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01. PPI4Waste | Have you registered for PPI4Waste final conference?



After almost three years of work, the [PPI4Waste project](#) is ready to **share the main findings of all the research and activities implemented during the project's lifetime** to help increase the uptake of innovative waste solutions!

02. LIFE SMART Waste | Publication of a new digital brochure



LIFE SMART Waste has published a new [digital brochure](#) to provide an **update on progress at the mid-point of the project.**

Entitled "[Feedback and opportunities for public procurement of innovation in the waste sector](#)", PPI4Waste project's final conference is taking place on **12 September 2017** in **Brussels** (Belgium).

This one day event is divided into two sessions. The first one presents the **main findings of the PPI4Waste project and how public procurement of innovation (PPI) can be experimented and stimulated in the field of waste management**. It is followed by a session exploring **synergies between procurers and projects on innovative solutions**. For more details on these sessions, you can [browse online the programme](#).

Are you interested in **innovation in the waste sector**? Do you have **innovative solutions to offer**? [Register now](#) and join **PPI4Waste Final Conference!**

This event is free charge but [registration](#) is mandatory. Registrations are open until **05 September 2017**.

LIFE SMART Waste is a pan-European project focused on understanding, tackling and reducing waste-related crime. The brochure provides **updates on the launch of the project's communications Hub, intelligence-gathering activities and progress in the development of a range of innovative tools, approaches and techniques** (including financial investigation and horizon scanning tools, Remote Sensing and more).

The brochure is currently available in English and there are also plans to publish French, Dutch, German and Welsh versions to reflect the languages of SEPA's associated beneficiaries.

Details of all LIFE SMART Waste project publications to date are available [online](#).

To register for e-newsletters or find out more about the project and its aims, visit the [project website](#) or contact the [project mailbox](#).

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03. ACR+ organises expert missions to Israel

In the framework of the EuropeAid SWIM/H2020 project, ACR+ organised **two expert missions to Israel in July 2017**. The first mission was held on **plastic waste management**, with the contribution of ACR+ Secretary General Françoise Bonnet and Helmut Schmitz from DSD (Duales System Deutschland – Der Grüne Punkt) as experts. For the second mission on **glass recycling**, Christian Deltre from SUEZ/Minerale and Raf Vanswatenbrouck from GRS Glas Recycling/Rhenus Recycling were involved as experts. On invitation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MoEP), **the experts met with the key local stakeholder** and held meetings and discussions at the MoEP.

Both missions had the objective to understand the **current situation of plastic/glass waste management and recycling in Israel**, and to **assess the environmental, technical and economic aspects and problems of plastic/glass waste management and recycling**. Back in Europe, the experts are now working under the lead of ACR+ on the development of **recommendation papers** on both topics for the MoEP. While the cooperation on the glass recycling topic will come to an end with the paper, the work on plastic waste management will continue with a second mission in early 2018.

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04. Zero Waste Scotland | Investigation of deposit return design options



Scottish Environment Secretary Roseanna Cunningham has confirmed ACR+ member [Zero Waste Scotland](#) will **investigate design options and the associated costs and benefits of how a deposit return in scheme could operate in Scotland's unique environment**.

Zero Waste Scotland also publishes findings from its evidence gathering, undertaken on the Scottish Government's behalf that identify which

05. Brussels Environment | BeCircular annual meeting 2017



Eighteen months after the launch of its regional programme for a circular economy, ACR+ members [Brussels](#) and [Brussels Environment](#) present its first results and host Amsterdam, Glasgow, Lille, London and Paris to put them in perspective at the BeCircular Annual Meeting 2017. Governance, financing, construction, logistics... find out how these pioneering European cities reinvent the economy to meet

areas should be further investigated. **The report summarises the evidence, analysis, and stakeholder feedback** collected as part of this process.

