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1. Introduction

The COLLECTORS project aims to identify and highlight existing good practices of waste collection and sorting. It focuses on three waste streams: paper and packaging (PPW), waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), and construction and demolition waste (CDW). In particular, the objective of the project is to harmonize and disclose available information on different waste collection systems; to gain better insight into the overall performance of systems; and to support decision-makers in shifting to better-performing systems via capacity-building and establishing implementation guidelines.

Therefore, communication and dissemination of results were a very important element of the project and much efforts were dedicated to these activities. To do so, a distribution list was created to which interested people could register. This distribution list received a newsletter every six months to summarise the main achievement of the project, the latest deliverables, and the upcoming events.

This report summarises the content of these 5 newsletters.

2. Contents of the newsletters

2.1 General presentation

The newsletters were all organised in a common way, and included the following sections:

- A “Highlight”, drawing the attention of the reader on the main piece of information of the project
- News from the project, where the latest development and achievements were presented
- News from the partners, presenting activities from the consortium outside of the project activities yet in relation with the project’s topic
- Our latest publication, providing list to COLLECTORS latest public deliverables
- Meet the partners, introducing two partners of the project
- Next events, where the upcoming events organised by the project or where the project was to be presented are indicated.

These different sections were linked with the news, events, partners, or library section of the website where readers are directed to access the full information.

Partners participated in the elaboration of the newsletter by providing news regarding their activity in the project, short updates on the project, main results, events to come, other relevant activities, as well as pictures.

The newsletters were sent to a distribution list composed of contacts who registered to the COLLECTORS list. The first was sent to the different partners’ distribution lists, and the first highlight invited people to register to the COLLECTORS distribution list, which was then used for the next newsletters.

2.2 First newsletter

Send on 05/06/2018 to 1,702 recipients.



COLLECTORS Newsletter #1

HIGHLIGHT

Subscribe to the COLLECTORS newsletter!

This first newsletter was sent to you by one of the project partners. COLLECTORS is a Horizon 2020 project bringing together consultancies, universities, and networks of public authorities and Extended Producer Responsibility organisations focusing on municipal waste collection. Three waste streams will be investigated:

Paper and packaging waste

Waste electrical and electronic equipment

Construction and demolition waste

If you wish to be informed of the project's upcoming news, make sure to subscribe to our distribution list.

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NEWS FROM THE PROJECT

First steps of the project



After some months of waiting and preparing, we could officially start with the project in December 2017. The first phase will focus on an inventory of existing information on waste collection systems.

[Find out more](#)

COLLECTORS kicks off in Treviso



The COLLECTORS consortium met for the first time in Treviso on 20 March 2018, hosted by Contarina S.p.A, the public waste management company of the province of Treviso. Project's partners focused their efforts on the first steps of the identification of good practices focusing on the three target waste streams.

[Find out more](#)



Key parameters for waste collection systems defined

The first task of the COLLECTORS project was to “define a key parameter set for waste collection systems” which would be suitable for describing and assessing key elements of waste collection systems, identifying local and regional practices

which have the potential to serve as good practice examples and preparing an inventory of waste collection systems to support decision-makers in shifting to better-performing collection system.

[Find out more](#)



Join the Regional Working Group!

Willing to participate to the COLLECTORS Project? The Regional Working Group welcomes any cities and regions that wish to be involved in the technical work and provide feedback on the ongoing activities.

[Click here to register!](#)

NEWS FROM THE PARTNERS



Capannori – A Zero Waste Champion

COLLECTORS' partner ZWE issued a report highlighting the “zero waste” story of Capannori that experienced a 40% waste reduction over the past 10 years.

[Find out more](#)



Latest news about WEEE

COLLECTORS' partner WEEE Forum shares some of the latest news from its network.

[Find out more](#)

VERAM Final Conference “EU Raw Materials 2050: Roadmap to Success”



The VERAM project has developed a Vision and Roadmap for European Raw Materials in 2050, based on raw materials research and innovation (R&I) coordination.

[Find out more](#)

OTHER NEWS



European Parliament approves Circular Economy package

The Circular Economy package was finally agreed on 18 April 2018 by the European Parliament.

