

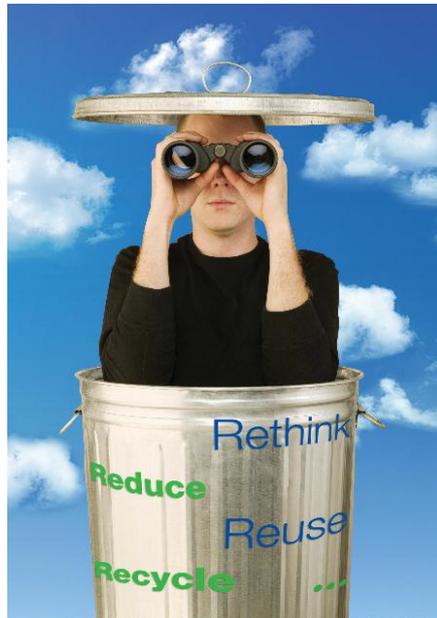


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# ACR+ ACTIVITY REPORT 2013

## ACR+ ACTIVITIES JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2013



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## Introduction

This report covers the period from January to November 2013.

This document intends to summarize the activities promoted by ACR+ in 2013, organised around the following working axis:



**This year, ACR+ activities were based on 5 “pillars”:**

1. Public Awareness and Communication Tools
2. Multi R approach: Technical Tools
3. Legal & Economic Instruments
4. MED Cooperation and Capacity Building
5. Permanent Services to Members

## 1. Public Awareness & Communication Tools

This chapter concerns the communication activities and actions ACR+ promotes in order to increase public awareness on the waste hierarchy/resource efficiency and sustainable consumption. The flagship project is undoubtedly the EWWR Life+ project.

### 5.1. European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR)



After the LIFE+ project 2009-2012 ended in June 2012, ACR+ continued to assume the role of technical Secretariat for the EWWR with the support of the historical partners of the EWWR (ADEME, ARC, IBGE-BIM, LIPOR). In particular, ACR+ provided support to the organisers, coordinated communication and administration of the website, as well as assisted in selecting candidates for the EWWR Awards for the best actions for European Waste Reduction. The 2012 edition met great success, with over 10.000 actions.

In parallel, ACR+ submitted a new proposal for LIFE+ funding in September 2012 and went through a revision phase during the first semester of 2013. After this revision by the LIFE Unit of the European Commission, the proposal was approved and the new project started on 1 July 2013. It will last until 30 June 2017 and involves 5 partners: ACR+ (project coordinator), 3 ACR+ members (AICA, ARC and IBGE-BIM) and the Hungarian Waste Agency. ADEME remains involved by providing financial support.

Capitalising on its past success and the network of public authorities created to coordinate and promote the EWWR in Europe, the new project extends the EWWR scope in order to cover the “3Rs”: reduction, reuse and recycling. In order to help raising awareness on the “3Rs”, the EWWR will develop and test communication tools targeting specific audiences: administrations and associations, businesses, schools, and individual citizens.

Moreover, the EWWR will keep a strong focus on prevention through the development and promotion of Prevention Thematic Days focusing each year on a specific issue: in 2013, the focus was on reuse. In addition, in order to attract the attention of the media, the EWWR will develop and coordinate at European level a **European Clean-Up Day**, called “Let’s Clean Up Europe”, which will take place on **10 May 2014**.

The EWWR project not only focuses the attention of various audiences on the concept of waste reduction, product reuse and materials recycling, but also leads to the emergence of a true community of actors in the field of resource efficiency and to a leading method for sharing information on the 3Rs via good practices, communication tools, data, etc.



**The 2013 edition of the EWWR will take place from 16 to 24 November 2013. 35 public authorities** in 19 countries coordinate the EWWR in 2013, under the global coordination of the EWWR Technical Secretariat (ACR+). The EWWR 2013 will take place under the patronage of Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for the Environment, and with the support of several Members of the European Parliament.

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## 2. Multi R approach: Technical Tools

In the past few years, various developments have been made regarding the aim of reaching a European recycling society. In 2013, the Association increased its efforts to analyse, compare and promote the best practices concerning waste avoidance, selective collection, treatment alternatives, financial schemes and how to optimise costs as well as address questions concerning certain waste flows like WEEE, glass or bulky waste.

