COLLECTORS: what is it about?

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

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

Events

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

Get Involved!

Regional Working Group

March 2018

December 2017 START

Treviso

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

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

January 2020 Thessaloniki

> June 2020 Brussels

June 2020 END

Expert panels

Discussing innovative approaches to waste collection systems