[Find out more](#)

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LATEST REPORTS

Key parameters for waste collection systems defined and validated

The first report presents the method used to identify the key parameters allowing to document the collection systems that will be included in COLLECTORS' database, which will be used for the identification of good practices.

[Find out more](#)

2.3 Second newsletter

Send on 23/10/2018 to 601 recipients.



COLLECTORS
WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEMS ASSESSED
AND GOOD PRACTICES IDENTIFIED

COLLECTORS Newsletter #2

HIGHLIGHT

Catch up with the project's developments!

The COLLECTORS project has been running for about 10 months. After its kick-off meeting in Treviso, where the consortium discussed and selected the key parameters to document waste collection systems, the project has been progressing toward its goal to identify, document, and disseminate good practices on municipal waste collection and recycling.

The definition of key parameters led to three data templates for each of the waste streams tackled by the project (paper and packaging waste, WEEE, and construction and demolition waste), which were used by the different partners to collect data on waste collection systems across Europe. To do so, they took advantage of publicly available data and directly contacted local authorities.

This data collection led to the definition of a [consistent database](#) which is now used to identify good practices, leading to the definition of 12 “case studies”: waste collection systems that achieve interesting results in different contexts, e.g. in high or low density areas, touristic places... This selection of case studies was achieved thanks to the participation of public authorities through multi-criteria decision making exercise organised during the [2nd project meeting in Malta](#), where participants could share their opinion on key criteria to make such selection.

The next steps of the project will consist in consolidating the database and

performing cross-analyses, as well as identify the final list of the 12 case studies, that will then be further analysed to assess their environmental, economic, and “circular” performances.

The consortium will also focus its efforts to progressively make available its finding, especially through the implementation of a web platform making the database accessible in a user-friendly way.

NEWS FROM THE PROJECT

New step with the identification of 24 well-performing waste management systems in Europe



Gathered in Malta from 25-28 September 2018, COLLECTORS reached a new stage with the first steps of the selection of 12 case studies to be studied in the coming months.

[Read more](#)

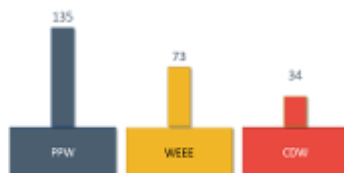
Waste management in islands and remote areas



On 26 September 2018, the 2nd conference of COLLECTORS took place in Malta, hosted by WasteServ Malta, focusing on waste management in islands and remote areas. In particular, it included two roundtables enabling public authorities to discuss challenges and solutions to waste management on islands and remote areas as well as how to boost performances by re-shaping waste management systems. Presentations from the conference are available online.

[Read more](#)

COLLECTORS goes to the next round! 242 waste collection systems throughout Europe mapped!



After the set of key parameters for describing and assessing key elements of waste collection systems has been defined in the first project phase, the actual “mapping of information on waste collection systems throughout Europe” finally started in spring 2018. It led to an inventory including information on 242 local waste collection systems from 25 EU countries.

[Read more](#)

Experts discussed criteria for identifying good practices in waste collection



During the working sessions held in Malta, members of the Regional Working Group, together with the local experts and project partners discussed the criteria that should be used for identifying good practices in different regional contexts.

[Read more](#)

NEWS FROM THE PARTNERS

Fostering smart technologies and related policies in waste management: the WINPOL project kicks off



WINPOL, a new Interreg Europe project, has just been launched. It gathers European cities and regions committed to mainstream the use of intelligent equipment and related waste management policies on their territories and beyond.

[Read more](#)

First International E-Waste Day met with success



The first International E-Waste Day held on the 13 October 2018 to promote the proper management of electrical and electronic equipment has been hailed a ‘tremendous success’ by its organisers.

[Read more](#)

Publication of the “WEEE Compliance Promotion Exercise”



A study on common challenges regarding WEEE management in the EU Member States has been published by BiPRO – Part of Ramboll and Deloitte, including 28 country factsheets on the practical implementation of the WEEE Directive in the individual Member States, and eight country policy fiches containing an in-depth analysis of challenges and good practices in the selected Member States.

[Read more](#)

OTHER NEWS

The Council of the EU adopts conclusions on the EU action plan for the circular economy



On 25 June 2018, the Environment Council adopted conclusions on delivering the EU action plan for the circular economy. The Council reconfirmed the potential of the circular economy to achieve sustainable growth and to reduce the dependency of the EU on non-renewable primary raw materials, in particular through an increased recycling of plastic products.