### 2.1. Indicators and methodology for monitoring prevention

ACR+ pursues its efforts to put together the technical tools to help set waste prevention targets and to monitor waste prevention actions. In 2013, this mainly took place through the Waste Prevention Database, as well as through the follow-up of two important (and complementary) European projects: Miniwaste and Prewaste, in which ACR+ was a partner.

#### 2.1.1. Online database of quantitative benchmarks for waste prevention

The ACR+ online database of case studies on quantitative aspects of waste prevention (released at the beginning of 2011) has been continuously updated as additional case studies become available and contributions are made. This database is available exclusively to ACR+ Members and provides inspiration for the implementation of concrete actions for waste prevention actions, while assessing their effectiveness.

- More information on [www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/project-themes/waste-prevention-database](http://www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/project-themes/waste-prevention-database)
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#### 2.1.2. LIFE+ project: Miniwaste

The Miniwaste project (2010-2012), piloted by Rennes Métropole (France), presented its results during its final Conference in Rennes, on 20-21 November 2012. Aimed to design, implement and assess an innovative and sustainable strategic plan to minimise municipal organic waste in EU countries, Miniwaste delivered an inventory of bio-waste prevention good practices, demonstration actions in the partner cities, protocols on quantitative and qualitative assessment of composting and a computerized tool to prepare and monitor waste prevention policies and actions. In 2013, ACR+ kept updating the Miniwaste website and sent a newsletter, the “Miniwaste Watch”, twice a year.

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#### 2.1.3. Interreg IVC project: Prewaste

The Interreg IVC project called Pre-waste (01/2010-03/2013), led by the Marche Region (Italy) and aimed to improve regional/local waste prevention policies effectiveness, presented its results during its final conference in Brussels, on 7 November 2012. In particular, the project delivered a methodology on the development of waste prevention strategies at

local/regional level, 50 factsheets on waste prevention good practices, 9 feasibility studies on waste prevention actions and an online tool to help cities and regions prepare and monitor the results of their waste prevention strategies. In 2013, ACR+ contributed to the finalisation of the project and kept updating the Pre-waste website on a regular basis with information related to waste prevention.

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## 2.2. European decentralised observatory on municipal waste recycling performances



The collection of quantitative data concerning waste management at local and regional levels in Europe and specifically the links with recycling performance rates, are at the heart of ACR+ activities. The subject is complex but a high interest has been shown for identifying quantitative recycling targets and best practices, particularly considering the current recycling targets (50% by 2020) set by the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC and the review of these targets.

In 2010, ACR+ launched a European Observatory of municipal waste performances, focusing firstly on the analysis of selective collection performances across different regional/local authorities in Europe. The Observatory also acts as a platform for sharing experiences and demonstrating statistical best practice amongst different cities and regions. Activities of the first 2 years of the Observatory resulted in a **consolidated report published in January 2013** comparing data on selective collection in 2009 in the 3 groups of Observatory participants. The report highlighted the positive feedback from the Observatory participants about the Observatory process of data collection and comparison. It also stressed the need for synergies between the Observatory and the Regions for Recycling project (R4R – see next section below) and underlined that cities and regions can compare data on selective collection more easily than recycling data.

The ACR+ team hosted the **3 Working Group Meeting** in Odense on 14 May 2013. The main orientations set up by this meeting were to work in synergy with the R4R project to continue the work on data collection, to work on the issues of household and assimilated waste, on bulky waste and on specific waste fractions (packaging waste), starting with glass. ACR+ provided information to work on these various topics.



The next milestone is an Observatory meeting in Tallinn planned on 2 December 2013, as a side event of an R4R training on waste data collection and the R4R monitoring webtool, taking place on 3 December. During this meeting, progress on the various working topics is to be assessed. Moreover, a workshop on glass is planned, in coordination with the European Container Glass Federation (FEVE), in order to discuss the various data collection methods along the whole chain of glass products.

- More information on: [www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/project-themes/acr-projects#recycling](http://www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/project-themes/acr-projects#recycling)
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## 2.3. Regions for Recycling (R4R)



Launched as a complement to the work done by the ACR+ Observatory of Municipal Waste Performances, Regions for Recycling (R4R) is a 3-year European project (January 2012 - December 2014), aiming to enable its partners to **improve their**

**recycling performance** through consistent comparisons and an exchange of good practices. R4R is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund's (ERDF) INTERREG IVC programme.