The report is **focused on key questions identified by the Scottish Government** following its initial consultation on the merits of a deposit system, and is not a comprehensive review of the pros and cons of a deposit system. The report specifically considers:

- **Current recycling rates** for items that might be targeted by a deposit system
- The **costs and benefits from a deposit system** for local authority collection services
- The **potential anti-litter impacts** of a deposit return system
- How **consumer behaviour** might be expected to change in the presence of a deposit system, and the value of consumer's contribution to a deposit return system
- The **costs and benefits for manufacturers and retailers** from a deposit system
- The potential impact of a deposit system on **material quality and recycle prices**

Source: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk

06. LIPOR | Publication of the annual report of prevention activities 2016



ACR+ member [LIPOR](#) has published the English version of its **annual report on waste prevention projects and initiatives developed in 2016**. Considering the importance of prevention in waste management, LIPOR took action on three fundamental issues:

- **Changing processes to eliminate waste** at the production stage;
- **Reducing waste at source**, enhanced by a change of mentality;
- **Reusing products** in order to increase savings.

Results and projects presented are gathered under four categories:

- biowaste;
- Repair and re-use;
- Comprehensive measures;
- Communication.

In the conclusion of this report, it is highlighted that in general and in the period under review, **the Waste Prevention Activities Plan has been executed with 90% of the predefined targets achieved**.

economic, social, demographic, health, climate and environmental challenges.

The [BeCircular annual meeting](#) will take place on **12 September 2017 in Brussels**.

To guarantee a successful transition to circular economy on its territories, **Brussels Capital Region aims to team up with other regions and cities in Europe and work together to favour the emergence of new ideas and collaborations**. Thus, representatives from other European cities and organisations - amongst which ACR+ members Zero Waste Scotland, Paris, WRAP, and OREE - have been invited to present their actions. **ACR+ will deliver a speech on how collaborations between cities and regions regarding circular economy can concretely take shape**.

The [programme](#) is available online. [Registration](#) is free of charge but mandatory.

More information: www.circularprojects.brussels

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07. EMULSA | A campaign to say no to cigarette butts on beaches



Starting from 26 August 2017, ACR+ member [EMULSA](#) will carry on an **informative campaign among beach users to raise awareness about the importance of not throwing cigarette butts on the sand and use recycling bins for the waste they generate**. This is one of the actions included in EMULSA's Citizen Environmental Awareness Campaign.

During 6 days, an environmental report will be visiting several beaches to inform users of the cleaning work carried out by EMULSA and ask for the collaboration of smokers who will be given a promotional beach ashtray.

Every day EMULSA is collecting hundreds of cigarette butts during the daily cleaning activities. A special plan of cleaning of beaches and tourist zones has been developed between June and September 2017 to ensure a high level of cleanliness despite the large influx of people.

Source: <http://cuidadoambiental.gijon.es>

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The report is available in [English](#) and in [Portuguese](#). In addition, a report on the [prevention activities for the first semester 2017](#) is also available in Portuguese.

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08. Europe – Call for expression of interest for regional authorities - Boosting the circular economy amongst SMEs in Europe



The European Commission has launched a call for expression of interest for regional authorities in the European Union to invite them to put themselves forward if they are interested in **receiving policy advice in the form of tailored policy briefs from: KPMG, Ecofys, CSR Netherlands and Circle Economy regarding resource efficiency, eco-innovation and circular economy uptake by SMEs**. The policy briefs are expected to be delivered to the organisations in Q1 2018.

Participating regional authorities are expected to **cooperate and share relevant information to make the policy brief as specific to their region** as possible and to plan to **implement policies to support SMEs on this issue**.

Regional authorities interested in receiving policy advice can **apply [online](#)**. Submissions are closing on **18 September 2017**.

