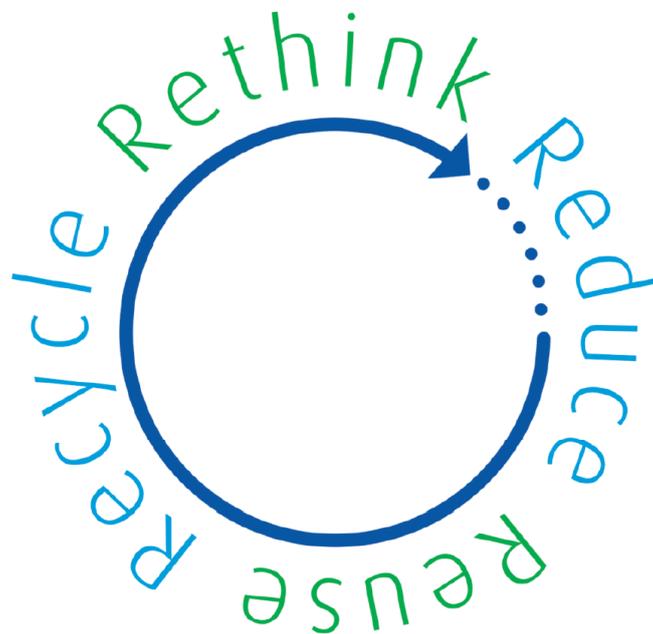




ACR+

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Introduction

This document aims to summarise the activities of ACR+ during the year of 2015.

ACR+ is a technical network focusing on its multi-R approach work – highlighting prevention at the source, reuse and recycling – as the solution for sustainable waste management and an interesting option for local and regional authorities. Aside from the waste hierarchy, ACR+ supports the move from a linear economy to a circular economy where the added value of products is conserved for the longest time possible and waste is eliminated.

Following its fundamental principal of paving the way towards sustainable resource management, ACR+ has developed different activities throughout the course of 2015 with the aim of increasing the abilities and capabilities of local and regional authorities on the topic of resource management, based on circular economy as the key element.

The activities focused on the following themes:

- Awareness raising and communication
- Operational instruments and monitoring
- Legal and technical instruments
- Strategy and planning
- Cooperation and capacity building



Key ACR+ activities in 2015

1.1. Awareness raising and communication

Communication and raising awareness amongst the public remain key instruments when talking about sustainable resource and waste management, particularly when it concerns prevention.

In 2015, ACR+ in the framework of the European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR), co-organised, with the Hungarian national agency for waste management, an international conference titled 'Circular Economy and Sustainable Resource Management'. This conference, which played host to participants from more than 20 different countries, took place on the 27th of May in Budapest.

The day was divided between presentations and round-tables, distributed between three sessions:

- The concept of Circular Economy: sustainable resource management
- Circular Economy in practice: The multi-R approach efficient selective collection: A key element of Circular Economy

The different presentations are available on the conference website: www.zoldkonferencia.hu

The conference was followed by an awards ceremony for the EWWR and the 2015 ACR+ General Assembly.

• The European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR)

In July 2013, ACR+ became the coordinator of the new EWWR, supported by the LIFE+ Programme that will run until June 2017. As such, ACR+ is in charge of ensuring the good execution of the project and is the principal contact in addition to the European Commission with regards to the EWWR. The other partners of the project are: Brussels Environment (IBGE-BIM), the Catalan Waste Management Agency (ARC), the International Association for Environmental Communication (AICA) (all members of ACR+) and the Hungarian National Agency for Waste Management.

As in the previous editions of the EWWR, ACR+ took on the role of the European Technical Secretariat, and supported by all the coordinators (40 in 2015) and the action developers (more than 12,000 actions in the 2015 edition) directed the promotion and the communication as well as the organisation of the annual EWWR awards during which the best actions of each year are rewarded. Being the Project leader, ACR+ also accomplished substantial work regarding the Project Management and Monitoring, including the successful submission of the project mid-term report.

In 2015, ACR+ worked (in particular) on the enlargement of the network of the EWWR coordinators in the Eastern countries. New Coordinators from Slovenia and Latvia have since joined the network.