As one of the lead partners, ACR+ is in charge of Component 2 of the project, i.e. Communication and Dissemination. ACR+ supervises all internal and external communications activities, assuring close collaboration of the partners and providing for a wide dissemination of the project through meetings, brochures, newsletters, press releases, press conferences, and support to events. So far, ACR+ has participated and assisted in the development of various communication tools and the organisation of the R4R International conference on 15 May 2013 in Odense. ACR+ is also in charge of managing the R4R website and the publication of the project newsletter.



Besides those communication activities, ACR+ contributes to the project's technical activities, in particular the analysis of the various local instruments and external factors influencing recycling performances. ACR+ is also mobilizing its network to implement R4R tools and methodologies. The next milestone will be a training session organised in Tallinn on 3 December 2013 on waste data collection and the R4R monitoring webtool.

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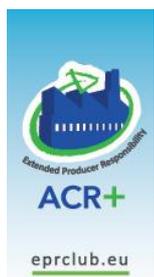
### 3. Legal and Economic Instruments

Legal and economic instruments are essential tools for influencing policy to encourage more sustainable behaviour from private and public sectors as well as citizens/consumers.

The use of legal and economic instruments raises many questions:

- What are the benefits and the drawbacks of each system and its impact on performances and costs?
- What are the most appropriate instruments for achieving the set objectives?
- Which accompanying measures are necessary to ensure effective functioning of the chosen system?

ACR+ tries to answer to those questions through various activities.



#### 3.1. ACR+ European EPR Club

The concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is at the centre of the evolution of the European waste and resources policies. There are many initiatives in the different Member States concerning new waste flows (textiles, paper, furniture, oils, medicines, etc.) and there are also significant variations and interesting debates concerning the existing schemes (packaging, WEEE, batteries, etc.).

**The European EPR Club**, a platform for exchange and debate on Extended Producer Responsibility **launched on 4 June 2012 in Brussels**, is more and more present in discussions at the European level, and has increased the number of members, reaching 15 (members from outside the ACR+ network).

While constantly updating the **Virtual Library**, a comprehensive set of documents on EPR available for members of the EPR Club website, in 2013 EPR Club organised several events:

- **EPR Club Lunch Seminar** on "How can we reach the new WEEE collection targets?", organised in collaboration with the WEEE Forum on 27 February 2013
- **EPR Club Lunch Seminar** on "EPR Schemes: the Case of Poland", organised in collaboration with SITA Belgium on 14 May 2013
- **EPR Club Lunch Seminar** on "EPR & Packaging: Comparing European Systems", organised in collaboration with FEAD on 27 June 2013
- **EPR Club International Conference** entitled "EPR (R)evolution in the European Context", organised in collaboration with Brussels Environment on 19 September 2013

A **publication** compiling the outcomes from the above-mentioned conference is foreseen before the end of 2013.

The Club's budget in 2013 is balanced thanks to the benefit obtained from the International Conference and without considering human resources. One of the objectives is to render the Club financially self-supporting, including the cost of human resources.

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## 4. MED Cooperation and Capacity Building

At the end of 2012, as one of the main outputs of the EU-funded GODEM project, ACR+ has expanded its geographical area to cover the boundary of the Union of the Mediterranean (43 countries being the EU 27 + 16 Mediterranean countries) by creating “ACR+ MED”.

In 2013, ACR+ continued its efforts to develop the network within cities and regions from the South and East of the Mediterranean Countries (SEMC), with the aim of:

- Capacity-building among public authorities with regard to waste management and sustainable lifestyles;
- Exchanging information and expertise concerning solutions adapted to local socio-cultural, technical, legal, institutional, educational and financial contexts;
- Initiating concrete projects in the field of Integrated Sustainable Waste & Resource Management.

### 4.1. The ACR+MED platform



After its creation, ACR+MED launched a dedicated website, published a bi-monthly newsletter and wrote a number of publications (city profiles, technical and funding fact sheets, PCM manual, etc.). However, in order to optimise its services, the **ACR+ secretariat decided to enhance the visibility of ACR+MED and ACR+ activities by merging both websites and newsletters**. The reasons are manifold and can be summarised as follows:

1. ACR+ and ACR+MED members have similar challenges and desiderata regarding waste management and so the information on events and publications can be addressed to both groups;
2. It allows for rationalisation of tasks allowing to deepen the research and thus providing members with more detailed and up-to-date information.

