



Meet ACR+

Cities and regions
enacting a just,
sufficient, and
circular transition

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THE ASSOCIATION OF CITIES AND REGIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

As an international network, ACR+ has been supporting the transition to the circular economy in cities and regions for 30 years



- + 80 members
- + 22 countries in EU and Med area
- + More than 1 100 municipalities represented
- + Strong team of 16 experts
- + Brussels-based
- + Diverse portfolio

Representing local and regional authorities, ACR+ also welcomes public utilities, NGOs, academics, private sector actors.



ACR+ VISION

Vibrant cities and regions where the economic and the ecological systems go hand in hand, through policies aimed at a fair distribution of wealth and resources, a fair access to public services, while guaranteeing positive effects on the environment and public health.



No green ambitions will be achieved without circular economy



The transition we need is a just transition driven by the sufficiency principle



Cities and regions are at the heart of sustainability action

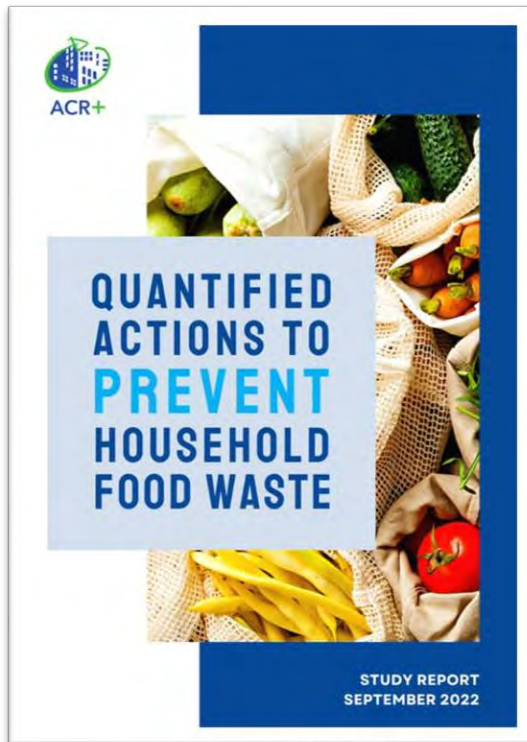
FOOD WASTE AND FOOD LOSS



Thematic Area on
Sustainable Food System



Selection of 25 European best practices on Sustainable Food Systems



Activities on understanding, quantification and reporting of food losses in primary production, across 5 key food categories

ACR+ is managing the Twinning Regions Program, through which we support the adoption and testing of the quantification and estimation methodologies for food losses in regions across the EU.

Join the Programme by 20 November for regional public authorities, producers' associations (farmers and fishers!), knowledge and research centers.



EUROPEAN WEEK FOR WASTE REDUCTION

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A campaign to
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

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OUR HISTORY

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1 Week to raise awareness on waste prevention

- ✓ More than 110,000 actions since 2009
- ✓ One thematic focus each year

Multiple levels involved

- ✓ Technical Secretariat (ACR+) and Steering Committee
- ✓ National, regional or local coordinators
- ✓ Local action developers



