Legislative challenges and implementation of European environmental regulations

A local/regional authorities perspective

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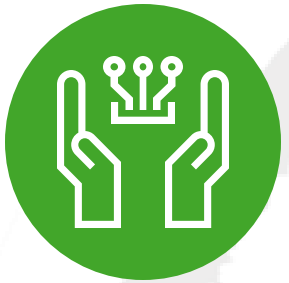
ACR+ STORY

Our international network supports the transition to the circular economy in cities and regions already for 30 years

- About 100 members
- 22 countries in EU and Med area
- More than 1 100 municipalities represented
- Strong team of 15 experts
- Brussels-based
- Multistakeholder approach

Our mission it to provide our members with concrete tools and approaches to enact the transition towards waste-free circular systems in their territories and beyond



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CHALLENGES

The global context

- **New EU priorities** : defence, competitiveness
- **Energy vs. material resources** (e.g waste to energy vs. circular economy)

The EU policies

- **Omnibus** and focus on EU competitiveness leading to deregulation
- **Incomplete or lack of regulation** (PFAs)
- **Linear** products and systems that need to be addressed by **EU product policies**

National frameworks

- Cities and Regions are in charge of implementing most of the provisions of EU regulation while Member States transpose the European rules
- The need for the “right” economic instruments decided at different levels (EPR schemes vs. local waste taxes) and for the “right” governance models

FOCUS ON 3 LEGISLATIONS

Extended producer responsibility

- **Cost coverage**, a never-ending story: little compliance, no sanctions
- **SUP directive transposition**: very fragmented, difficulty to calculate littering costs

Green Public Procurement

- Local and regional authorities need **legal certainty** from the Directive and **support from non legislative measures**
- **Made in Europe** criteria?

Multiannual Financial Framework

- The proposed next MFF needs the cooperation of local and regional authorities, but **it does not currently recognize their involvement as a mandatory element** for national governments to include
- **Multi-governance and partnership principles** must be secured

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