In 2013, **ACR+ organised (or was invited to participate in) the following workshops/conferences** within the scope of its MED activities:

- The Thematic Working Group workshop on plastic bags organised in Brussels on 25 March 2013. ACR+ assisted Brussels Environment, coordinator of the TWG “Priority Waste Flows”, in organising this event. 15 officials from SEMC participated in this workshop.
- ACR+ was invited to present a paper at the bi-annual conference of MESAEP (Mediterranean Scientific Association of Environmental Protection). The paper and presentation covered the topic: “Urban municipal waste flows in the Mediterranean area, Phase 2: moving from less landfilling to more recycling”.
- ACR+ actively participated in the SCOW kick-off meeting (12 June 2013), by giving a presentation on the following topic: “An overview of Southern Europe & Mediterranean Basin bio-waste management models”.

Finally, **within ACR+MED, ACR+ produced the following publications:**

- 5 newsletters dedicated to the Mediterranean area (since September merged with ACR+ Newslines);
  - Report: “Plastic bags, inventory of policy instruments”;
  - Report: “Bio-waste composting: management options for 6 composting strategies”;
  - 3 technical factsheets on targeted waste management issues.
- More information on ACR+MED: [www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/about-acr/acrplus-med](http://www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/about-acr/acrplus-med)
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#### 4.1.1. ACR+MED is involved in several projects

##### **Informal Sector integration in Rabat (Morocco)**

This project is funded by the Brussels Capital Region (BCR-RELEX) for a period of 3 years (2013-2015). It allows ACR + to assist the Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaer (RSZZ) region in organising the Informal Sector (IS) collectors in the city of Rabat in a cooperative structure and by providing the necessary legislative, institutional, technical and educational support to allow for optimal integration. ACR+ also assists the RSZZ in its role of the coordinator of the ACR+ Thematic Working Group (TWG) on “Informal Sector”. This TWG aims to identify the issues, challenges and best practices of the IS, organizing exchanges of experience and the initiation of IS pilot small-scale projects in the Mediterranean. On 22 – 25 2013 April ACR+ took part in the preparatory meeting in Rabat, together with the project funder (BCR-RELEX). The meeting's objective was to assess the work progress and prepare a plan of activities for 2013.



##### **SCOW (associate partner)**

SCOW aims to develop low cost, technically simple and high quality collection and recycling of bio-waste, in territories with touristic areas and agricultural activity. It wants to build up a sustainable, innovative and local treatment of the bio-waste in decentralised small-scale composting plants, developed essentially in agricultural holdings situated near the bio-waste production areas in the partners' territories. ACR+ was invited to speak at the SCOW Launch

Conference on 12 June 2013.

##### **MED3R (associate partner)**

The MED3R project aims to reinforce the involvement of public authorities, industrial, commercial and educative bodies, NGOs and general audience in order to improve the institutional waste management framework within the Mediterranean area. Pilot projects in the field of hotel waste, bio-waste, selective collection, plastic waste, WEEE, hospital waste and recovery of islands waste will be initiated throughout project duration 2012-2015. ACR+ participated at the launch event held in Nice (France) on 12-14 June 2013.



- More information: [www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/project-themes/acr-projects#north-south](http://www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/project-themes/acr-projects#north-south)

#### 4.1.2. Belgian Technical Cooperation study visit programme

Through a contract agreement with the Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC), ACR+ organised two study visits for Algerian officials. The visits aimed at training Algerian officials by offering an overview of presentations and site visits with a particular attention to collection, recycling and final treatment. The first visit took place on 12-21 June, the second on 21-29 November.

- More information: [www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/news/acr-news/314-training-algerians](http://www.acrplus.org/index.php/en/news/acr-news/314-training-algerians)

## **4.2. The Horizon 2020 project**

### 4.2.1. Horizon2020 Capacity Building programme

## **Horizon2020**

The “Horizon 2020 Capacity building programme” is a project funded under the ENPI Mediterranean Environment Program (EuropeAid). ACR+ is the

key thematic expert for waste management. A range of capacity building training sessions and study visits were organised under the responsibility of ACR+ in 2013 and will continue in 2014. As in the previous years, also in 2013 ACR+ members were involved as trainers in this programme.