An important element during the extensive promotion of the project is to increase political support for the EWWR at a European level. In 2015 the EWWR took place under the official patronage of the European Parliament and its president Martin Schulz.

ACR+ prepared the EWWR 2015 which took place from 23-27 November 2015 and with the theme of ‘Dematerialisation: doing more with less’. In particular, ACR+ developed factsheets and other tools for the Thematic Prevention Days – in 2015 under the slogan “Dematerialisation – doing more with less!” – to help with the implementation of awareness raising actions regarding waste prevention.

ACR+ provided continuous support to the project partners in realising their tasks. For example, it helped AICA in the organisation of the “European Clean-Up Day”, which took place at locations throughout Europe from the 8-10 of May 2015. Before that, ACR+ supported ARC in the organisation of a webinar dedicated to the “European Clean-Up Day” on 4 March 2015 during which participants could share their experiences and raise practical questions regarding the methodology, the evaluation procedure and the communication tools from the second edition of the ‘Let’s Clean Up Europe’ initiative. Support was also given to Brussels Environment which was in charge of evaluating the whole project.

Last but not least, the ACR+ team organised its own clean up action on 8 May 2015 in Brussels (place du Roi Vainqueur).

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- **Don't Waste our Future!**

Don't Waste our Future - a new ACR+ project - began in February 2015 and will finish in December 2016. The aims of this project are to; build a European youth alliance against food waste, new development models and promote sustainable consumption within the framework of the European year of development 2015.

The coordinator of the project is FELCOS Umbria (IT) and the partners are: ACR+, the University of Glasgow (UK), Passarelle.info (FR), Commune di Foligno (IT), the municipality of Agios Athanasios (GR), the Centre for the Advancement of Research & Development in Educational Technology (CY), Oxfam Italia (IT), Associação In Loco (PT), Fondo Provinciale Milanese per la Cooperazione Internazionale (IT) and Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad Internacional (ES).

In 2015, as a partner, ACR+ participated in; the steering committee, the choosing of experts for the activities and the fixing of conventions with the most relevant local actors and stakeholders.

Additionally, ACR+ recruited two Belgian secondary schools (Maria-Boodschaplyceum in Brussels and l'Athénée from Ganshoren) to be involved in the project and to help with the development of methods and material. Several activities have already taken place including: a visit to the subsidised grocery store in Berchem Saint-Agathe for the teachers, a visit to a food bank for the representatives of local authorities and several learning modules have been made available to students.

ACR+ also worked on the dissemination and promotion of the project.

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1.2. Operational instruments and monitoring

ACR+ continued to work on the analysis, comparison and promotion of best practices regarding selective collection, alternative treatment methods, financial mechanisms for cost optimisation, as well as on issues specific to particular waste streams (WEEE, glass, organic waste, sludge, bulky waste, etc.).

- **ACR+ waste prevention database**

Created at the beginning of 2011, the ACR+ online database gathers the best practices on waste prevention. In 2015, work on adapting and updating certain best practices began in order to gradually integrate this data into the database for the Circular Europe Network. Different technical fact sheets were made accessible after 8 November 2015 to ACR+ members on the CEN website via the [interactive menu](#).

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More information here <http://acrplus.org/index.php/en/project-themes/waste-prevention-database>

And here www.circular-europe-network.eu

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- **ACR+ European Observatory of Municipal Waste Recycling Performances**

ACR+ worked on the collection of quantitative data concerning waste management at local and regional levels in Europe, with respect to specific waste streams such as; bio waste, packaging, plastics etc.

In response to a request from one of its members, Ecofolio, who wanted to publish a report on the selective collection and recycling of graphic paper in Europe, ACR+ worked on the collection and analysis of data on the collection and recycling of graphic paper throughout 2015. This report, which is still being worked on, will be published at the end of 2015 and be made available to the members of ACR+.

In 2014, the work of the Observatory led to the publication of the report “EU Capital Cities Waste Management Benchmark”. The next step for ACR+ is to extend that work to include other capitals and big European cities in the report. In order to facilitate this, several contacts and partnerships were established in 2015 with cities such as Vienna, Berlin and Amsterdam which could form a part of this extension. The different contacts that were established at the beginning of the year were finalised at a meeting in Rome on 20 October 2015 between ACR+ (represented by its Secretary General, Françoise Bonnet) and representatives from the 3 cities.

