [EPR Club](#)**. This high-profile event took place at the European Economic Social Committee, with the patronage of the European Commission and sponsored by SITA-Suez Environnement.

With the attendance of **125 participants**, key-speakers from the European Commission, ACR+, SITA, Pro-Europe and Philips debated on 3 main questions:

- What has changed with EPR schemes in Europe?
- What are the upcoming challenges?
- What do you expect from the EPR Club?

The **ACR+ EPR Club** is a new exchange platform on EPR schemes in Europe aiming at benchmarking on recycling performances, European harmonization, fair competition, public control or best practices. It will gather different stakeholders (public authorities at all levels, EPR schemes, waste management companies, material federations, NGOs, Academics) and allow a dialogue on the EU policy developments and technical implementation of EPR schemes throughout Europe.

To **download the presentations** delivered at the launch event, please visit the EPR Club website: www.eprclub.eu/events/ACRplus-EPR-Club-launch-event.

Would you like to join the Club? Now is the time! Pay 2012 membership and get 2013 for free!

To find out more, [follow this link](#).



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International Conference and EWWR Awards Ceremony, June 2012

The **Awards Ceremony** for the 2011 European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) took place on Tuesday, 19 June 2012, in Paris before roughly 450 attendees, closing the **final conference of the EWWR project**.

The conference focused on the most **successful ways to communicate on waste prevention** and gave the opportunity to share European expertise during a round table showing good examples of communication strategies on this key issue. The ceremony rewarded the most outstanding awareness raising actions implemented during the 2011 EWWR in each of the 5 project categories (Administration & public authority, Associations & NGO, Business & industry, Educational establishment, Other).

From **19 – 27 November 2011, 7035 EWWR actions took place in 32 countries** throughout Europe and beyond with the common aim to promote waste reduction. Out of these, 89 were pre-selected by the various organisers and submitted to an independent jury made up of European waste management specialists representing each category.

Six awards were handed out in total: one for each of the five Project Developer categories plus a special prize from the Jury. They were handed out by the members of the EWWR jury. The EU Commissioner for the Environment Mr. Janez Potočnik congratulated the participants of the EWWR and the awards winners through a video message that was shown at the end of the Ceremony.

The following 6 awards were granted:

- **Administration & public authority category:** The multi-use Styria Bottle - Specialised Division

FA19D Waste and Material Flow Management, Styrian Chamber of Agriculture, Styrian winegrowing enterprises (Styria, Austria). A campaign carried out across the Styrian region as a partnership between the public administration and the private sector, to increase the quantity of "Steiermarkflaschen" (Styrian wine bottles) that are refilled after their first use.

- **Association & NGO:** Waste Reduction Awareness Project - Junior Chamber International Izmir (Turkey). A broad campaign involving trainings in 19 schools in Izmir, a businessmen meeting on sustainable waste management, a coastal clean-up and a booth in a supermarket.
- **Business & industry:** Green Week - Queen's University Elms Village (Belfast, UK). Several activities implemented in a residential area housing around 1800 students, including in particular clothes, books and games swapping, a cook book and the handing over of ripped vegetables for free.
- **Educational establishment:** 49% Less Food Wasted in Bjurhovda School Restaurant - Bjurhovdaskolan/IDA unit (Sweden). A project to reduce the amount of food waste in the school restaurant and showing the results by putting small balls in a transparent tube visible in the restaurant.
- **Other:** Better take care of the environment by reducing waste - Medica (France). A project taking place in 162 nursing homes throughout France, which involved about 10000 dwellers and 7000 employees. Activities involved for instance cooperation with school kids to knit stoles from wool bits and give them away to the red-cross association, cooking workshops and composting trainings.
- **The Jury's favourite:** As the Jury's favourite award this year, the Jury has decided to deliver a special prize to highlight the high and constant quality of the actions nominated in Catalonia during the 3 editions of the European Week for Waste Reduction Awards Competition. This special prize has been handed out to the Organiser of the Week in Catalonia, the ARC (Catalan Waste Agency).

