## **COLLECTORS:** what is it about?

Many territories in the European Union still lag behind when it comes to achieving current 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** 

## 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

September 2018
Malta

Events

COLLECTORS will organize five events which include different types of workshops and sessions:
4 regional conferences and 1 EU conference

# 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.
- **3 customised factsheets** on waste collection systems

January 2020
Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki

June 2020 Brussels

June 2020 END

# 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 citizens and communities to provide insight into understanding the societal acceptance of collection systems

### **Expert panels**

To discuss innovative approaches to waste collection systems