



# WASTE AND MATERIAL FLOWS WORK PROGRAMME 2025



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Enhance knowledge exchange within the ACR+ community on key Waste and Materials Flow topics by organising and promoting participation in a series of events (HOOP Study Visit, Hazards Out series of webinars, HOOP & BIOBEST Final Conferences), sharing technical publication on different aspects of waste management, achieving significant participation across all events, with strong representation from ACR+ members, and better understanding current needs when it comes to waste strategies and management. Supporting ACR+ members with the implementation and improvement of waste management for the fractions with new European sorting obligations: bio-waste, textiles, hazardous waste.

## Main activities:

➔ **Organising events for knowledge exchange and network building:** The thematic area expects to organise and promote participation in a series of events including study visits, webinars, and conferences focused on key thematic priorities like biowaste valorisation and hazardous waste management. These events will serve as platforms to:

- **Facilitate cross-sectoral dialogue:** Bring together ACR+ members with diverse expertise, alongside external experts, industry representatives, and policymakers to foster dialogue and exchange perspectives on specific challenges and solutions within waste and material flows.
- **Showcase innovation and best practices:** Disseminate knowledge and highlight best practices emerging from EU-funded projects (HOOP, LIFE BIOBEST, CISUTAC) and leading organisations, promoting the uptake of innovative approaches.



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- **Build partnerships and collaboration:** Actively encourage networking and collaboration amongst participants during events, fostering new partnerships and strengthening existing relationships between ACR+ members and external stakeholders.
- ➔ **Publication of key reports:** The thematic area will publish and disseminate a series of key reports in 2025:
  - Report on the findings of the "More Circularity, Less Carbon" campaign, providing insights into the link between municipal waste management and carbon emissions and showcasing effective mitigation strategies implemented by ACR+ members.
  - A cross-analysis of underground container implementation in dense European cities, evaluating their impact and questioning the role of collection methods in efficient urban waste management.
  - An in-depth documentation and analysis of social Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) schemes implemented in large European cities, examining their design features and impact on performance, compliance, and costs.
- ➔ **Hazards Out initiative workshops on mandatory separate collection of hazardous waste:** In partnership with FEAD, Hazardous Waste Europe, and NOWMORE, the "Hazards Out" initiative, will implement a series of workshops specifically designed to support the transition to mandatory separate collection of household hazardous waste (HHW), which became a requirement for EU Member States in January 2025.
- ➔ **Sleep Circular partnership on mattress circularity:** participation in the initiative led by FEAD on the collection and recycling of end-of-life mattresses aiming to keep the end-of-life mattresses out of the landfill and incinerators and address the low recycling rates of end-of-life mattresses in the EU. Several webinars will take place during the year.

Participation to the informal expert group on waste of the European Commission

## Relevant projects:





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