[Read more](#)

MEPs propose ways to boost plastics recycling



New EU-wide standards and definitions for biodegradability and compostability, and a complete EU ban on oxo-degradable plastic by 2020 are among the proposals set out in the non-binding draft resolution adopted on 13 September 2018 by the European Parliament.

[Read more](#)

European Commission reviews implementation of EU waste rules



The European Commission published the latest review of how well EU waste rules are applied across Europe, presenting challenges and ways forward. 14 European countries that are lagging behind are presented with early warning reports, including possible actions to improve their waste management.

[Read more](#)

Reduce and Refuse, Recycle and Replace – Plastics Roadmap for Finland



The Plastics Roadmap for Finland, prepared by a cooperation group appointed for this purpose, has been submitted to Minister Tiilikainen. It is the first step towards a new, sustainable plastic economy. Of the more than 100 proposals made, the roadmap presents a set of key actions to find solutions to challenges caused by plastics.

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SEE US THERE

[COLLECTORS at Ecomondo](#)

6 November 2018

Rimini, Italy

[Critical Raw Materials in our everyday life](#)

12 November 2018

Brussels, Belgium

2.4 Third newsletter

Send on 18/07/2019 to 621 recipients.



19 July 2019 - COLLECTORS Newsletter #3

HIGHLIGHT

An exciting time for COLLECTORS

The last half year has been a very happening period for COLLECTORS and the Consortium of partners involved in it. Having completed the first out of three [phases](#) of the project in early 2019 — the one focused on inventorying waste data — the Consortium made public two important deliverables in June. The first was a waste platform containing information about almost 242 waste collection systems from 24 countries (see below). The second was a library containing the data sources that the partners consulted while doing research for the web platform.

The second phase of the project, which assesses the performance of waste collection systems through case studies, is already well underway. Twelve case studies are currently being analysed from an economic, environmental, societal acceptance and value chain perspective. Some preliminary results of the analyses were already presented at the COLLECTORS conference in Warsaw on 26 June.

Not only that, but the partners are currently preparing to launch the third (implementation) phase during autumn in order to translate the knowledge and information accumulated thus far into policy recommendations, guidelines and capacity

building materials. Two upcoming meetings in Thessaloniki and Brussels will further cement the transition from theory to practice.

Through it all, the COLLECTORS Consortium has made it a point to maintain open and ongoing communication with its stakeholders in order to publicise its work and receive outside input on it. The main communications opportunity in the last six months was the project's public conference in Warsaw on 26 June. But the Consortium has also participated in important European events like the EU Green Week and the Raw Materials Summit 2019.



NEWS ABOUT THE PROJECT

New web platform and waste library are now online!

June 2019 marked the culmination of months of work that the partners in the COLLECTORS Consortium had invested in gathering information and inventorying data about waste collection systems. The result of these efforts was the launch of the COLLECTORS web platform, a compilation of factsheets about 242 collection systems for paper and packaging waste, WEEE and construction and demolition waste, as well as the publication of a waste library.

[Read more](#)

Societal acceptance of waste collection in focus at COLLECTORS conference in

Warsaw

On 26 June 2019, COLLECTORS, together with the City of Warsaw, co-organised a public conference on the topic of public participation in and social acceptance of new waste collection systems. The event was open to the public and fully booked, gathering almost 120 representatives of different European regions and cities, along with Polish municipalities and waste experts.

[Read more](#)

Parallel master classes at Warsaw conference shed light on separate collection of PPW, WEEE

The attendees at the COLLECTORS conference in Warsaw on 26 June also had the opportunity to participate in two master classes that focused on the importance of separate waste collection for two main fractions: paper and packaging waste (PPW) and WEEE.

[Read more](#)

COLLECTORS partners discuss multi-criteria decision making at Regional Working Group meeting

On 25 June, the day before the Warsaw conference, the COLLECTORS project partners gathered in the Polish capital to take part in a decision-making exercise under the umbrella of the Regional Working Group (RWG). They were also joined by nine experts representing different European regions.

