

# INTERNAL 2010



## MUNICIPAL WASTE EUROPE

– promoting public responsibility for waste

### INTERNAL UPDATE 28

**This is the last internal update before the summer. The next update will be delivered on 3 September 2010.**

#### **Prevention – Study and listing of actors**

The RReuse network has contacted Municipal Waste Europe to be included in a project to establish waste prevention actors.

The RREUSE network is a European umbrella organisation for social enterprises with activities in reuse, repair and recycling around Europe.

Read more about the members of RReuse here:

<http://www.rreuse.org/t3/public-area/about-rreuse/members/>

RREUSE is also a contributor to the European Week for Waste Reduction LIFE+ Project (the EWWR project) and an important prevention actor at the European level with specific expertise on reuse activities and EU waste regulation.

To participate or contribute to the EWWR, please find more information here:

<http://www.ewwr.eu/>

In connection with the EWWR Project, the RREUSE network has just started a 6-month project focusing on the identification of the main waste prevention contacts and regulatory provisions within the 27 EU member States. It runs until the end of November 2010 and is composed of 3 parts:

- An Excel database to list waste prevention actors identified across Europe,
- A study across the 27 EU Member States to give an overview of the national/regional frameworks and best practices for waste reduction currently in place and the related provisions and contacts,
- An information campaign to mobilise more organisers and project developers across Europe for the 2010 and 2011 editions of the European Week for Waste Reduction.

If any of you are interested to share or participate information in the prevention project, RReuse asks you to share details of the contacts and data in their possession linked to regional or national waste reduction initiatives and strategies.

A **separate** email with call for information with a separate document for information has been sent out earlier this week.

More information can be found here:

<http://www.rreuse.org/t3/public-area/environmental-policy/waste-prevention/>

## **Thematic strategy on Waste Prevention and Recycling of Waste**

The summary report from the Commission meeting revising the Thematic Strategy in Waste Prevention and Recycling of Waste is attached below, including the background report and slides from the day.

The working groups during the day were covered four topics:

1. Practicalities of implementing the Waste TS and its objectives
2. Prevention of waste
3. International influence and impact of EU waste management policy
4. The EU recycling market

From the summary report, the following comments can be accentuated:

- Some stakeholders felt that local government/municipalities have a very limited role or voice within policy discussions, and that this is problematic as they are responsible for much of the implementation.
- Several existing tools and instruments could be used to promote the aims of the Waste TS, in particular producer responsibility. Stakeholders felt this may be most effective when supported by fiscal incentives. There was no agreement as to whether producer responsibility saved municipalities money.
- Optimal use of instruments, there was a need identified to better combine economic instruments (mainly in the hands of the MS and local/regional authorities) with legal instruments

All documents can be found here:

<http://www.eu-smr.eu/tswpr/meetings.php>

## **Resource strategy; topic for this week's informal meeting of Environmental ministers**

In Ghent this week, the environmental ministers from the Member States established a European policy of resource efficiency and for sustainable materials efficiency.

The ambitions to support taxation on resources were established, even if the legal possibility in each member state is not yet clear.

From a municipal waste perspective, there is a concentration on different service and payment schemes for discarding and getting rid of waste from consumers (citizens, businesses, and public authorities).

This will be one of the prioritised topics for the Policy Committee meeting in September.

Read the summary of the meeting here:

[http://www.eutrio.be/files/bveu/100713def\\_presidency\\_summary\\_EN.pdf](http://www.eutrio.be/files/bveu/100713def_presidency_summary_EN.pdf)

The press release is available here:

<http://www.eutrio.be/pressrelease/necessity-using-materials-sustainable-way>

## **Monitoring re-use and recycling targets for household and similar waste**

As a part of the technical adaptation of the Waste Framework directive, the Commission is working on a proposal on how to monitor and estimate progress with the re-use and recycling targets for household waste and similar waste.