The project also offers support to circular solution providers and capacity building for SME support organisations:

- [Call for expression of interest for circular solution providers](#)
- [Call for expression of interest for SME support organisations](#)

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>

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09. Europe – LIFE workshop at the 16th International Waste Management & Landfill Symposium



The EU LIFE programme is hosting a **special workshop on LIFE funding opportunities and innovative waste management solutions** on the opening day of the [16th edition of the International Waste Management and Landfill Symposium](#), to be held in St Margherita di Pula, Italy, on 2-6 October 2017. The LIFE workshop will take place on **2 October 2017** at 15:30.

The workshop aims at **showcasing and disseminating a selection of the latest and most replicable solutions developed by LIFE in the field of waste management**. Additionally, the event will include presentations on the programme's topics in the waste sector for the following years as well as a slot on LIFE funding opportunities and the future call for projects.

The draft agenda of the LIFE workshop is available [here](#).

Registration for the workshop and for the symposium can be made at [this link](#).

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>

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10. UK – Plans to halve Wales' food waste announced



Wales has made significant progress in recent years in reducing the amount of food unnecessarily thrown away. Recent figures, published by ACR+ member WRAP, show a **reduction of household food waste in Wales of 12% between 2009 and 2015**. **Wales' household waste is currently lower than the rest of the UK by around 9%**.

The Welsh Cabinet Secretary, Lesley Griffiths, confirmed in order to build on this progress, she intends to **launch a consultation on a non-statutory target for Wales to halve food waste by 2025**, against a 2006-07 baseline.

Source: <http://gov.wales>

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11. World – Hazardous materials seized in largest global operation against illegal waste



More than 1.5 million tonnes of illegal waste were discovered worldwide during a global operation coordinated by INTERPOL targeting the illegal shipment and disposal of waste.

The month-long '30 days of action' (1-30 June 2017) was the **largest global enforcement action against waste crime and trafficking**, with police, customs, border and environmental agencies from 43 countries participating.

While previous actions have focused on electronic waste, this operation widened its scope to include **all types of illegal waste, such as industrial, construction, household and medical waste**.

The operation was initiated by INTERPOL's Pollution Crime Working Group in response to a call from the global law enforcement community to gather more information about illegal waste streams between countries and regions.

The majority of the illegal waste discovered during the operation was **metal or electronic waste, generally related to the car industry**. In total, **226 waste crimes were reported**, in addition to **413 administrative violations**. Criminal cases included 141 shipments carrying a total of 14,000 tonnes of illegal waste were identified, as well as 85 sites where more than 1 million tonnes of waste was illegally disposed. Some 326 individuals and 244 companies were reported to be involved in criminal or administrative violations in total.

The operational results confirmed that Asia and Africa were the main destinations for waste illegally exported from Europe and North America, with trafficking also occurring between countries within Europe.

Source: <http://www.interpol.int>

ACR+ is committed in tackling waste crime through the project [LIFE SMART WASTE](#). The project is developing a Competitive behaviour analytical tool, new methodologies for waste flow audits and an Intelligence Communication Hub allowing environmental regulators to develop collaborative prevention strategies and to support the design of recommendations for regulatory, legislative and public policy changes.

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12. China – Nation calls time on solid waste imports



China notified the World Trade Organization it will **ban the import of 24 different types of solid waste shipments by the end of 2017**, as part of a campaign to tackle environmental pollution, Reuters reported.

The import ban, which will go into effect at the end of 2017, includes **plastics, slag from steelmaking, vanadium slag, unsorted scrap paper and discarded textile materials**. According to China's WTO filing, the list has been adjusted to **protect the country's environment and the public's health**.

"The move shows that the government is stepping up the fight against pollution and environmental degradation as decades of fast growth have caused the country to be saddled with polluted air, and contaminated soil and water," said Xue Rongjiu, deputy director of the Beijing-based China Society for World Trade Organization Studies.