[Read more](#)

NEWS FROM THE PARTNERS

ACR+ marks 25th anniversary with announcement of carbon campaign launch

Over 60 representatives of ACR+ and its member institutions gathered at Dublin's historical Smock Alley Theatre on 13 June for the annual ACR+ General Assembly, the organisation has announced in a press release. The event kicked off the celebrations for its 25th anniversary with the announcement of a carbon campaign aimed at helping participants reduce their CO2 emissions across the entire lifecycle of products.

[Read more](#)

Mark your calendars for the second International Electronic Waste Day on 14 October

After a successful first edition on October 13, 2018, WEEE Forum will organise the second iteration of the International E-Waste Day (IEWD), the organisation announced earlier this year. In 2019, the event will be celebrated on Monday, 14 October.

[Read more](#)

Telaketju project reveals promising market potential for circular textiles in Finland

COLLECTORS project partner VTT, together with five other Finnish collaborators, have completed the first phase of the Telaketju project, according to a press release published on 15 May. Launched in 2017, the project focuses on creating a business value chain related to the recycling, sorting and use of end-of-life textiles in Finland.

[Read more](#)

Ramboll to support Indonesia with waste management systems on several islands

Ramboll will be assisting the Danish Environmental Protection Agency (DEPA) and the Danish Energy Agency (DEA) in rolling out the Sustainable Islands Initiative (SII), a solid waste management project based in Indonesia, the consultancy announced in a press release published on 12 June 2019. The project is the result of a cooperation between the Indonesian environment ministry, DEA and DEPA.

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OTHER NEWS

EU to ban single-use plastics

The EU's Single-Use Plastics Directive (Directive 2019/904), which came into force on 2 July 2019, represents a milestone in the bloc's efforts to contain the generation of plastic waste by forcing member states to prioritise non-toxic reusable products and reuse systems. The

Directive enriches the EU's plastics strategy, which was already one of the most stringent in the world, placing the bloc at the vanguard of the fight against single-use products.

[Read more](#)

Circular economy a centrepiece of Finland's presidency of the EU Council

Finland took over the rotating presidency of the EU Council on 1 July 2019 with an ambitious agenda in which climate action will play a central role. During the six months it will spend at the helm of the institution, Helsinki will work to integrate the circular economy into the next Commission's work programme, as well as to encourage member states to reach a consensus on key topics related to the circular economy, it has announced.

[Read more](#)

Waste sorting robots gain traction as countries strive to develop local recycling

As more and more countries scramble to set up their own recycling industries following China's ban on imports of low-quality recyclables, the popularity of waste sorting robots has been on the rise. In recent months, reports about a flurry of such robots developed both by commercial companies and by research institutes have emerged, pointing to a growing interest in automating the task of waste sorting.

[Read more](#)

OUR LATEST PUBLICATION

Analysis of boundary conditions for waste collection systems

This report seeks to identify boundary conditions for waste collection system to positively contribute to the circular economy, for example by producing sufficient quantities of sorted materials available for high-quality recycling. It focuses on the three waste fractions covered by the project: paper and packaging waste (PPW), WEEE and construction and demolition waste (CDW).

[Read the report](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[The fourth COLLECTORS public conference in Thessaloniki](#)

11 December 2019

Thessaloniki, Greece

2.5 Fourth newsletter

Send on 18/12/2019 to 627 recipients.



18 Dec 2019 - COLLECTORS Newsletter #4

HIGHLIGHT

Ending the year on the right foot

The COLLECTORS project has come a long way in 2019, its penultimate year. Early in 2019, the Consortium wrapped up the first of three phases of the project, devising two helpful tools for waste management practitioners: an online [database](#) of almost 250 waste collection systems and a [library](#) of sources about the collection systems included in the database.

Next, we picked and analysed 12 case studies of best practices in waste collection, looking at their economic, environmental, social acceptance, and value chain implications. The case studies highlighted the fact that improving municipal waste collection leads to an overall lower environmental impact, while keeping net costs stable and a high level of satisfaction for residents.

More recently, we launched the implementation phase – the last one – of the project in autumn 2019 in order to channel the knowledge we have accumulated into guidelines for the implementation of waste collection systems and policy recommendations. Thus far, preliminary discussions organised with representatives of European cities and regions has enabled the Consortium to better understand their expectations.

