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## OBJECTIVES

The **Smarter Regulation of Waste in Europe** project (LIFE SMART Waste) is an innovative pan-European partnership between key bodies involved with **addressing waste crime**. It runs from June 2014 until May 2020. LIFE SMART Waste aims to:

- **develop innovative intelligence** gathering and analytical approaches to identify and understand significant waste crime issues (current and future) associated with “challenging” waste streams, problems with waste operators and illegal waste activities
- target the environmental, social and economic problems created by waste crime
- analyse and report on the difficulties that enforcement agencies face in identifying, understanding and tackling waste crime
- develop new and innovative ways of working to **ultimately reduce the impact of waste crime** in European states

## ACTIVITIES

The project **develops, tests, and applies new and modern ways of working**, and demonstrates direct interventions to assess and target illegality in waste streams.

The innovative aspect lies in the **collaborative approach**, where environmental bodies set intelligence and investigatory objectives using common tools around shared areas of concern, then together identify and tackle illegality. For certain interventions, collaborations are likely to involve non-environmental bodies, such as the police, customs or financial authorities.

ACR+ is involved in providing support to the European dissemination of the LIFE SMART WASTE project and facilitating the involvement of stakeholders in the information hub that will be developed by the partners.

## PARTNERS

The coordinator of this project is the **SEPA** (Scottish Environment Protection Agency, UK). It also includes the following partners:

- **ACR+**, Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management (BE)
- **Brussels Environment\*** (BE)
- **Natural Resources Wales** (UK)

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