➔ More information and contact

More information here www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/component/content/article/2-content/261-european-decentralised-observatory-for-municipal-waste-recycling-performances

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- **NEWAPP**

This project, funded by the European Commission under the FP7 programme, began in November 2013 and will finish in April 2016. This is a research project that focuses on hydrothermal carbonization (HTC) of wet biomass residues. Via (the process of) HTC, the humid biomass is converted into carbonaceous solids.

Under the coordination of the European Biomass Industry Association (BE), the project sees 7 partners (including ACR+) work together: BVSE Federal Association on Secondary Raw Materials and Recycling (DE), INGELIA S.L (ES), Terra Preta GmbH (DE), Consejo Superior De Investigaciones Cientificas – Csic (ES), Technical University of Denmark (DK), Technology Transfer Centre Bremerhaven (TTZ) (DE).

In 2015, 3 workshops were organised. ACR+ opened the second NEWAPP workshop, held in Valencia in March 2015, with a presentation on the organic waste fraction in the municipal waste stream. Furthermore, ACR+ participated in a roundtable discussion of the NEWAPP project at a conference titled “Promising Technologies for Wet Biomass Waste Valorisation”. This conference was organised within the framework of the European Week for Sustainable Energy, which took place on 18 June 2015 in Brussels.

The different project results have since been disseminated via the ACR+ newsletter as well as on the ACR+ website.

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1.3. Legal and economic instruments

The legal and economic instruments are important tools in the formulation of policies with the aim of promoting more sustainable and responsible behaviours in both the public and private sectors as well as amongst citizen consumers.

During 2015, ACR+ concentrated on underlining the importance of economic instruments in the implementation of waste reduction policies and on the analysis of the use of these instruments in the European context.

- **EPR Club**

The concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is at the core of the evolution of European policy on waste and resources, especially in the context of circular economy. Several initiatives concerning new waste (textiles, paper, furniture, oils, medicines etc.) exist in different member states and there are great differences and new debates on the existing schemes (packaging, WEEE, batteries, etc.).

ACR+ has not stopped supporting and enlarging the EPR Club, and after its creation in June 2012 the EPR Club contains several active members including; public authorities, EPR organisations, waste management companies, professional federations and event NGOs and associations.

ACR+ hosts this exchange and debate platform on extended producer responsibility by organising regular view exchanges between actors in the value chain and by feeding the website with background documents and positions from the various actors.

The following lunch debates were organised in 2015:

- EXPRA / EPR Club lunch debate on [The Authorization of PRO's](#) - Brussels, 24 June 2015.
- FPRC / EPR Club lunch debate on [EPR for Circular Economy](#) - Brussels, 18 May 2015.
- DSD / EPR Club lunch debate on [Eco-design and EPR](#) - Brussels, 22 April 2015.
- EXPRA / ACR+ / EPR Club lunch debate on [Transparency](#) - Brussels, 25 March 2015.

ACR+ also proposes that EPR Club members support with the organisation of conferences. In this way, DSD cooperated with ACR+ to organise a conference titled "[Green Circular Economy: EPR and its role for post-consumer plastics](#)" on 29 September 2015 in Brussels.

The year 2015 was dedicated to the formalising of the EPR Club structure. Members gathered for a planning meeting to discuss governance rules for the EPR Club to be signed by EPR Club members to enjoy their membership rights.

Regarding communication, ACR+ worked on a new leaflet for the EPR Club which was presented to the EPR Club members at the planning meeting in December and will be finalised in 2016.

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- **PPI4-Waste**

The “Promotion of Public Procurement of Innovation for Resource Efficiency Waste Treatment (PPI-4Waste)” project, began in January 2015 and will finish in July 2017. The project is coordinated by the Andalusian Institute of Technology (IAT) and a collection of 7 other partners: ACR+, ICLEI (DE), University of Zaragoza – Observatorio de Contratación Pública (ES), Mancomunidad de Municipios del Sur (ES), Institute of Swden (SE), Zagreb City Holding (HR), Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment Resource Efficiency (NL).