Throughout the year, we have communicated within the Consortium and engaged with external stakeholders in order to validate our findings at two Regional Working Group meetings and public

conferences: in Warsaw in June and, more recently, in Thessaloniki in December.

The latter gathering focused on finding pathways to transition from municipal waste management systems to circular economy strategies. The conference presented the challenges faced by Greek municipalities, as well as the new strategy implemented by the city of Thessaloniki to overcome them. It also highlighted the fact that municipal waste management systems need to transition to more market-oriented strategies that better align with the need of the recycling industry for higher quality applications.

The Consortium is thankful not only for the quality of the presentations and discussions, but also for the coverage that the event enjoyed. Thanks to our host – the municipality of Thessaloniki – and to [ReWEEE project](#), our co-organisers, we were featured on [television](#) in Greece. This means that our work is reaching a wider public than the pool of experts and policymakers with whom we normally work.

All in all, 2019 has been a busy, but fulfilling year. But that is not to say that we will rest on our laurels in 2020, for we are working on a few more initiatives before our final conference in June: the publication of the implementation guidelines, as well as three webinars highlighting the main findings of the project in a practical way.

Before we embark upon all this, however, we will take a break during the holidays to reflect on what has been done and recharge our batteries for what is awaiting. On that note, we would like to wish all the project stakeholders, supporters, partners, and followers a very Happy Holiday Season and a fulfilling New Year! The COLLECTORS Consortium thanks you heartfully for your invaluable contributions to our project. We hope to be able to count on your support in 2020 and to see as many as you as possible at our final conference in Brussels.



NEWS ABOUT THE PROJECT

Fourth COLLECTORS public conference discusses challenges and opportunities for waste collection systems

On 11 December, the COLLECTORS project organised its fourth public conference in collaboration with the [ReWEEE](#) project. The conference was opened by Nikolaos Zeimpekis, City Councillor in charge of waste management at the Municipality of Thessaloniki, which was also the host of the event. The overall focus of the event was how to transition from municipal waste management systems to circular economy strategies.

[Read more](#)

Experts analyse local decision-making processes at fourth RWG

The fourth Regional Working Group (RGW) meeting of the COLLECTORS project was held in Thessaloniki on 10 December. Nine experts representing eight European regions participated in the workshop. The aim of the meeting was to discuss and to analyse the decision-making challenges related to improving waste collection systems at the local level.

[Read more](#)

NEWS ABOUT THE PARTNERS

Ramboll advises the EC on reducing the environmental impact of plastics

A team of experts led by Ramboll is supporting the European Commission in an 18-month project to prepare guidance documents and implementation actions for Member States following the adoption of the new [EU Directive 2019/904](#), on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment.

[Read more](#)

VTT to lead research project on recyclable and compostable electronics

VTT, together with a dozen partners, will research the potential for developing recyclable and compostable electronics and optical materials using renewable resources as part of a two-year project. Funded by Business Finland to the tune of €4.2 million, ECOtronics aims to develop materials that can be safely recycled, composted, or even that decompose in nature.

[Read more](#)

EUROCities and Oslo launch Plastics Declaration

EUROCITIES and the city of Oslo have launched a Plastics Declaration committing cities to curbing plastic use and developing a strategy to significantly reduce plastic waste by 2021. The declaration has 23 signatory cities to date.

[Read more](#)



ACR+ kicks off carbon campaign for public authorities

On November 19, ACR+ launched a campaign titled “More circularity, less carbon”, which aims to help cities and regions connect their circular economy strategies with their climate change mitigation efforts. To kick off the campaign, ACR+ hosted a panel discussion in Brussels that coincided with the European Week for Waste Reduction ([EWWR](#)).

[Read more](#)

Repic (UK): Closing the gap between WEEE projections and actual collections

Repic, the UK’s largest WEEE producer compliance scheme and a member of COLLECTORS project partner WEEE Forum, has published a report titled Understanding WEEE and EEE flows to support implementation of policy objectives. Exploring the scale of potential WEEE available for reuse and recycling, the report can be accessed [online](#).

[Read more](#)

OTHER NEWS

Circular economy underpins much-anticipated European Green Deal

On 11 December, the European Commission unveiled the European Green Deal – a comprehensive set of measures that illustrates the vision of the institution for a climate-neutral continent by 2050. The [document](#) comprises a series of 50 steps to be undertaken in seven areas in order to mitigate the EU's environmental and climate impact.

