



## ACR+ Work Programme in 2008

Approved at the General Assembly in San Sebastian on 19 April 2007 and updated by the Board of Directors on 20 September 2007, ACR+'s work programme is faithful to the Association's founding philosophy:

- promote waste management that respects a five-level hierarchy (reduction at source, reuse, recycle, energy recovery, careful elimination)
- integrated approach to the "resources-products-waste" problem
- multi-instrument activities (legal, economic, educational/communicational).

### The work programme 2008 is set out according to 3 main working themes:

**1) Influence European politics on waste and resources:** 2008 will be an important year at European level, namely with the final approval of the new Waste Framework Directive and the beginning of the revision process of the WEEE directive.

**2) Acting for prevention,** with a large number of activities under the umbrella of the European Campaign for Waste Reduction "-kg", namely:

- 4 cluster working groups on specific waste flows with the aim of elaborating guidelines and performance indicators for the main prevention actions
- dedicated section of ACR+ website with news and technical information
- an international conference in France during the French Presidency
- the organization of a pilot edition of the future European Week for Waste Reduction.

**3) Helping local and regional authorities attain sustainable waste-product-resource management,** ACR+ will continue to propose its members to develop their technical expertise through:

- the organization of international conferences or working groups gathering the best European experts
- the publication of new technical reports on topical issues
- the organization of study visits



- the set-up of EC funded projects and European partnership proposals for its members
- the weekly Newline service, the Warmer Bulletin, the ACR+ specialised website [www.acrplus.org](http://www.acrplus.org) and a new bi-monthly electronic information letter on ACR+ activities and European waste policy news (ACR+ update).

## ACR+ Activities in 2008 in a Nutshell

### 1) Conferences 2008

- 31/01-01/02/2008: Conference on Climate and waste - London, UK (with London Remade)
- October 2008: "Communicating on Waste, Selective collection and sustainable consumption", Kairouan, Tunisia, with City of Kairouan and APNEK
- Fall 2008: Conference on waste reduction, Paris, France (combined with General Assembly, *tbc*), with City of Paris.

### 2) Publications 2008

- Updated report on the management of plastic bags (January 2008)
- Technical introduction to waste flows and waste treatment (June 2008)
- Waste reduction potential and targets at a local level (as an output from the Campaign "-kg" clusters' work, July 2008)
- How to reach – 100 kg: 5 examples of good practices on waste reduction at local level (in support of Campaign "-kg", September 2008)
- Book on Waste management performances of European cities and towns (to be published in autumn 2008)
- Waste anaerobic digestion plants in Europe (as an output from the study tour, see below)
- Updated guide on WEEE management (end 2008/beginning 2009).

### 3) ACR+ European Campaign for Waste Reduction «-kg»

- **Cluster groups meetings in 2008**
  - 12 March: cluster group on Biowaste (chair : LIPOR - Porto), in Brussels
  - April: Cluster group on Paper (chair: Brussels Environment), in Brussels



- May: Cluster group on Reuse/bulky (chair: Catalonia Waste Agency ARC), in Barcelona
- **European Week for Waste Reduction:** a pilot edition to be organized in 2008 in link with the French Week for Waste Reduction during the French EU Presidency.

#### 4) ACR+ Working Groups

- WEEE-PIN (chair: Interafval-BE and AMORCE-FR): next meeting in March 2008
- Waste-CO2-Climate (chair: London Remade): the activities of this working group will be defined following the conclusions of the London Conference and the interest of the members, the activities of this working group
- Euro-Mediterranean Partnerships (chair: Rabat-MA): prepare a proposal for European funding
- Better Regulation for Waste (chair: ISR-ES): follow-up of the Better Regulation process and Waste Framework Directive revision
- Waste Management Costs (chair: Nantes-FR/LAVU-AU, *tbc*): Methodology and results of a European comparison of costs and performances in waste management.

#### 5) ACR+ Training Modules

- Anaerobic digestion site visits
- Training module on municipal waste management: depending on funding possibilities.

#### 6) European Projects

ACR+ is in a selection process or prepares submissions for various project proposals in answer to European calls, namely on:

- implementing waste prevention at local level
- the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean network on waste management and sustainable consumption
- organic waste issues.



## News from the Staff

After some changes in 2007, the ACR+ team in Brussels is now composed as followed:

Olivier De Clercq	Brussels Office Coordinator
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... with the support of Francis Radermaker, Scientific Director and Kit Strange, Secretary General in Skipton, UK.

