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# ACR+ in 2022

The network of  
cities and regions  
accelerating the  
circular economy  
transition in their  
territories and  
beyond

# PRIORITIES

Underline the necessity to go beyond mere weight or volume-based waste collection metrics and promote use of integrative indicators such as a CO2 emissions calculation, a quantified target for prevention

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Reinforce citizens and economic actors' support for the idea of waste prevention and sustainable consumption in general to help public authorities effectively implement solutions complying with the new EU directives

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Increase the exchange of experience in the network at a time where it is crucial for members to gain insight on what is being done in other places and have access to innovative and successful practices.

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# OVERVIEW

## JANUARY

We organise the session "Cities and Regions: Accelerating system change for a circular transition in cities and regions" during the annual conference of Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform in Brussels (BE)

We speak at the Climate Chance Summit 2022 workshop "Économie circulaire et gestion des déchets : comment parvenir à un nouveau paradigme" in Nantes (FR)

We publish a report on the carbon footprint of waste of Odense as part of the More Circularity, Less Carbon campaign

We provide feedback to the consultation on a "Policy framework on biobased, biodegradable and compostable plastics" opened by the European Commission

We join a roundtable on sustainable infrastructure projects under the Recovery and Resilience Fund

We publish a report on the carbon footprint of waste of Navarra as part of the More Circularity, Less Carbon campaign

We become member of the advisory board of the Horizon 2020 FRONTSHIP project

We successfully organise the final conference of the WINPOL project

We co-organise an event at the Expo in Dubai (UAE) on "Making circularity work for people, cities, and regions"

We share experience with the Parliament of the Brussels Capital Region regarding biowaste, in particular separate collection

We speak at the webinar on biowaste management of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

## FEBRUARY

We introduce a toolkit on engaging young people into local circular initiatives at the CEYOU event on youth and the circular economy.

We open the webinar dedicated to construction and demolition waste of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform.

We answer to the consultation of the European Commission on the revision of the Waste Framework Directive

## MARCH

We organise an EPR Club lunch debate on littering costs

We provide feedback to the European Commission consultation to encourage consumers to use goods for a longer time and to promote repaired, second-hand and refurbished goods

## APRIL

## MAY

We organise an EPR Club Lunch debate

We join the EU Green Week 2022 with a partner event "Accelerating the green transition with Circular Public Procurement" of the ProCirc project

We celebrate the most inspiring actions of the 13th edition of the EWWR at the Awards Ceremony in Brussels (BE)

We convene ACR+ members at the General Assembly in Brussels (BE) during which a new Board of Directors is elected and Iain Gulland is renewed as President of ACR+

We support the Moroccan Recycling and Waste Management Expo 2022

## JUNE

We answer to the public consultation opinion on the Waste Framework Directive

## JULY

## SEPTEMBER

We publish the report "Quantified actions to prevent household food waste"

We publish a cross analysis of the second cohort of the More Circularity, Less Carbon campaign

We are present at Ecomondo 2022 in Rimini (IT) where we organise several events in particular on textile waste prevention and circular textiles

We co-organise an EPR Club conference on the link between EPR and sustainable consumption and production

The 14th EWWR meets with success

We discuss the concept of smart cities and its application at Circle the Med 2022

We contribute to a policy brief on skills foresight on waste management reporting on a Cedefop study

We sign a coalition letter in support of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

## NOVEMBER

## OCTOBER

We join the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference and contribute to two side-events in Nicosia (CY)

The European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform, and the leadership group on cities and regions that we coordinate, is reconducted for another 2.5 years

## DECEMBER

We share our expertise on regional and municipal sustainable resource management during the Accelerator Session of the World Circular Economy Forum 2022 in Kigali (RW) #EUCircularTalks: Network governance - What role for the circular transition brokers?

# HIGHLIGHTS



The More Circularity, Less Carbon campaign publishes the results of its second cohort which involves Ireland, the region of Navarra (ES), and the city of Odense (DK). The cross-analysis of the results show that, just as for cohort 1, textile, food, and plastic are the most carbon-intensive fractions for all three territories. Reaching the -25% target for them would require reducing two key target fractions by 30 to 40%, which calls for much more ambitious prevention targets and strategies.