China has been importing large amounts of plastic waste as raw materials for industrial production. In 2016, China imported 7.3 million metric tons of plastic waste worth \$3.7 billion, accounting for more than half of global imports, according to data from the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Source: www.chinadaily.com.cn

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13. France – Économie circulaire, zéro gaspillage : la Métropole de Lyon s'engage

La Métropole de Lyon a lancé un **appel à manifestation d'intérêt « économie circulaire, zéro gaspillage »**. Avec une enveloppe de 80 000 euros, la Métropole de Lyon s'engage à **faciliter la création de solutions "économie circulaire, zéro gaspillage"** portées par des acteurs variés et à accompagner la dynamique qui existe déjà sur le territoire du Grand Lyon.



Avec l'appel à manifestation d'intérêt "économie circulaire, zéro gaspillage" 2017, la Métropole de Lyon souhaite :

- **soutenir des structures de l'économie sociale et solidaire** qui développent une solution d'économie circulaire pour des raisons sociales ou environnementales ;
- **accompagner des structures de l'économie "classique" qui développent des solutions d'économie circulaire** pour des raisons économiques et/ou environnementales.

Les projets sélectionnés pourront bénéficier d'un accompagnement (soutien financier, mise à disposition de données, matières, bâtiments, etc.).

Source : www.economie.grandlyon.com

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14. España – La Cámara de España crea una Comisión de Economía Circular



La Cámara de Comercio de España ha constituido la **Comisión de Economía Circular**. El objetivo de la Comisión es la **identificación y propuesta de medidas que contribuyan a alcanzar un crecimiento económico más equilibrado y sostenible**.

La Comisión trabajará en tres áreas prioritarias, en particular alcanzar **nuevas alianzas público-privadas** con el objetivo de facilitar el desarrollo de servicios y productos innovadores en el ámbito del medioambiente y al mismo tiempo, garantizar la protección de la salud y calidad de vida de las personas.

Josep Bagué, el presidente de la Comisión, ha señalado que esta Comisión debe constituir un **foro intersectorial de debate, reflexión y sensibilización que permita a la Cámara de España mejorar la vinculación entre las empresas y los territorios donde éstas operan**.

La Comisión elaborará una **Guía que sirva como referente para la elaboración de Planes de Acción de Economía Circular** que incluya, entre otras materias, un listado de materiales prioritarios y productos altamente demandados en materia de Economía Circular; un programa de tratamiento para la mejor recuperación de los materiales prioritarios (principalmente plásticos y materiales cerámicos o derivados de la construcción); alternativas de ecodiseño, y la identificación de actores clave en el sector público y privado que aporten servicios en esas cuestiones.

Más informaciones: www.camara.es

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15. Maroc – Préparation d'une stratégie pour assurer la transition vers l'économie circulaire



Le Maroc compte bientôt préparer son **processus de transition vers l'économie circulaire**. Le secrétariat d'État chargé du Développement durable doit commanditer, pour 1,5 million de dirhams, le 2 octobre 2017 une **étude d'élaboration d'une stratégie de transition vers l'économie circulaire à l'horizon 2030**.

«L'objectif de cette étude est d'examiner les possibilités existantes pour le développement de l'économie circulaire au Maroc et d'élaborer une **stratégie et un plan d'action pour accélérer cette transition vers cette économie d'ici 2030**», précise le ministère.

Concrètement, le consultant retenu pour mener l'étude devra identifier les axes stratégiques sur lesquels il faut agir pour développer l'économie circulaire avec l'élaboration d'un **plan d'action complet pour le développement de chaque pilier d'économie circulaire au Maroc d'ici à l'horizon 2030**, en y précisant les responsabilités ainsi que les mesures à prendre sur le plan technique, institutionnel, financier, législatif et réglementaire. Il s'agit également de produire des **guides techniques** pour permettre aux parties prenantes concernées d'accompagner le développement des différents piliers d'économie circulaire.

Source : <http://lematin.ma>

16. Maroc – Déchets médicaux et industriels : Casablanca-Settat aura bientôt son Plan directeur régional



Le Conseil élu de la Région Casablanca-Settat veut s'adapter à la loi relative à la gestion des déchets et à leur élimination. Selon ce dispositif (28-00), chaque région est appelée à se doter d'un Plan directeur régional de gestion des déchets industriels, médicaux et pharmaceutiques non dangereux.