The project proposes to promote innovation and efficiency with resources, waste prevention, reuse and recycling via innovative strategies in public markets and to aid authorities in undertaking actions on the public market in the waste/resource sector.

In addition to its presence at different coordination meetings, ACR+ brings its technical support to various project activities (suggestions for experts, aiding the establishment of the buyers group, etc.).

ACR+ wrote and implemented the communication strategy and the dissemination of the project including the creation of the promotional tools (logo, brochure, roll-up). Lastly, ACR+ created and launched the website for the project: www.ppi4waste.eu and disseminated the first two newsletters.

ACR+ also organised the first event of the project, a [workshop on public markets of innovation](#) that took place on 29 October in Brussels which was attended by close on 50 people.

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- **LIFE SMART Waste**

The Smarter Regulation of Waste in Europe project began in June 2014 and will finish in May 2019, under the coordination of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (UK). The other partners are ACR+ (BE), Bruxelles Environnement (BE) and Natural Resources Wales (UK).

The project is an innovative European partnership that proposes to fight against waste crime.

In 2015, ACR+ was involved with the creation of and the translation (into French) of the project brochure as well as the dissemination of the newsletter.

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- **FISSAC**

The FISSAC project focuses on the consolidation of industrial symbiosis for sustainable resource management in the construction value chain. It began in September 2015 and will finish in February 2020. ACR+ compiled a list of relevant stakeholders for the project and identified an initial network. ACR+ , assisted by project partners, has been compiling best practices and lessons learnt in industrial symbiosis to be analysed (state of the art, best practices, lessons learnt, barriers and drivers of new IS networks). ACR+ delivered the project visual identity and started preparation work for the project website which was launched in mid-January 2016 (<http://fissacproject.eu>)

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1.4. Strategy and planning

Building on 20 years of experience in sustainable resource management, ACR+ wanted to reinforce the aid already being given to local and regional authorities to support the development of inspiring strategies with regards to the circular economy. At the heart of the ACR+ approach, is the desire to create bridges between different public environmental authorities and the will to raise awareness amongst public authorities about the role that they have to play; as facilitators, in the economic development and transition. This ACR+ commitment has taken the form of the Circular Europe Network (CEN), a working group for the circular economy made up of ACR+ members and launched in November 2014.

• Circular Europe Network

2015 was an influential year for the Circular Europe Network, thanks to the support of the Brussels-Capital Region, Gipuzkoa (Spain) and the Catalan Waste Agency (ARC). ACR+ has been able to develop the CEN on various levels including; political, technical, communication etc. The work on the CEN - predominantly during two meetings- was carried out throughout the year of 2015. This work led to the publication of “General guidelines for integrated strategies for the circular economy at local and regional level” in May 2015 as well as the launch of the CEN website, including its database of best practices in November 2015.

❖ Sponsorship and collaboration

From a political point of view, the CEN benefits from the patronage of Janez Potocnik (PNUE), Céline Fremault (Environmental Minister for the Brussels-Capital Region), Antoinette Guhl (assistant to the Mayor of Paris in charge of circular economy), Leo Brincat (Maltese Minister for sustainable development, environment and climate change) and João Pedro Matos Fernandes (Portuguese Minister for Environment).

This visibility on both European and local political levels is important for ACR+ in order to continue working on the development of the CEN, whilst simultaneously helping create links between different initiatives and actors from different European countries. ACR+ is also in contact with the French Institute for the Circular Economy (FR), Circle Economy (NL) and the Spanish Foundation for the Circular Economy (ES). Furthermore, ACR+ has strengthened its ties with Energy Cities and through them has become a “supporting network” for the “Covenant of Mayors”.

With regards to other European institutions, ACR+ has also managed to make its presence increasingly felt in the European Parliament thanks to its CEN initiative which has captured the interest of several politicians/MEPs from across the political spectrum.

❖ 28 May 2015 meeting in Budapest

The second meeting of the CEN took place on 28 May 2015 in Budapest. The meeting was opened by a video message from Céline Fremault, beginning with a presentation of future strategies for the cities of Paris and London (by Antoinette Guhl and Clare Ollerenshaw). These examples were complemented by two presentations on territorial monitoring (given by Dr. Marton Herczeg on the indicators linked to climate and resources, and Marc de Wit on urban metabolism). All these presentations were followed by working group discussions which reflected on which indicators were the most appropriate choice for public authorities when considering the circular economy and which are the most feasible to put into place at both local and regional levels.

