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ACR+ and the INTHERWASTE project work on improving waste management in Heritage Cities

ACR+ is advisory partner, technical expert and communication leader of [INTHERWASTE](#), a European project aiming to improve local and regional policies for sustainable waste management in Heritage Cities. Within this project, ACR+ specifically addresses local issues linked to historical and touristic areas.

The INTHERWASTE project

INTHERWASTE is a 5-year European project (2016-2021) lead by Sanitation Córdoba (Sadeco) with the partner cities of Krakow, Porto, Syracuse, Tallinn, and ACR+ as advisory partner and communication leader.

The project targets the waste management issues faced by European Heritage Cities. Due to their status, they are bound to **respect strict aesthetic criteria** and have winding city centres where ordinary waste management methods are hard to implement. In addition, they deal with **permanent flows of tourists** and remarkable economic activity which significantly increase waste production. The INTHERWASTE partners will work on **improving their waste policies and setting an example for other cities with similar situation**.

One project, four steps

To achieve its objectives, the partnership will follow several steps during the course of the project:

- 1) **Learning and exchanging** best practices and policies
- 2) **Integrating** this knowledge into concrete action plans
- 3) **Monitoring** the action plans implemented in each city
- 4) **Sharing** the solutions and policies with other European cities

ACR+ role in the partnership

For the first phase of the project, ACR+ organised in June 2016 a capacity building event to introduce to the partners different waste management tools developed within past and current ACR+ projects. The next step is the development of a comparative study based on the situational analysis produced by the partner cities, and to share good practices on specific topics, including collection systems and waste reduction.

ACR+ will also encourage synergies with two of its other projects which deal with specific constraints. The URBAN-WASTE project, aiming to create co-innovative strategies for waste management in touristic areas, and the Blue Islands project focusing on seasonal waste management in islands of the Mediterranean.

The INTHERWASTE website, accessible at www.interregeurope.eu/intherwaste, provides key information and news related to the project, as well as interesting documents already available in [its library](#). You can also get the latest updates through the [INTHERWASTE newsletter](#) and [Twitter](#).

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The INTHERWASTE project - **Interregional Environmental Integration of Waste Management in European Heritage Cities** - aims to improve waste management policies in European Heritage cities. You can find more information about the project on www.interregeurope.eu/intherwaste & on Twitter [@intherwaste](#)