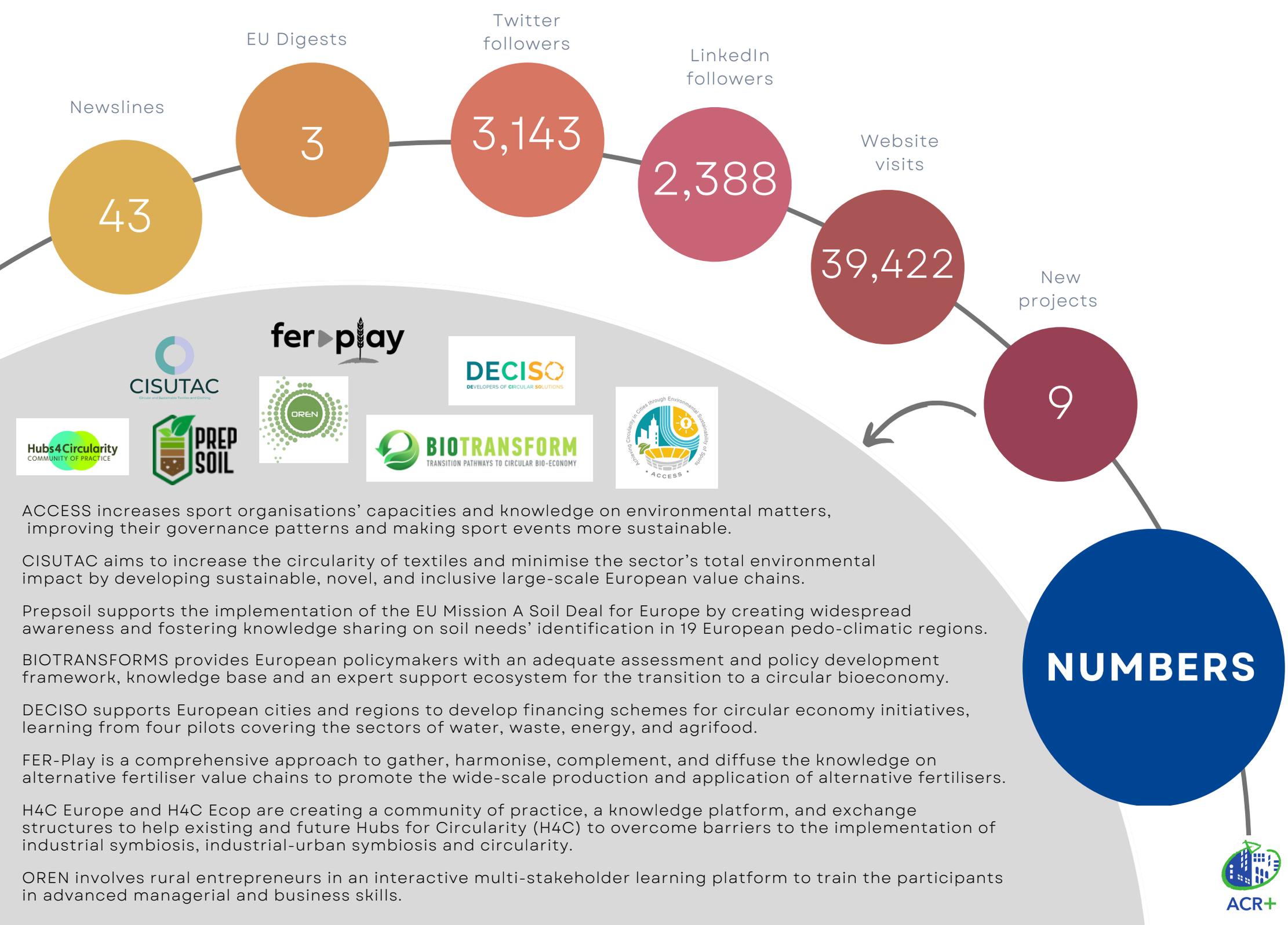
The report "Quantified actions to prevent household food waste" presents practices and strategies for which food waste reduction was monitored and documented, and suggest recommendations on how local and regional authorities can promote household food waste reduction practices.