[Read more](#)

World's largest polluters set up \$1.5bn fund to improve waste collection in SE Asia

The Alliance to End Plastic Waste, a consortium of companies comprising 30 of the largest polluters in the world, has set up a \$1.5bn fund to improve waste collection and recycling in developing countries. The focus will be South-East Asia, which is the destination for much of the world's exports of recyclable materials and where the problem of plastic leakage into waterways is at its most severe.

[Read more](#)

Waste collection and transport in new EU green taxonomy report

Part of the EU's efforts to establish a so-called green taxonomy – that is, investment guidelines and criteria to channel private investments in sustainable practices and sectors – a technical [report](#) looking at the potential activities and sectors to be included in the taxonomy was published in June 2019. On 5 December, EU negotiators agreed on the key activities to be included in the taxonomy, deciding, crucially, to exclude gas and nuclear energy.

[Read more](#)

OUR LATEST PUBLICATION

Report of recommendations for improvement of single systems and optimum operations conditions of waste collection systems

This report provides the environmental assessments of 12 case studies on waste collection in Europe using the life-cycle assessment method devised by COLLECTORS. It analyses how improving municipal waste collection can reduce the environmental impact for the three waste fractions covered by the project.

[Read the report](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COLLECTORS Final Conference

June 2020

Brussels, Belgium

2.6 Fifth newsletter

Sent on 30 June 2020 to 655 recipients



30 June 2020

COLLECTORS Newsletter #5

HIGHLIGHT

COLLECTORS is coming towards the end...

After 2.5 years of hard work the COLLECTORS consortium is ready to present all its findings and results! The documentation of many European local waste collection systems, the in-depth analysis of 12 specific case studies, as well as the involvement of different players of the recycling value chain, have enabled us to compile practical guidelines and policy recommendations to shift to better waste collection systems.

Without giving away too much, we can already give you a first taste with some preliminary conclusions. The COLLECTORS project found out that there is a need not only for improving knowledge but also the data available at local level on the potential for improvement, the quality and outcomes of sorted fractions, unreported WEEE streams, and costs of waste collection system. This hampers the proper comparison and identification of good practices for better aligning waste collection with the needs of end-users. More harmonization of sorted guidelines of paper and packaging waste can also be recommended, to make it easier for citizens to sort waste. When it comes to WEEE, much needs to be done to tackle illegal practices that seriously hinders local performances, the quality of sorted fractions, and the economic balance of collection

systems. This can be promoted through the implementation of national policies (such as the ban on cash transaction for scrap metal), and the development of local actions (such as securing collection points). Financial instruments yield a significant potential for improving local performances. Adequate national instruments should be implemented to make sure that re-use and recycling are economically-viable options for local waste collection systems.

We originally planned to share these results at our final conference in Brussels this June. Unfortunately, the unforeseen consequences of the COVID-19 situation have forced us to postpone our final event. Keep an eye on the COLLECTORS website where we will soon announce the new date.

NEWS ABOUT THE PROJECT



COLLECTORS guidelines and policy recommendations are now available!

After 2.5 years of researches and exchanges with different players of the recycling value-chain, the COLLECTORS consortium is happy to share with you its findings by publishing two documents: the **COLLECTORS guidelines** aiming to provide recommendations and good practices for local waste collection systems to better assess their situation and improve their performances; the **COLLECTORS policy recommendations**, providing propositions on how to improve national and regional framework conditions.

Both reports capitalise on the work of the consortium, but also the exchanges with external stakeholders and collaboration with other EU projects.

[Read more](#)

Share your experience: the impact of COVID-19 on local waste systems

COLLECTORS wants to use its strength and expand the exchange of experience to try to bring answers to the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. During the last months of the project, one of the partners, namely ACR+, mapped how public authorities in Europe and beyond reacted and adapted their waste management systems. In order to increase the resilience of municipal solid waste collection systems, ACR+ wants to hear directly from municipal and local authorities or their waste operators about the consequences of the crisis on their waste systems, through an online survey (open until the end of July 2020). This survey will lead to the publication of an aggregated analysis, accompanied by highlights on specific practices.