More information:

- [Programme](#)
- Presentations of 19 June [part 1](#) and [part 2](#)
- [Collection of presentations](#) (in French)
- [Press Area](#)

More on the EWWR Awards Ceremony [here](#)



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Small shops go green and save money! European Green Commerce Congress, September 2012

On 19 September 2012, the **final conference of the LIFE+ Green Commerce project** took place in Brussels in cooperation with the Brussels Chamber of Commerce (BECI). With the participation of interested stakeholders from all over Europe, the conference was a success.

The final conference of the Green Commerce project was intended to provide a **platform for the exchange of information, experiences and good practices** for a more sustainable retail sector in European cities and for networking with key people working towards sustainable, dynamic and prosperous small shops in urban area. The participants were furthermore given the opportunity to discover the assessment tool and the requirements for the Green Commerce label.

Eduardo Jorge Dolón Sánchez, the Mayor of Torre Vieja and Frederik Leloup, Partnerships & Business Development Manager of BECI welcomed the audience. The first session of the conference was then introduced by Ferenc Pekár from the European Commission, who explained the European Union Retail Forum for Sustainability. This was followed by the project representative Fidel García Meseguer from Valencia Community, who introduced the audience to the European LIFE+ project Green Commerce. The session was continued by César Aliaga from ITENE, who began with the illustration of the self-assessment tool "Green Commerce", hereafter continuing with a brief overview of the results of the Green Commerce assessment implemented in Torre Vieja and San Sebastián. This introduction was followed by a more detailed evaluation of the experiences made in Torre Vieja and San Sebastián by their representatives Augustina

Esteve and Eukén Sesé Sarasti. Juan Valea Lopéz from Valencia Community completed the morning session with giving first ideas for the future prospects of the Green Commerce project.

In the second session of the conference, the Life+ Green Commerce project was put into context with other similar European projects. Antonio Serna provided a brief summary on the experiences of the participants of the Green Commerce projects in Torrevieja, while Dimitra Rappou (nlwa), Mikaël Schneider (Ecoscience Provence) and Laura Rebreanu (BECI) spoke about the experiences with their initiatives in North London, the Provence and Brussels.

The final round table summed the Life+ Green Commerce project up, evaluated it, gave future prospects and discussed its potential merge with other European or local projects and initiatives. Moderated by Olivier De Clercq, Secretary General of ACR+, the panel consisted of Xavier Dehan, Centre de connaissances, BECI, Dr Alexis Mavrommatis, Centre of Retail Management, EADA, Ferenc Pekár, European Commission, DG ENV, Unit Sustainable Production and Consumption and Antonio Serna, President of the Association of Small and Medium Retailers of Torrevieja (APYMECO). Having all different perspectives, they could make very interesting and different remarks on the topics discussed, thus causing a productive discussion.

The experiences and evaluation given as well as the discussion held attracted keen interest in the audience and ensued a lively and open discussion about the potential, advantages, disadvantages and future prospect of the Life+ Green Commerce project and possible options to achieve the objective of improving the environmental impact in retail stores.

To download the presentations and learn more about the project, [click here](#).



The was event organised with the support of the LIFE+ programme of the European Commission

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The first Pre-waste good practices released

A first batch of **detailed waste prevention factsheets** was published on the Pre-waste website during the European Week for Waste Reduction between 19 and 27 November 2011. Since then, some 50 Good Practice factsheets in total have been uploaded on the website. Each PDF factsheet presents on about 7 pages the local context, how the action was implemented, resources used, results obtained, recommendations to improve the practice and similar actions implemented elsewhere.

As identified in the **mapping report** published in April 2011, Pre-waste factsheets include legal and organizational measures, economic instruments, education and communication measures, as well as voluntary and participative measures.

Among **legal and organizational measures**, the partners gathered and analysed more information about the following actions:

- No-advertisement sticker with legal backing in Brussels, Belgium
- Promotion of decentralised composting by the creation of a compost masters network in Brussels, Belgium
- Ban on disposable food and drink containers at events in Munich, Germany
- Brussels waste management plan with reduction targets, Belgium
- Promoting Green public procurement - Waste prevention for the public sector, Belgium.

Among **education and communication initiatives**, the following have also caught the interest of the Pre-waste partners for deeper research and analysis:

- "Love Food Hate Waste" Campaign in North London, United Kingdom
- An education programme "Let's do it with Ferda" in schools in Estonia
- Gabriella Kaatis - Puppet theatre project ("Gabriella the Dump on Diet"), Finland
- Accompanied paper waste prevention in schools in Brussels, Belgium
- Environmental education for the unemployed and households programme in Malta.

