



POLICY AND GOVERNANCE WORK PROGRAMME 2025



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In close collaboration with the other thematic areas, increase ACR+ policy input through responding to public and expert consultations on key policy developments, including the Circular Economy Act and Public Procurement Directives, ensuring ACR+ has a consolidated position on these topics.

Provide useful insights and information to the ACR+ members, acquired through projects by publishing reports, organising webinars and other activities. This year's focus is in-line with the EU level developments putting forward industrial innovation, competitiveness and sustainability of the industries.

Activities:



LIFE4EPR project implementation and EPR Club engagement: Launch and actively implement the LIFE4EPR project, focusing on its key objectives:

- **Mapping and analysis of EU EPR schemes:** Conduct a mapping and analysis of existing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes across the EU, and to engage with various stakeholders in different countries and sectors. This process of data collection and analysis would bring together organisations who might not typically interact, facilitating information sharing and potentially identifying common challenges and solutions across different contexts.
- **EPR Club collaboration:** Actively engage and collaborate with the EPR Club, leveraging its network and expertise to support the LIFE4EPR project activities and disseminating project findings. It is expected that the EPR club will organise joint activities, fostering synergy and maximising impact.



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- ➔ **Keep the EPR Club engaged in and up to date on current policy debates:** The EPR Club will actively engage in analysing existing and emerging EPR schemes, including those related to the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive. It will also discuss the potential of EPR schemes within the upcoming Circular Economy Act, as well as explore complementary instruments to achieve circular economy, such as eco-design, to inform policy making. With its work, the EPR club will also aim to identify strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement in EPR schemes across Europe. The club will also address critical aspects such as littering costs, WEEE collection targets, and the integration of re-use and repair activities within EPR frameworks.
- ➔ **Dissemination of the results from policy research on the topic of industrial symbiosis (IS):** Actively disseminate the findings and recommendations from the on-going research on IS focusing on the governance aspects. This will include:
 - **Exploring Governance Strategies to Facilitate Industrial Symbiosis Report:** Publish and promote the results of this report, highlighting key governance strategies for successful IS implementation.
 - **Report on Policy Analysis of High-Potential Regions for Industrial Symbiosis:** publish report and organise a webinar to present and discuss the findings of this report, focusing on policy recommendations for regions with high IS potential.
- ➔ **Strategic engagement on public procurement policy:** The thematic area will strategically engage in public procurement policy at the EU level focusing on:
 - **Stakeholder Expert Group on Public Procurement engagement and directives revision:** Actively positioning ACR+ in the European Commission Stakeholder Expert Group on Public Procurement (SEGPP) to contribute to the revision of the Public Procurement Directives and create new contacts and opportunities.
 - **Leveraging C-PRONE:** Establishing C-PRONE as a gateway on circular procurement. Actively engaging core members to identify and address key topics of interest, fostering knowledge exchange, sharing of good practices, and giving access to a wide community of experts.
 - **Strengthening public procurement:** Capitalising on the momentum of the Public Procurement Directives revision to strengthen public procurement as a key instrument to achieve sustainability objectives and amplify this message.

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- ➔ **Cost of Litter Management:** Finalise and publish the on-going work on the costs of litter management and engage with the interested members, as well as disseminate the results.

Relevant projects:





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