2009

Started under the LIFE programme



2013-2017

Continued under the same LIFE programme



2017-ONWARD

EWWR is now financed through a European Steering Committee

Legend

- National coordinators
- Regional coordinators
- EWWR Secretariat



14,522



actions in 2023

29



countries involved

35



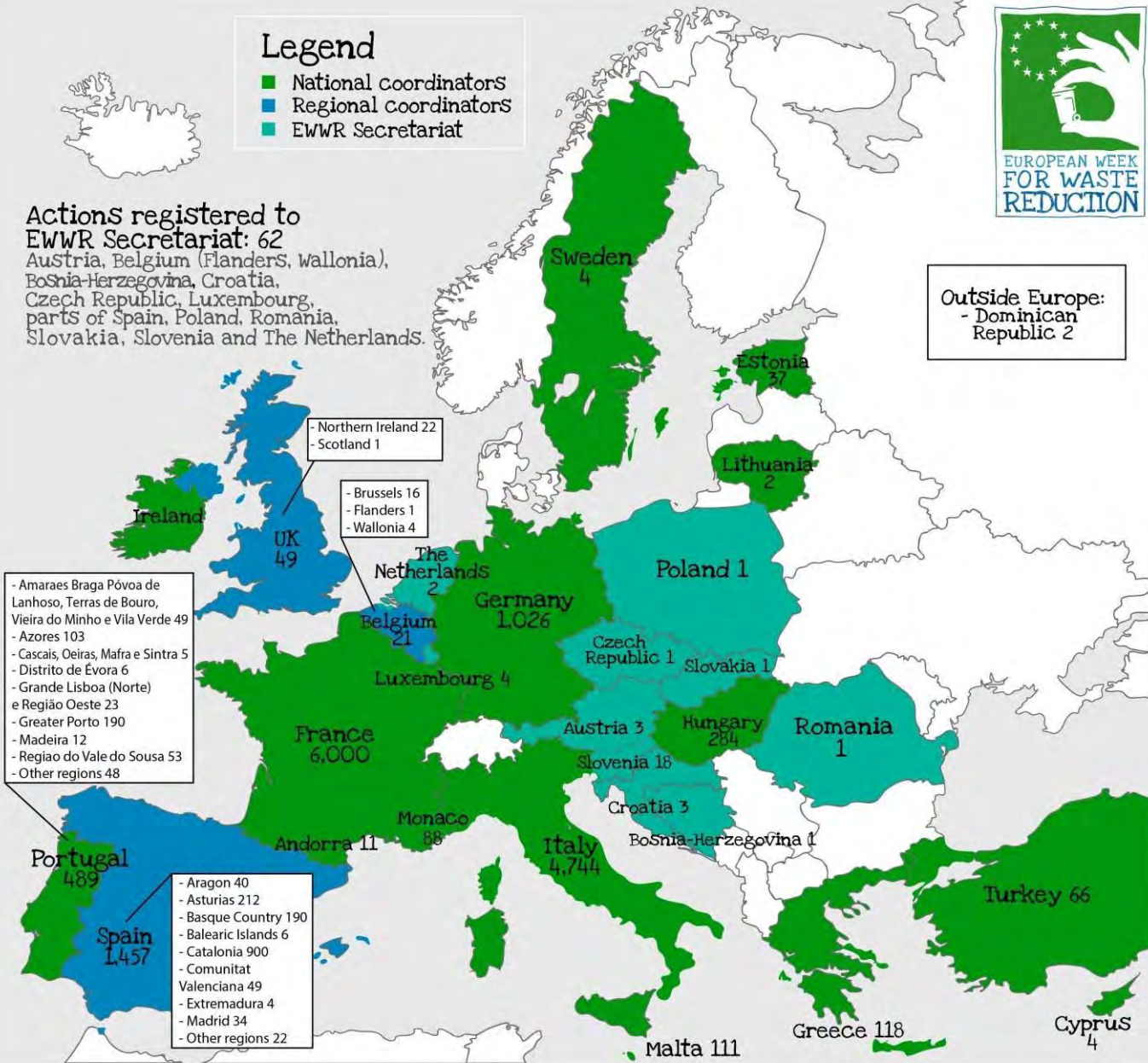
coordinators

Actions registered to EWWR Secretariat: 62
 Austria, Belgium (Flanders, Wallonia), Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Luxembourg, parts of Spain, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and The Netherlands.

Outside Europe:
 - Dominican Republic 2

- Amaraes Braga Póvoa de Lanhoso, Terras de Bouro, Vieira do Minho e Vila Verde 49
- Azores 103
- Cascais, Oeiras, Mafra e Sintra 5
- Distrito de Évora 6
- Grande Lisboa (Norte) e Região Oeste 23
- Greater Porto 190
- Madeira 12
- Região do Vale do Sousa 53
- Other regions 48

- Aragon 40
- Asturias 212
- Basque Country 190
- Balearic Islands 6
- Catalonia 900
- Comunitat Valenciana 49
- Extremadura 4
- Madrid 34
- Other regions 22



WHAT WE OFFER

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- Strong European network of activists, NGOs, public authorities and citizens involved in promoting the 3Rs.
- Huge database of past actions and action developers
- Access to resources and communication tools about waste, best practices, factsheets, etc. in different European languages



EUROPEAN WEEK
FOR WASTE REDUCTION
20-28 NOVEMBER 2021





HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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1 Organise an action

Are you a public authority?

Are you a private entrepreneur?

Are you a not-for-profit professional?

Are you an educator?

Are you a citizen?

3 Coordinate actions in a territory

35



coordinators

4 Support the EWWR

Supported by



EXAMPLES OF EWRN ACTIONS

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- Exhibition booth
- Round-table discussion / conference
- Videos on social media
- Site visits
- Screening of movies
- Launch an eco-citizen loyalty card
- Waste reduction measures at the office
- Swap events
- Information to support sustainable choices
- Launch of eco-product/initiative



EWWR ACTIONS ON FOOD WASTE

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- Zero waste lunch/picnic/dinner
- Workshop: cooking with leftovers
- Activity on labels (use-by dates, best before dates...)
- Screening of short movies on food waste and food loss
- Home and community composting
- Shopping planning
- Implement policies to save food from waste (at school or office)



We count
already
+11.500
actions!



AWARDS CEREMONY

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In June, we celebrate the best actions of the edition at the
EWWR Awards Ceremony





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FOOD WASTE IS OUT OF TASTE!

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#FOODWASTEISOUTOFTASTE



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