C'est dans ce cadre précis qu'intervient **l'étude faisant l'objet d'un récent appel d'offres lancé par la Région Casablanca-Settat**. «L'élaboration des plans régionaux est de nature à donner une meilleure visibilité aux objectifs poursuivis par la stratégie nationale encadrant l'organisation du secteur des déchets au Maroc», peut-on lire dans le cahier des charges du projet. Le chantier consistera à **tracer les objectifs à atteindre dans un intervalle de dix ans en matière de taux de collecte et d'élimination des déchets concernés**, en tenant compte des données prospectives en matière économique et technologique. Il s'agit de **déterminer les proportions de chacun des déchets qui devront, d'ici 5 à dix ans, être valorisés, recyclés, détruits ou stockés**. Un recensement des installations d'élimination de ces déchets (par valorisation, incinération, co-incinération, stockage, etc.) sera également effectué, de même que pour les sites appropriés à leur implantation conformément aux orientations des documents d'urbanisme.

Source : www.leseco.ma

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17. Tunisie – La police de l'environnement a dressé près de 350 amendes en moins d'un mois



Au niveau de la municipalité de Tunis, la police de l'environnement a relevé **près 350 infractions depuis son entrée** en fonction a affirmé le coordinateur de la police environnementale Amor Neifer à la radio Mosaïque Fm.

Si dans un premier temps, cette police est entrée en fonction sans dresser des procès-verbaux, cela est possible depuis le 26 juillet 2017.

Depuis cette date et "jusqu'au 16 août, nous avons dressé près de 350 amendes" a-t-il révélé ajoutant que les amendes rédigées étaient toutes de 40 et de 60 dinars. "Quant aux délits, ils ne sont pas encore sanctionnables" a-t-il affirmé.

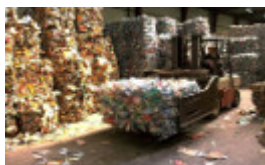
Ainsi au niveau de la municipalité de Tunis, c'est 45 agents répartis en 3 équipes "l'une le matin, l'autre l'après-midi et enfin la dernière le soir" révèle Amor Neifer. Ces **45 agents couvrent l'ensemble du territoire municipal de Tunis qui est composé de 15 arrondissements**. "Ils vérifient que les personnes jettent bien leurs ordures dans les endroits dédiés" mais également si les commerçants respectent la loi: "Ils contrôlent si les commerçants ont signé la convention relative à la gestion des déchets (...) avec la municipalité de Tunis".

Entrée en fonction officiellement le 13 juin 2017, et ce, après un retard enregistré pour des raisons organisationnelles et logistiques, la police de l'environnement compte près de 2 mois d'existence seulement.

Source : www.huffpostmaghreb.com

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18. Algérie – Vers l'instauration du principe du « pollueur-payeur »



Des **textes législatifs et réglementaires sont en cours d'élaboration par plusieurs départements ministériels pour instaurer le cadre légal consacrant le principe du « pollueur payeur » chez les opérateurs économiques**, a indiqué le Directeur général de l'Agence nationale des déchets (AND), Karim Ouamane, dans un entretien accordé à l'Algérie Presse Service.

« Des fonds sont nécessaires pour organiser et tirer profit de la valorisation des déchets. Le principe du pollueur-payeur doit donc être établi et pour lequel des textes multisectoriels sont en cours de validation », fait-il savoir.

Les ministères chargés, respectivement, de l'Environnement, du Commerce, de l'Industrie et de l'Intérieur et des collectivités locales sont les principaux concepteurs de ces textes, précise le même responsable

selon lequel les opérateurs économiques y sont également associés du fait qu'ils sont les premiers concernés.

Source : www.aps.dz

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