

COLLECTORS: the Regional Working Group

COLLECTORS: a short introduction

The COLLECTORS project aims at identifying and **highlighting existing good practices on the collection and sorting of packaging and paper waste, WEEE and construction and demolition waste**. Indeed, despite the availability of documented good practices, results of existing studies have not been effective enough in supporting the implementation of better-performing systems and many territories are still lagging behind when it comes to achieving current recycling targets.

To address this issue, the COLLECTORS project aims to increase awareness of the collection potential by **compiling information** on successful waste management systems either reaching high performances or effectively tackling strong local constraints such as high population density or remoteness. To help decision making on waste collection, the project will highlight **12 good practices**, with the aim of gaining insight into the overall performance of systems by detailing their results on the **quality of sorted materials**, the positive **economic and environmental outcomes** of shifting to better-performing for the territory and the **social acceptance**.

To ease the transfer of good practices and make the results of the project beneficial to the relevant stakeholders, **a participative approach** will be developed toward citizen, decision makers and any other relevant actor of the recycling value-chain.

The Regional Working Group: a participative approach

Acknowledging the crucial role of local and regional authorities achieving positive results on waste recycling, a participative approach is foreseen to validate the project's activities, outcomes and tools, **to ensure that its results reflect the complex societal and economic reality** wherein waste collection systems operate.

To involve local and regional authorities in the project's activities, a **regional working group** will be set. The regional working group will play a key role to ensure the consistency of the project's activities and to disseminate its outcomes. The members of the RWG will be mobilised to collect feedback on the project's activities, validate key steps of the technical work and test the proposed methods.

How to get involved in COLLECTORS' Regional Working Group?

The regional working group will be composed of **public authorities in charge of municipal waste management**. Several cities and regions already expressed their interest in joining the RWG during the project application. A new call for participation will be launched at the beginning of the project.

An **online platform** will be set to centralise all the relevant information, where members of the RWG will be able to register and access the project's documents. The platform will also allow discussions among the cities and regions on specific waste-related topics.

The RWG will **meet 4 times over** the course of the project. The group meetings will allow collecting feedback from local and regional authorities on the project's development and conferences will be organised where members of the RWG will be invited to share their practices with local stakeholders. For each meeting, the COLLECTORS project will **invite 10 members of the RWG**, covering their travel expenses, depending on their expertise and willingness to participate.

Regional working group events

March 2018, Treviso: key parameters to describe waste collection systems

September 2018, Malta: selection of the 12 case studies

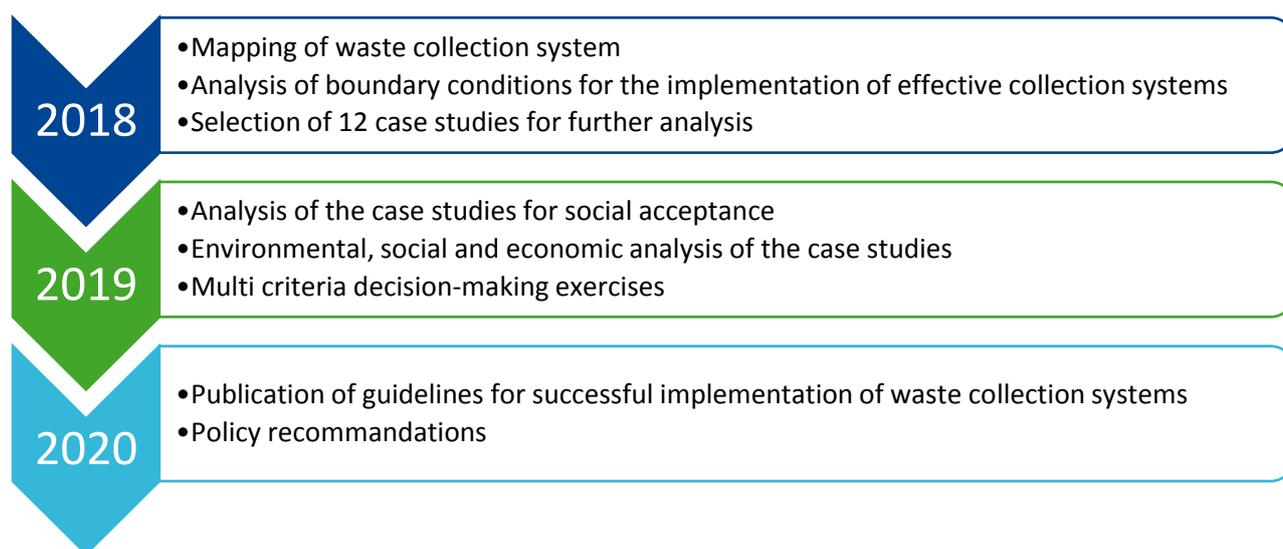
June 2019, Warsaw: multi criteria decision-making

January 2020, Thessaloniki: final results and policy recommendations

The project in brief

Duration of the project: December 2017 to June 2020 (30 months)

Timeline:



Partnership:

Consultancies	PNO Consultants	Netherlands
	BiPro	Germany
Universities and research institutes	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd.	Finland
	VITO	Belgium
	UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN	Netherlands
Networks	ACR+	Belgium
	Zero Waste Europe	Netherlands
	WEEE Forum	Belgium
	Eurocities	Belgium