The internal draft proposal includes several methods to estimate and monitor the progress of the re-use and recovery targets. One calculation method uses the data collected by EuroStat under their description of "municipal waste".

The concern is a document from the Commission concerning monitoring of the re-use and recycling targets. Article 11 of the Waste Framework Directive includes a target of 50 % re-

use and recycling of household and similar waste in at least four different fractions, to be fulfilled by year 2020.

In order to measure the progress of the target, the Commission through a technical adaptation committee (TAC), is investigating monitoring and reporting to measure the progress of the target.

In one of the alternatives to calculate the target and to monitor the progress, Member States would be able to use the same as a part as provided under the European Waste Statistics Regulation (Regulation EC no. 2150/2002 as revised).

By using already collected data as a part of their monitoring process, they are developing the waste framework directive application through means of better regulations and reducing the administrative burden for member states and actors.

That data is collected bi-annually published in statistical reports and developed through guidance of the structural indicators. All member states are obliged to participate and as it is a European Regulation, no national implementation is allowed.

This is an area Municipal Waste Europe has had reason to be involved before. Read more and find all collected European and national data here:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/waste/data/sectors/municipal\\_waste](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/waste/data/sectors/municipal_waste)

Please note: this description has no connection to other similar terms anywhere else in European Waste or Environmental legislation. Nor should it be confused with national definitions, terms or expressions.

### **EuroStat statistics on “municipal waste”**

Municipal Waste Europe will together with CEWEP seek support from other waste associations, in assisting the EuroStat development of clear European Waste statistics, handled through the Waste Data Centre in Luxembourg.

Any description of what is statistically measured under the must be wide to allow national differences and should cover waste from households and similar waste.

Any hesitations in the collection of data, European guidelines as well as national differences in data collection and terminology should be addressed separately, and both nationally and on the European level.

EuroStat European Waste Statistics uses a different nomenclature than the European Waste Catalogue (an annex to the Waste Directive (2006/12/EC, currently being finally revised to be included to the Waste Framework directive (2008/98/EC)).

The complete legal framework for data collection in the areas of Energy and Environment can be found here:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/pls/portal/!PORTAL.wwwpob\\_page.show?\\_docname=2194259.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/pls/portal/!PORTAL.wwwpob_page.show?_docname=2194259.PDF)

One of the sectors for their work is municipal waste.

The term “municipal waste” and “municipal waste generated” is *described by EuroStat for statistical reasons only* as:

**"Short Description:** This indicator presents the amount of municipal waste generated. It consists of waste collected by or on behalf of municipal authorities and disposed of through the waste management system. The bulk of this waste stream is from households, though similar wastes from sources such as commerce, offices and public institutions are included. For areas not covered by a municipal waste scheme an estimation has been made of the amount of waste generated. The quantity of waste generated is expressed in kg per person per year."

It is by no means a perfect description, nor is the data collection exact or complete from all EU 27 member states. However it has been used for several years, is collected strategically, all member states provide information (although assessed in some cases) and it will provide a basis for monitoring for the Commission.

Find the national statistics here:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/waste/introduction>

### **Statistics on Renewable Energy**

EuroStat has presented the national shares of renewable energy in total consumption 2008. On top are Sweden, Finland, Austria and Portugal. Renewable energy sources covers among other sources also biomass including biological waste and liquid biofuels.

EuroStat publishes the statistical data gathered in the member states under the indicator 'Share of renewable energy to the gross final energy consumption'. It is calculated on the basis of energy statistics covered by the Energy Statistics Regulation. It can be considered as an estimate of the relevant indicator described in Directive 2009/28/EC as the statistical system for some renewable energy technologies is not yet fully developed to meet the requirements of this Directive.

Read the summary together with a presentation of all national targets here:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_PUBLIC/8-13072010-BP/EN/8-13072010-BP-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/8-13072010-BP/EN/8-13072010-BP-EN.PDF)

### **Development of National Action Plans for Renewable Energy**

The European Union (EU) has an overall 20% renewable energy target in final energy consumption and a 10% target of renewable energy in transport for 2020. The Renewable Energy Directive<sup>1</sup>, apart from the EU's target, defined legally binding national renewable energy targets in final energy consumption and in the transport sector. It requires Member States to notify their respective National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) to the Commission by the end of June 2010.