❖ Meeting on 30 October 2015 in Brussels

The [third meeting](#) of the CEN took place on 30 October 2015 in Brussels. The theme of the meeting was public markets as a favourable tool for the circular economy. Experts and key actors in the field successfully

came together to present and debate how the impact of the circular economy could be augmented thanks to the use of green public markets, public innovation markets and waste performance/management contracts. On the side of the conference, CEN members had the opportunity to meet and exchange views on the upcoming issues and activities of the organisations.

❖ Participation in working groups and conferences

In order to promote the CEN and its activities, ACR+ participated in numerous conferences on the topic either as a speaker or participant. The CEN was launched in 2014 with the idea of positioning ACR+ as a key actor during discussions on circular economy. This was concretised during 2015 with the participation of ACR+ as a speaker at the conference on the circular economy organised by the European Commission on 25 June 2015. With this conference the European Commission wished to fuel the public consultation on the circular economy which it had launched between May and August 2015. ACR+ complied with the call of the consultation and responded with both a [direct contribution](#) and a [position paper on the subject](#).

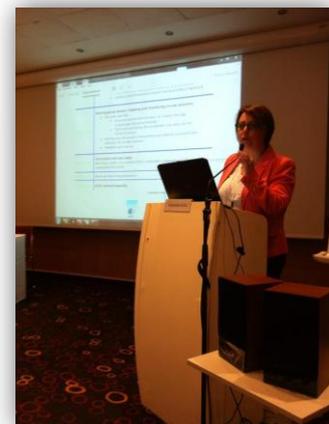
On 5 October 2015 in Luxembourg, ACR+ was part of an informal meeting of national platforms for the circular economy.

❖ Publications

During the meeting on 28 May 2015, ACR+ presented the first results from this working group, namely the [“General Guidelines for integrated strategies for the circular economy at local and regional level”](#). This document aims to clarify the concept of circular economy, its definition, its objectives and to present the circular economy via a practical approach, with examples from the first stages of its adoption, during the development of a strategy or instruments, cross-cutting sectors or included topical measures. It is available for download for ACR+ members on the CEN website. Agreements have already been made so as to see the translation of this document into several languages for 2016.

❖ Website

ACR+ worked during the first semester of 2015 on the creation of the website, www.circular-europe-network.eu. This one was published in November 2015. This site hosts a database of good practices on the circular economy, presented via an interactive map. This database capitalises on 20 years worth of ACR+ work in the field and on the results of past projects (Waste Prevention Database, Regions4Recycling), and collects best practices from cities and regions across Europe in a detailed way, providing key information but also the contact of those who have put these practices into action. In addition to this capitalisation, ACR+ identified new practices covering either actions on the topic of circular economy or circular economy strategies put in place by local or regional authorities. At the end of 2015, there were more than 90 factsheets available online. This number is of course expected to grow in future based on the identification of new best practices and on the contributions of ACR+ members.





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1.5. Cooperation and Capacity Building

In 2015, ACR+ continued its efforts concerning the putting in place of a network comprised of cities and regions of the Mediterranean region with the following objectives:

- The reinforcement of capacity within the domains of waste management and sustainable ways of living for public authorities.
 - Understanding specific needs due to geographical location and socioeconomic contexts, which are also important for the adoption of solutions in the local technical, legal and financial environments.
 - The exchange of information and expertise with the view to extract solutions that have been adapted to local technical, legal and financial contexts.
 - To construct North-South and South-South cooperation dynamics amongst the members of ACR+
- **Education centre for sustainable resource and waste management in the region of Rabat**

In the capacity of an expert, ACR+ participated in the setting up of the education centre for the management and creation of different pedagogical tools used. This centre was financed by the department for international cooperation of the Brussels-Capital Region.