Following its launch the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative offers the possibility of being involved as Pilot or Fellow to benefit from increased support, collaboration and knowledge sharing regarding circular economy solutions at local and regional levels



We discuss the pathways to a circular resilient Europe during the General Assembly 2022 and invite ACR+ members to move away from the traditional definition of a model of production and consumption aiming to keep materials and products as long as possible and to take into consideration all aspects of sustainability when talking about circular economy, especially the cultural one.





ACCESS increases sport organisations' capacities and knowledge on environmental matters, improving their governance patterns and making sport events more sustainable.

CISUTAC aims to increase the circularity of textiles and minimise the sector's total environmental impact by developing sustainable, novel, and inclusive large-scale European value chains.

Prepsoil supports the implementation of the EU Mission A Soil Deal for Europe by creating widespread awareness and fostering knowledge sharing on soil needs' identification in 19 European pedo-climatic regions.

BIOTRANSFORMS provides European policymakers with an adequate assessment and policy development framework, knowledge base and an expert support ecosystem for the transition to a circular bioeconomy.

DECISO supports European cities and regions to develop financing schemes for circular economy initiatives, learning from four pilots covering the sectors of water, waste, energy, and agrifood.

FER-Play is a comprehensive approach to gather, harmonise, complement, and diffuse the knowledge on alternative fertiliser value chains to promote the wide-scale production and application of alternative fertilisers.

H4C Europe and H4C Ecop are creating a community of practice, a knowledge platform, and exchange structures to help existing and future Hubs for Circularity (H4C) to overcome barriers to the implementation of industrial symbiosis, industrial-urban symbiosis and circularity.

OREN involves rural entrepreneurs in an interactive multi-stakeholder learning platform to train the participants in advanced managerial and business skills.



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EUROPEAN WEEK FOR WASTE REDUCTION



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Interreg North Sea Region ProCirc  
European Regional Development Fund



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in the DMU Southern (Rijnbovenhoofd) region



BROKERING CROSS-BORDER INNOVATION THROUGH CLUSTERS



Circular Cities & Regions Initiative



EURE Interreg Europe  
European Union European Regional Development Fund



LIFE TACKLE



Observatory ACR+



LCA4Regions Interreg Europe  
European Union European Regional Development Fund



BIO CIRCULAR CITIES



Green Sports Hub Europe



SMART WASTE Interreg Europe  
European Union European Regional Development Fund



Circ Lean



MORE CIRCULARITY LESS CARBON -25% BY 2025



RETHINK WASTE



CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR YOUTH



WINPOL Interreg Europe  
European Union European Regional Development Fund



PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

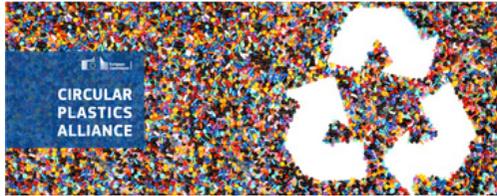


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ACR+ is involved in different partnerships and cooperation initiatives to represent the voice of decentralized authorities, share the experience gathered within the network, and contribute to advance towards circular economy at global and European level.



European level



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International level



UNITED NATIONS  
SYSTEM STAFF COLLEGE



CLIMATE  
CHANGE





# THE NETWORK

100

members

5

new members

21

countries

Municipality of Castellammare di Stabia (IT)

Unione Nazionale Consumatori Umbria (IT)

Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur (FR)

Connacht Ulster Region (IE)

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Although a network dedicated primarily to local and regional authorities, ACR+ welcomes all stakeholders having a role to play in the transition to circular economy. From decentralised authorities and city networks to NGOs, academics, private partners and consultancies.

Different membership types – effective, partner, invited, or supportive member – are available depending on the local context and specific needs. New members can join throughout the year.

Services to members – including a weekly newsletter, a virtual library, support to events or projects, increased visibility, exchange of experiences, etc. – are part of the recurring and nonetheless essential daily activities of the network.



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