[Read more](#)[**Fill in the survey**](#)

Webinars: discover the presentations and the recordings

Three webinars were organised to summarise the main findings of the project and to give the floor to local players that implemented good practices identified by COLLECTORS. Each webinar focused on one of the three waste fractions covered by the project. In case you missed the webinars, or if you want to consult the presentations, make sure to visit the COLLECTORS website!

[Read more](#)


Findings from COLLECTORS expert workshops are published in two reports that focus on decision-making based on multiple criteria

Two new reports summarise the main findings from COLLECTORS MCDM studies and expert workshops. The first report presents *examples on how MCDM* can be used as a participatory method to support idea generation and the decision-making process as a whole. The second report focuses on the evaluation criteria that could be used for monitoring the performance of a waste collection system, comparing collection systems in different regions and evaluating the impacts of alternative collection strategies or means of collection.

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NEWS ABOUT THE PARTNERS



PNO has a new company: EGEN

Our PNO Energy & Environment and Transport & Sustainable mobility teams continue under the name *EGEN*. Can you imagine what more than 30 such professionals can do together? Sustainable innovation that matters! This way EGEN wants to be able to help you achieve your green transition, investment or innovation even better. From research and strategic innovation advice, project development and applying for subsidies and financing to guidance in the exploitation and realisation of impactful projects. Recently, together with more than 250 other Dutch businesses, EGEN signed the Green Recovery Statement to pledge for a sustainable recovery of the economy after the COVID-19 crisis.

[Read more](#)

Characterisation of fires caused by batteries in WEEE

Batteries, when damaged, increasingly cause electrical and electronic products to catch fires. In the past few months, organisations representative of the industry that manages the collection and treatment of spent batteries and electronic waste (WEEE) and of manufacturers of home appliances and consumer electronics gathered to exchange views about this issue of growing concern in order to design measures to counter the frequent occurrence of fires. A survey among recyclers resulted in a better understanding of the issue of fires in the WEEE management chain. The report, "Characterisation of fires caused by batteries in WEEE", has been prepared by EuRIC and the WEEE Forum with the active contribution of experts from various organisations including ecosystem, a PRO in the WEEE Forum, and the co-signatories namely EERA, EUCOBAT, Municipal Waste Europe and the WEEELABEX Organisation.

[Read more](#)



ACR+ new founding member of Close the Glass Loop

ACR+ joined the [Close the Glass Loop platform](#) to achieve with the other founding members 90% of glass packaging collection for recycling by 2030. ACR+ will have a key role in gathering data to build an overview of how the glass collection and sorting chain work in the Member States, cross-analysing for this national frameworks and local waste practices.

ACR+ will not hesitate to build bridges with COLLECTORS as the project's research and findings can be very functional to the work of Close the Glass Loop.

[Read more](#)

OTHER NEWS

Guidance for separate collection of municipal waste

The European Commission is in the process of preparing guidelines to assist and facilitate Member States in the separate collection of hazardous waste fractions produced by households as required by the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC (WFD).

[Read more](#)

The Netherlands introduce a deposit on small plastic drinks bottles from

2021

Following an agreement with the packaging industry, Dutch Environment Minister Stientje van Veldhoven announced that the country will introduce a EUR 15 cent deposit fee on all plastic bottle smaller than one litre. It will come into effect on 1 July 2021, with the aim of further reducing plastic litter as the target of reducing by 70-90% the littering set in 2018 has not be reached.

[Read more](#)

German Battery law amendment ensures national recovery and high-quality recycling

The German Federal Cabinet has initiated an amendment to the Battery Act. According to it, all battery manufacturers will have to register, and all take-back systems for used batteries will be approved by a single body. New minimum standards for the collection of used batteries should guarantee high-quality and safe disposal.

[Read more](#)

OUR LATEST PUBLICATIONS

COLLECTORS guidelines

They include practical recommendations for local collection of paper and packaging waste, WEEE, and construction and demolition waste. It includes general recommendations, as well as more concrete illustrations on how local players succeeded in tackle local challenges and improve their performances.

[Read the guidelines](#)

COLLECTORS policy recommendations

They address six key topics and challenges highlighted by the project and provide different propositions to improve the EU, national, and regional frameworks so that local players can implement successful, economically-viable waste collection systems.

[Read the policy recommendations](#)

NEXT EVENT

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COLLECTORS final conference
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