

# **The Workings of the EU Institutions and the Brussels Influencers**

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# EU INSTITUTIONS

- **COMMISSION: Initiator**
- **PARLIAMENT: Legislator**
- **COUNCIL: Legislator**
- **Opinions:**
  - **Committee of the Regions (CoR)**
  - **Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**
- **STAKEHOLDERS: Other associations, NGOs, Consultants (studies for the Commission)**

# Building Partnerships

- **The way we work in Brussels:**
  - Small team: Me and one Policy Officer
- **SOUND KNOWLEDGE**
  - Pool efforts by working with 'sister' organisations, e.g. EUROCITIES, CEMR, CEEP etc.
    - Joint papers
  - Network of key contacts for information gathering
  - **Storytelling** based on sound knowledge of waste management
  - Constant dialogue

# Building Partnerships

## Launching a discussion:

- **Seminar/workshop/roundtable**

- Guest speakers from whole spectrum of opinions
- Transparent, non-critical debate
- Build understanding, then trust
- Construct solutions together
- Common initiative

# Example of EPR

- Launched idea that rules/a framework was needed for EPR as system malfunctioning in 2012, before drafting of the revision began
- EC commissioned a study to identify flaws in the MSs
- MWE held a seminar with all relevant actors to open up all of the contentious issues for discussion
- Municipalities and producers have common problems – sat down with packaging industry and drafted minimum requirements
- Common resolution = shared effort to influence change

- The aim of this approach is to allow all to speak their mind, share concerns and find solutions
- Underpinned by transparent communication
- ENCOURAGE
- INFORM
- LISTEN
- UNDERSTAND
- SUPPORT
- RESOLVE

MWE is recognised for this approach  
Building bridges had Built our reputation  
We are called to speak for the waste management  
industry

I welcome your questions

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