The centre is composed of a video room on consumer behaviours and employed practices in waste management for the waste of Rabat, an educational space to explain the current system for waste management, what waste is made up of, the generated waste and the best way to recycle different types of waste, and finally an interactive tool to demonstrate the environmental benefits of recycling plastic, paper and cardboard.

The education centre was inaugurated 12 June 2015 by the regions of Rabat and Brussels, in the presence of Ministers Van Engel and De Baets.

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- **MED-3R project**

This project is a strategic Euro-Mediterranean platform for the integrated management of waste, developed under the ENPI (a sub-programme focused on the recycling of waste) cross-border cooperation programme. Concrete pilot actions targeting; prevention, re-use, recycling and sustainable waste treatment divided into different categories will be put into place thanks to this project.

As a project partner, ACR+ has participated in technical visits and sat on the support committee.

➔ More information and contact

More information on: www.med-3r.org and www.enpicbmed.eu

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- **SCOW project**

The “Selective Collection of the Organic Waste in tourist areas and valorisation in farm composting plants” (SCOW) project is a 3 year programme (2013 – 2015) supported by the ENPI CBC Med Programme. It aims to develop technically simple collection systems for bio-waste that are affordable yet also of a high quality for territories with tourism and agricultural activities.

As an associate partner on the project, ACR+ participated in workshops organised on 25 February 2015 in Barcelona, and signed a manifesto for better food-waste management in the Mediterranean basin. (<http://www.biowaste-scow.eu/Manifesto-for-food-waste-managment#prettyPhoto>)

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- **Training/study visit for Algerian experts**

ACR+ was the partner of a training session for Algerian experts on the subject of waste management which took place over the course of 6 weeks in January 2015. This project was led by the Namur eco-consultant institute and financed by the Belgian Technical Corporation.

As part of this training ACR+ presented the situation and examples regarding prevention, re-use and recycling in the Brussels-Capital Region and Wallonia. ACR+ also supported information sessions on its activities, European and Belgian legislation, and the principle of “sustainable integrated waste and resource management” in the Mediterranean context.

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- **EWIT**

The EWIT project, led by the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) began in January 2015 and will finish in December 2016. It aims to promote recycling and strategies for the recovery of primary secondary materials in the metropolitan areas of Africa.

ACR+ joined the EWIT project as a member of the consultative committee and as such has participated in several project meetings (a coordination meeting for the consultative committee and a workshop on the twinning of African and European cities) and will participate in the planning, thanks to the reworking, of techniques relating to the collection of data for the project.

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Permanent services to members and communication

ACR+ closely follows European political evolutions with regard to resource and waste management with the view to analyse the impacts on local and regional authorities and to inform its members when changes are coming. ACR+ also follows the activities of its members and participates in international conferences as a partner or associate partner to be able to offer a more complete and up to date service to its members. Furthermore, the association is a key actor amongst the European institutions, defending the specificities of local and regional authorities to the European bodies.

- **“European digest”, Newsline and Update**

ACR+ has strengthened the permanent technical information services via: the EU Digest, the newsletter and the Update.

The EU Digest is a new information newsletter that is sent to ACR+ members every two months and is dedicated to the current affairs of European institutions. The first edition was published in February 2015, with a focus on the withdrawal of the circular economy package. Second and third editions were then published in April and in June, on the energy mix of the Union and European urban policy. The fourth edition, published in October, focused on the new regulatory challenges of the circular economy package from the European Commission while the last edition of 2015, published in December, presented the second version of the circular economy package.

This European Digest compliments the weekly Newsline and continues to improve in order to share the latest news with ACR+ members across various interesting areas.

For those who are not yet members, ACR+ publishes an Update three to four times a year. This publication gathers current information about the network from previous months and also advertises upcoming events.

For more information on the information services: www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/publications

- **Website and social networks**



The website, www.acrplus.org, is an information portal with the ACR+ vision, activities and updates and is continuously updated in order to always feature the latest news and upcoming events.

ACR+ is also active on Twitter (@ACRplus). At least 50 tweets are posted monthly and the ACR+ account has around 1095 followers (around 45 new followers per month).

- **Recruitment campaigns**

In order to ensure the stability, influence and financial autonomy of the network, ACR+ is constantly searching for new members. A marketing strategy is put in place both before and after every event so as to inform participants about the advantages of joining the network (which includes the CEN and EPR Club).