**The 2013 trainings / study visits provided:**

- Study visit: “New packaging law linked with clean technologies and involvement of enterprises-industries” on 14 - 17 January 2013 in Belgium for 7 Israelis from the Ministry of Environmental Protection;
- Training on: “Effective evaluation of performance, cost, recovery, viability & sustainability of projects (applied to cases of management and operation of landfills and monitoring of solid waste systems)”, on 9 - 11 April 2013 in Ramallah, Palestine, 30 ministry and local authority officials;
- Assistance to team leader in the training: “Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism in the Mediterranean in the wider context of Blue Growth” on 20 - 22 May 2013 in Malta for 50 NGOs and government officials;
- Training on: “Le cycle des bio-déchets – un modèle de gestion des ressources efficace” on 29 - 31 October in Djerba, Tunisia;
- Training on: “Country strategies to move from low levels of recycling to 50%” on 3 - 5 December in Athens, Greece.

The Horizon 2020 Capacity Building programme, funded by the EU from 2010-2012 **was extended for two years to cover the period 2013-2014**. In 2013, the EU organised a thorough evaluation of the current programme in view of the new call that will be launched covering the period 2015-2020. ACR+ actively participated in this evaluation and will take part in the new call (2014?) as a consortium member with the current team leader (University of Athens).

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4.2.2. Horizon 2020 – E-learning module

Through H2020 funding, ACR+ developed an e-learning module on Integrated Sustainable Waste & Resource Management (ISWRM). This training module elaborates on the concept of ISWRM, as a way of understanding and improving existing municipal solid waste management systems at municipal or regional level. This introductory module has 6 lessons:

1. Introduction to the Concept
2. First dimension: Life Cycle Thinking
3. Second dimension: Waste hierarchy
4. Third dimension: Stakeholders
5. Fourth dimension: Operational aspects
6. Fifth dimension: Policy aspects

The module is online on the [www.h2020.net](http://www.h2020.net) website.

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## 5. Permanent Services to Members and Communication

### 5.1. New re-designed website



2013 brought visual changes to ACR+: the launch of the new, re-designed website (in September), was followed by a re-vamped Newsline (weekly newsletter exclusive for our Members) and Update (quarterly newsletter free for all public).

The new website is a new, modern platform, which makes the search for information easier and more pleasant. The user-friendly menu is highly intuitive, while such visual elements as calendar and the rotating news banner make the important information readily available. Most parts of the website have been kept in the three working languages of ACR+ (English, French and Spanish). The address remained unchanged – we can still be found at [www.acrplus.org](http://www.acrplus.org).

### 5.2. Social media

2013 also saw ACR+ enter the Twitter network. On a daily basis, we publish waste management news from all over Europe, as well as up-to-date information on ACR+ activities, publications, events... It is now possible to learn what we are up to practically in real time. Already nearly 200 people and organisations follow us [@ACRplus](https://twitter.com/ACRplus).



### 5.3. Information services for Members & events

ACR+ strives to strengthen the steady dissemination of technical information on all relevant matters to its Members:



- **ACR+ Technical Reports** on specific topics, such as the [Plastic Bags Report](#) published in 2013
- **ACR+ Newslines** for weekly e-news, since September 2013 enriched with a weekly MED corner, containing information from the Mediterranean
- **ACR+ Updates**, quarterly announcements of ACR+ activities and events
- **News from Members** [section on the website](#), where we regularly publish updates on our Members' activities
- **ACR+ Webinars**: ACR+ continued to use [webinars](#) as a simple and resource-efficient way to create a virtual meeting space in order to deliver trainings and disseminate information on ACR+ projects
- **Position Papers**, such as "[ACR+ Position on Waste Targets Revision](#)" and the "[ACR+ Position on the Green Paper on Plastic Waste](#)"

In addition, as partly mentioned in the chapters above, several **events** were organised in 2013, including:

- [Three EPR Club Lunch Debates](#), February – June 2013
- [EPR \(R\)evolution in the European Context Conference](#), September 2013
- [Beyond Waste Prevention: towards Circular Economy Conference & General Assembly](#), November 2013



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## 5.4. ACR+ presence at international events all over Europe

Throughout 2013, members of the ACR+ Secretariat regularly took part as speakers or participants in international conferences, hearings and stakeholders' meetings. The Secretariat, always representing the interest of ACR+ Members, boasts a strong relationship with the Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee, as well as the European Commission.