The Commission will do a report on renewable energy best practice and implementation of national action plans in the 27 EU Member States, to be presented during the end of 2011.

More information about bio energy and the national biomass action plans can be found here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/bioenergy/bioenergy\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/bioenergy/bioenergy_en.htm)

More information about the renewable energy targets can be found here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/index_en.htm)

### **Sustainable Energy week 2011**

Do you, or do you want to, present sustainable energy project in your town, region or country?

Perhaps participation in next years EU Sustainable Energy Week is interesting. From 11-15 April 2011, different events all over Europe will cover the themes of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

More information and early preparations material can be found here:

<http://www.eusew.eu/pdf/EnergyDays2011.pdf>

The direct registration form is here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=yourenergyday2011&lang=en>

### **Energy from Biomass and waste**

The Venice 2010 Symposium on Energy from Biomass and waste will take place in Venice, Italy 8-11 November 2010.

The aim of the Venice 2010 Symposium is to focus on the advances made in the application of technologies for energy recovery from biomass and waste and to encourage discussion on relevant aspects such as: reliability of processes and technologies, full scale applicability of new processes, technical and economical optimisation and environmental impact and potential health effects.

The topics cover biomass and waste characterization as a potential energy source, renewable fuels, anaerobic digestion, refuse-derived fuel (RDF), thermal treatments (combustion, pyrolysis, gasification and others), economic aspects, decision tools, policies and legal aspects, climate change and sink, ecotoxicological aspects and health issues, public acceptance, experiences and new developments and developing countries.

Registration has now opened with a discounted registration fee.

All information about the Symposium is available here, provided by EuroWaste Italy:

<http://www.venicesymposium.it/>

### **Austrian-German-French public service providers say no to concessions proposal of the Commission**

Municipal and local associations from Germany, France and Austria have jointly called on the EU internal commissioner Michel Barnier, not to pursue the plans for a new European regulation on service concessions, concentrating on water services. The primary motivation is that the structures of local providers would be eroded away. The Lisbon Treaty reinforces the municipal freedom of organising such important local public services, such as water supply and sanitation. The municipal and local associations position is supported by the clear will of the European Parliament, who when supporting the report of MEP Heide Rühle earlier this year, has made its negative attitude to new legislation on service concessions clear.

More information can be found here (German only)

<http://www.vku.de/vkuGips/Gips?SessionMandant=VKU&Anwendung=CMSTickerEintrag&Methode=ShowHTMLOAusgabe&SessionMandant=VKU&RessourceID=616544&WebPublisher.NavId=-1>

### **Day of Europe's local association in the waste management sector – 14 September**

Who is going to our German member VKS 'Day of Europe's local associations in the waste management sector on 14 September in Munich? Will you be there representing your own organisation? Let me know if anybody wants to go representing Municipal Waste Europe.

If I have no response to email sent 12 July, I will go myself.

Please note, registration no later than 30 July with VKSimVKU

### **This week**

Meeting with Frederique Mongodin RReuse

Meeting with Ella Stengler, CEWEP

**Next week**

- Employment interviews, very exciting.

Roberto, Weine and especially Christof has been providing excellent support during the short-listing process. Information about the final candidate as well as the proposed conditions of the employment will be shared with the Board for assistance. The contract will be signed as soon as possible, most probably next week.

- LARAC – executive committee conference in Birmingham

I will give a presentation on EU and waste legislation as well as present Municipal Waste Europe to the members and representatives of our UK member.

- After that, vacation starts. I will intermittently be looking up in emails and listen to messages on the voice mail.

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The Municipal Waste Europe office will be closed between 26 July and 30 August 2010.

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Best regards,

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