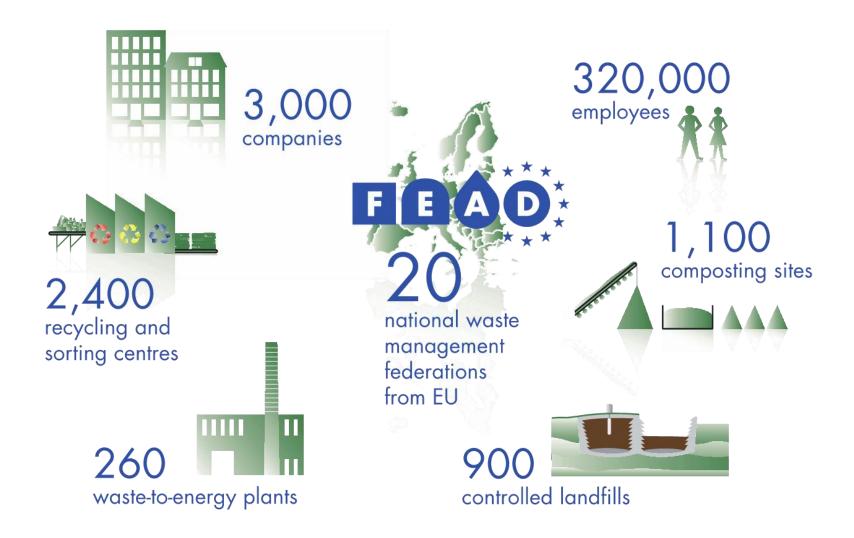


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Circular Economy and the Role of Private Waste Management Sector

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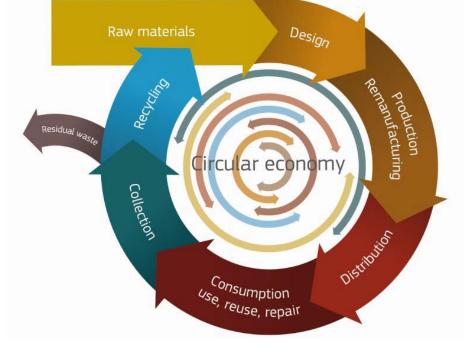


Circular Economy Package

The proposals to amend Directives:

- WFD
- PPWD
- LD
- End-of-life vehicles
- Batteries and Accumulators
- WEEE

form part of a Circular Economy Package which also includes a Commission



Communication "Closing the loop – An EU action plan for the Circular Economy"



The main elements of the proposals (1)

- Alignment of definitions
- Increase of the preparing for re-use and recycling target for municipal waste to 65% by 2030
- Increase of the preparing for reuse and recycling targets for packaging waste and the simplification of the set of targets
- Gradual limitation of the landfilling of municipal waste to 10% by 2030
- Greater harmonisation and simplification of the legal framework on by-products and end-of-waste status



The main elements of the proposals (2)

- New measures to promote prevention, including for food waste, and re-use
- Introduction of minimum operating conditions for Extended Producer Responsibility
- Introduction of an Early Warning System for monitoring compliance with the recycling targets
- Simplification and streamlining of reporting obligations
- Alignment to Articles 290 and 291 TFEU on delegated and implementing acts



Targets in the current directives and the proposals – WFD

2020	2025	2030**
50%	60%*	65%*
70%	-	-
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^{**} By 31 December 2024 at the latest, the Commission shall examine the target view a view to increase it and considering the setting of targets for other waste streams.



^{* &}lt;u>Estonia</u>, Greece, Croatia, Latvia, Malta, Romania and Slovakia may obtain five additional years for the attainment of the targets.

Targets in the current directives and the proposals – Landfill Directive

	2009	2016	2030**
Biodegradable waste	50%*	35%*	-
Municipal waste	-	-	10%***

*** Of the total amount of municipal waste generated in that year. 20% for **Estonia**, Greece, Croatia, Latvia, Malta, Romania and Slovakia. They have to reach the 10% target by 2035.



^{*} Of the total amount of biodegradable waste produced in 1995.

^{**} By 2024 the Commission shall examine the 10% target with a view to reducing it and introducing restrictions to the landfilling of non-hazardous waste other than municipal waste. The Commission shall adopt a report accompanied by a proposal, if appropriate.

Targets in the current directives and the proposals – PPWD

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	2008	2025	2030
All packaging	55% (min) – 80% (max)	65%	75%
Glass	60%	75%	85%
Paper and board	60%	75%	85%
Metals	50%	`	85% (ferrous metal) 85% (aluminum)
Plastics	22.5% (counting exclusively material that is recycled back into plastics)	55%	
Wood	-	60%	75%

Commission Communication "Closing the loop – An EU action plan for the Circular Economy"

- Action Plan sets out an EU mandate to support the transition towards a circular economy
- The European Parliament and the Council are invited to endorse the Action Plan
- Key initiatives:
 - Eco-Design work plan for 2015-2017
 - Action on GPP
 - Initiative on waste to energy in the framework of the Energy Union
 - Proposal for a revised Fertilisers Regulation
 - Strategy on plastics
 - Etc.



Circular Economy and the role of the private waste management industry

A number of positive elements:

- The new legally binding targets for recycling and landfill diversion
- The emphasis on better implementation of waste legislation
- The promotion of eco-design
- The emphasis on ensuring that EU funded projects contribute to a circular economy and must be in line with the waste hierarchy



Circular Economy and the role of the private waste management industry

- The private waste industry plays a key role in making progress towards a circular economy by providing secondary raw materials and energy for Europe's industries and consumers
- Balance between supply and demand side measures



The need of pull measures

- Minimum recycled content requirements for selected products
- Minimum GPP requirements
- Eco-labelling rules to incorporate indications of recycled content and recyclability
- Fiscal measures, such as lower or zero rate of VAT on secondary raw materials
- Financially rewarding the benefits of recycling
- Cut administrative burden for trading high quality secondary raw materials in the EU



Fair competition

- Introduction of the market based conditions
- Open markets and fair competition stimulate customised services and solutions, and open up possibilities for innovation and investment
- The benefits are clear:
 - more choice for customers
 - lower costs for households
 - higher recycling rates
 - more innovative recycling solutions
 - the potential for higher growth and more jobs



Conclusions

 Right framework conditions – Commission proposals are a first step

 Balance between "push" and "pull" measures

Fair competition in waste markets



