Some territories in the European Union struggle to meet the EU recycling targets, due to specific challenges or lack of resources.

The COLLECTORS project aims to identify and highlight existing good practices of waste collection and sorting. Our main objectives are to harmonize and disclose available information on different waste collection systems, to gain better insights into their overall performance, and to support decision-makers in shifting to better-performing systems.

Focus on 3 waste streams

COLLECTORS will focus on three waste streams. During the project, we will assess relevant collection systems according to their efficiency, but also taking into consideration the quality of sorted materials as well as positive social and economic impacts for the territories.

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Phase 1. Inventory
Map and harmonize existing information on waste collection systems throughout Europe for packaging and paper waste, WEEE, and CDW. Disclose it on a web-based platform to help decision-makers find systems that are in line with their needs.

- **Inventory of waste collection practices**
  - September 2018 Malta
  - March 2018 Treviso
  - December 2017 START

Phase 2. Assessment
Assess the overall performance of waste collection systems in different geographical areas based on comparable data, using life-cycle assessments and cost-benefit analyses.

- **Twelve case studies**
  - June 2019 Warsaw
  - January 2020 Thessaloniki

Phase 3. Implementation
Stimulate successful implementation of better-performing waste collection systems by providing the necessary tools for decision makers, with tailored instructions per type of location. Multi-criteria decision making will be applied as participatory learning exercises.

- **Implementation guidelines**
- **Policy recommendations** on aligning the different policy levels involved
- **Three customised factsheets** on waste collection systems

**Events**
COLLECTORS will organize five events which include different types of workshops and sessions:
- four regional conferences and one EU conference

**Phase 1. Inventory**

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Get Involved!

- **Regional Working Group**
  - Gathering local and regional authorities, to provide feedback on project activities, validate results, and test proposed methods

- **Citizen Focus Groups**
  - Bringing together local communities and citizens to provide insight into understanding the societal acceptance of collection systems

- **Expert panels**
  - Discussing innovative approaches to waste collection systems