Among **economic instruments**, the partners gathered and analysed more information about the following actions:

- Environmental levy on plastic bags in Ireland
- Differentiating of a tax “household waste” for the juridical persons in Bulgaria
- NU-Spaarpas - The sustainable incentive card scheme, the Netherlands
- Eco-taxation on disposable plastic bags, disposable kitchen utensils, food wrap & aluminium foil in Brussels, Belgium
- Eco-tax on plastic bags in Romania.

Among **voluntary and participative measures**, the following have also caught the interest of the Pre-waste partners for deeper research and analysis:

- R.U.S.Z. (Reparatur und Service Zentrum – Repair and Service Center) in Vienna, Austria
- Schools competing to reduce food waste in canteens, Halmstad, Sweden
- Ecomoebel – Redesign of furniture in Germany
- Menu Dose Certa - Food waste reduction and certification in Portuguese restaurants
- Promoting Eco-consumption in supermarkets in Deux-Sèvres department, France.

Have a look at them in detail on the [Pre-waste website](#).



The project is co-financed by the ERDF and made possible by the INTERREG IVC programme

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ACR+ creates an e-learning module on Integrated Sustainable Waste and Resource Management

Within the same Horizon2020 Capacity Building programme, ACR+ has been asked to create an **e-learning module** on Integrated Sustainable Waste & Resource Management (ISWRM). For this purpose ACR+ has prepared 6 lessons based on the different dimensions of ISWRM:

1. The concept of ISWRM
2. Dimension 1: Life Cycle Thinking
3. Dimension 2: Waste Hierarchy
4. Dimension 3: Stakeholders
5. Dimension 4: Operational aspects
6. Dimension 5: Policy aspects

All lessons are designed in PPT, including **exercises and self-evaluation tools**. Voice recording will be done by a professional reader. It is expected that the e-learning module will be ready by the end of this year. For more information on the project visit www.h2020.net



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R4R Project Website now live!

We are pleased to inform you that the **Regions for Recycling (R4R) website** is now LIVE, and can be accessed through the following link: www.regions4recycling.eu.

R4R is a 3-year European project (2012-2014) within the INTERREG IVC programme, aiming to enable its partners to **improve their recycling performance** through consistent comparisons and an exchange of good practices.

Do not hesitate to visit the website if you want to learn more about the R4R project and partners, R4R activities, the EU recycling background, and regional/local recycling news.

If you would like to be kept up to date with all news regarding R4R, please make sure to subscribe to our Newsletter via this link: www.regions4recycling.eu/newsletter



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ACR+ welcomes two three new members: Arnika (CZ), KS Bedrift (NO) and City of Zadar (HR)

ACR+ is extremely pleased to announce that the network is expanding: three new members have joined this summer! Welcome aboard, we are looking forward to a fruitful cooperation!

Read on and learn more about our new members:

Arnika is a **Czech non-governmental organisation** uniting people seeking better environment. Arnika was established in 2001 and since its foundation has become one of the most important environmental organizations in the Czech Republic. Their activities are based on three pillars: engaging public, professional arguments, and communication with media.

Arnika's work consists of the following programmes:

- Center for Citizens' Support – we support public in decision-making on the environment
- Nature Conservation – we protect biodiversity and value of water and watercourses
- Toxics and Waste – we reduce amount of toxic substances and waste

KS Bedrift – **The Norwegian Employers' Organisation for Locally owned Enterprises** – organises companies in the municipal and county council sector. Their member companies cover a wide range of industries, such as energy, waste disposal, harbours, water and sewage systems, auditing, property management, schools, culture, health care and other activities that once used to be an integrated part of the municipal structure. Their aim is to protect and promote the common interests of our member companies with respect to employer issues and industry policy issues.

The City of Zadar - Zadar is a **city in Croatia** on the Adriatic Sea. It implements activities on construction of waste management centre, remediation and closure of existing landfills, improving waste management on its islands, improving the system of separate waste collection and prevention of illegal dumpings.

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



KS Bedrift



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