Moreover, ACR+ was invited to participate in the organisation of several key events dedicated to sustainability and resource management. These included, for example:

### 5.4.1. 7th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns



This high-profile conference took place on 17-19 April 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. ACR+ was a member of the Preparatory Committee and was present during its meetings throughout 2013. ACR+ also hosted a stand and held a break-out session entitled **“Multidisciplinary & multisectoral approaches in sustainable consumption”**.

### 5.4.2. “Save the Planet” – 4th Conference and Exhibition on Waste Management, Recycling and Environment for South-East Europe



The event was held from 29 till 31 May 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria. ACR+ took part in promotion of the event, as well as hosted one of the sessions, entitled **“How to Prepare a Good Waste Reduction Plan: Incentives for Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling”**.

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## ANNEX 1 - ACR+ Events 2013

Date	Title	Topic	Type of Activity	Place	Participants	More info / follow-up
14-17 /01/2013	Horizon2020 study visit - "New packaging law linked with clean technologies and involvement of enterprises-industries"	study visit in Belgium for Israeli participants	study visit	Belgium	7	
29/01/2013	"Waste prevention good practices"	bio-waste, packaging waste, paper waste, bulky waste	webinar	online	20	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
27/02/2013	EPR Club Seminar – "How can we reach the new WEEE collection targets?"	WEEE collection targets	seminar	Brussels	70	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
22/03/2013	"Waste prevention monitoring"	waste prevention actions	webinar	online	20	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
25/03/2013	ACR+MED Thematic Working Group 1 "Priority Waste flows - Plastic bags"	plastic bags	workshop	Brussels	15	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
9-11 /04/2013	Horizon2020 Training - "Effective evaluation of performance, cost, recovery, viability & sustainability of projects"	evaluation of integrated sustainable waste management	training	Palestine	35	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
17-19 /04/2013	7th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns	sustainability	international conference	Geneva	900	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
14/05/2013	EPR Club Seminar – "EPR Schemes: the Case of Poland"	EPR schemes	seminar	Brussels	20	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
15/05/2013	R4R Mid-term Conference	R4R, resource efficiency	international conference	Denmark	60	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
20-22 /05/2013	Horizon2020 Training - "Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism in the Mediterranean in the wider context of Blue Growth"	sustainable tourism	training	Malta	50	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>

Date	Title	Topic	Type of Activity	Place	Participants	More info / follow-up
29-31 /05/2013	"Save the Planet" - 4th Conference and Exhibition on Waste Management, Recycling and Environment for South-East Europe	waste management	international conference	Bulgaria	230	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
27/06/2013	EPR Club Seminar – "EPR and Packaging"	EPR schemes, packaging	seminar	Brussels	50	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
19/09/2013	EPR Club Conference – EPR (R)evolution in the European Context	EPR, Europe, EPR Systems	international conference	Brussels	100	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
10/10/2013	EWWR Webinars: Training Session 1	EWWR, new project	webinar	online	60	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
29-31 /10/2013	Horizon2020 Training - "The cycle of bio-waste: A model for effective resource management"	bio-waste	training	Tunisia	n/a	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
14/11/2013	Beyond Waste Prevention: Towards Circular Economy	waste prevention, circular economy	international conference	Spain	n/a	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
15/11/2013	ACR+ General Assembly 2013	ACR+	General Assembly	Spain	n/a	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
16-24 /11/2013	European Week for Waste Reduction	waste prevention, reuse, recycling	n/a	Europe	n/a	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
2/12/2013	4 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the ACR+ Observatory of municipal waste performances	recycling	experts meeting	Estonia	n/a	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
3-5 /12/2013	Horizon2020 Training - "Country strategies to move from low levels of recycling to 50%"	recycling	training	Greece	n/a	<a href="#">CLICK HERE</a>
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