Several new members joined ACR+ in 2015: Contarina (IT), EGF (PT), Foundation for Circular Economy (HU), Reloop (EU), Sofia Municipality (BG), Zero Waste Scotland (UK) and GroupeOne (BE).

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New projects

In 2015, 2 new projects, in which ACR+ is participating as a partner, were accepted by the European Commission and were launched:

LIFE FUTURE (30 months): a project with a vision to develop a tool to allow for environmental evaluations within the framework of green public markets to be put in place for urban/public furniture.

IMPACTPAPEREC (24 months): a project allowing for the definition of best practices regarding collection and recycling of used paper for effective recycling of paper.

Annex: ACR+ Events 2015

Date	Event	Topic	Type of activity	Place
19 – 22 Jan.	Technical visits and monitoring committee of MED-3R	Waste Management, Capacity building	Meeting	Nice (FR)
30 Jan.	Algerian visit in Brussels	Capacity building	Visit / training	Brussels (BE)
2 – 5 Feb.	Kick off meeting Don't Waste our Future	Food waste	Meeting	Foligno (IT)
4 – 5 Feb.	Kick off meeting PPI4Waste	Public procurement	Meeting	Sevilla (ES)
12 Feb.	R4R good practices training session: DREC methodology	Recycling, local authorities, data collection	Webinar	N/A
25 Feb.	SCOW capitalisation event	Organic waste, collective selection	Conference	Barcelona (ES)
25 March	EPR Club lunch debate with EXPRA	EPR and packaging (transparency)	Lunch debate	Brussels (BE)
06 March	2 nd workshop NEWAPP	HTC technology	Conference / visit	Valencia (ES)
22 April	EPR Club lunch debate with DSD	Eco-design and EPR	Lunch debate	Brussels (BE)
8-10 May	Let's Clean Up Europe! – European Clean-up Day	Waste prevention, clean-up	N/A	Europe
18 May	EPR Club Conference with FPRC	EPR and circular economy	Lunch debate	Bruxelles (BE)
27 May	EWWR Conference and Awards Ceremony	Waste prevention, EWWR	International conference	Budapest (HU)
28 May	Circular Europe Network meeting	Circular economy	Meeting	Budapest (HU)
28 May	ACR+ General Assembly	N/A	Meeting	Budapest (HU)
04 June	4th NEWAPP Workshop		Workshop	Vienna (AUS)
12 June	Launch of the Educational centre in Rabat	Capacity building / cooperation	Other	Rabat (MA)
24 June	EPR Club lunch debate with EXPRA	Authorisation of PROs	Lunch debate	Brussels (BE)
16 July	EWWR webinar training session	waste prevention, EWWR	Webinar	Online
29 Sept.	ACR+ /DSD Conference "Towards a Green Circular Economy"	Post-consumer plastics, circular economy	Conference	Brussels (BE)
7-8 Oct.	Final Seminar of MED-3R		Seminar	Genoa (IT)
21 Oct.	Circular Economy: European Priority - No time to waste!	Circular economy	Conference	Brussels (BE)
21-22 Oct.	Don't Waste our Future at the Milan Forum		International conference	Milan (IT)
27-28 Oct.	Partners meeting PPI4waste	PPI4Waste	Meeting	Brussels (BE)

29 Oct.	PPI4Waste Procurement Foresight Workshop	Public procurement	Workshop	Brussels (BE)
30 Oct.	Circular Europe Network 3rd Workshop	Circular europe network	Workshop	Brussels (BE)
30 Oct.	ACR+ Extraordinary General Assembly	Modification of statutes	Meeting	Brussels (BE)
04 Nov.	Kick-off meeting Life FUTURE		Meeting	Paterna (ES)
21-29 Nov.	EWWR 2015	EWWR	N/A	Europe
29 Nov.	SWITCHMED Workshop on business models and initiatives driving the Circular Economy in North and South Mediterranean		Workshop	
08 Dec.	EPR Club Planning meeting	EPR	Meeting	Brussels (BE)
16 Dec.	SCOW Final Conference (Barcelona pt 2)	biowaste	conference	Barcelona (ES)

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