

Separate Waste Collection - Circular Economy - Municipal Infrastructure Investments - Hazardous Waste - Food Waste

BIWEEKLY RECAP

All you need to know in ten minutes

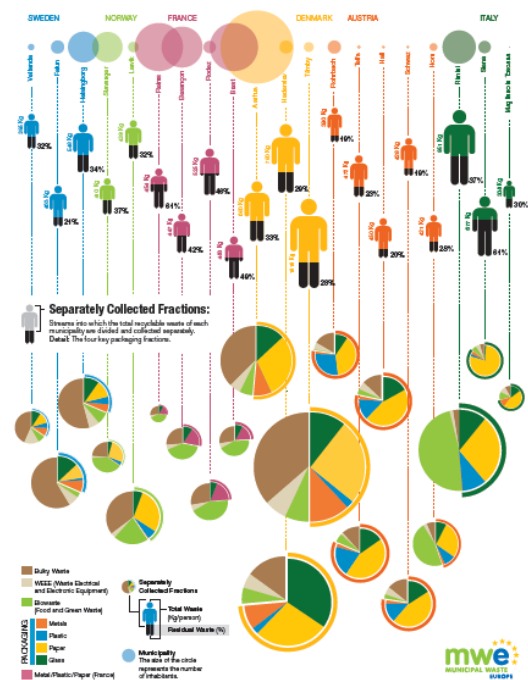


OUR WORK

Our Brochure is out!

[Public Affairs] Our whole team has been busy preparing a [brochure](#) with the key results of our Benchmarking study on the separate waste collection systems in small cities and towns across Europe (Sweden, Norway, France, Austria, Italy and Denmark), which we will distribute at our [Conference](#) 'Separate Waste Collection in the Context of a Circular Economy in Europe' on 29 January. The brochure - which includes infographics and piecharts depicting the statistical data we collected from our Members participating in the study - constitutes both useful information material and a communication tool for our forthcoming meetings with key stakeholders during our Policy Campaign on the new Circular Economy Package.

Separate Collection in Small Cities And Towns



Public Sector Goes Circular

[Circular Economy] On 25 January, our Secretary-General participated in the [Conference](#) on the new business models and the role of public sector in the transition to a Circular Economy in Europe. The conference showed how business models, technologies and capabilities influence the shift. High-level representatives from government, business and associations debated how EU-level policy becomes local policy, which then interacts with private interests. Vanya Veras presented Municipal Waste Europe structure, its role and scope of action, the main reforms under the new European Commission Circular Economy package and its prospective effects on the sustainable municipal waste management carried out by local authorities and regions across Europe. Vanya called for a joint approach for resource efficiency and energy policies at EU level, namely that the Circular Economy and the Energy Union go hand in hand. Moreover, Ms Veras pointed out the need for clear rules and transparency for the Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes and underlined that the separate collection of municipal waste can help valuable resources find their way back to the economy, stimulating Europe towards a true Circular Economy.

Municipal Sector potential of South-East Europe

[Municipal Infrastructure Investments] On 27 January, our Secretary-General participated in the Communal/Municipal Infrastructure [Conference](#) on the investment projects and financing from EU funds in South-East Europe (SEE). The conference brought together leading municipal utility companies from the SEE region, Croatian and Slovenian Members of the European Parliament, and important sectoral associations from Brussels. Vanya Veras presented Municipal Waste Europe structure, its role and scope of action, the main reforms under the new European Commission Circular Economy package and its prospective effects on the sustainable municipal waste management carried out by local authorities and regions across Europe. She also put emphasis on the need for the EU to channel investments and funding on fine-tuned waste management projects that contribute to achieving the objectives of a true Circular Economy, in particular at the local and regional level.

IN THE MEDIA

Municipal waste services: in or out?

Dr Adam Read of the environmental consultancy Ricardo Energy & Environment examines the issues around private and public sector-run waste services.

[letsrecycle >](#)



Ending plastic waste and its devastating impacts

New study shows that by redesigning materials and developing new technologies, plastics will never escape collection systems and end up in landfills or the oceans.

[Huffington Post >](#)



The EU Fantastic Four talk Circular Economy

The four European Commission Vice-Presidents and Commissioners give directly the inside track of the new Circular Economy package.

[The Parliament Magazine >](#)



Circular Economy requires new industrial model

MEP Simona Bonafè urges the use of Structural Funds for building infrastructure and implementing separate waste sorting systems in the EU Member states.

[The Parliament Magazine >](#)



Global leaders commit to food waste fight

New coalition launched at the 2016 World Economic Forum in Davos aims to mobilise action to reduce food loss and halve food waste per capita by 2030.

[Resource Magazine >](#)



TOP TWEETS



INTELLIGENCE

Circular Economy: The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) will elaborate an opinion report addressing the whole new Circular Economy package under the responsibility of its rapporteur, [Cillian Lohan](#), Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Irish Natural Forestry Foundation. In order to ensure his opinion closely reflects the views of the European civil society, on 28 January the Committee will organise a [public hearing](#) to gather input from interested stakeholders and experts at an early stage. The Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment section (NAT) [Study Group](#) will work on this dossier and the final adoption of the Committee Opinion Report is foreseen for the Plenary session of 27-28 April. The Committee of the Regions has appointed [Domenico Gambacorta](#) rapporteur for the package, and is expected to adopt its opinion on the legislative proposals on waste in June 2016, whereas the deadline for National Parliaments to submit comments on the proposals is 2 February 2016. On 22 January, the European Parliament Research Service published a Circular Economy [briefing](#) citing, among others, Municipal Waste Europe preliminary views as expressed in its [press release](#) on December 2, and an additional [briefing](#) in which it

makes a comparison of the main provisions between the previously withdrawn and the new Circular Economy package.

Hazardous Waste: EU governments should incorporate hazardous waste into their waste prevention programmes, according to a [study](#) for the European Commission. The amount of hazardous waste generated per capita has remained more or less stable in recent years and the prevention of hazardous waste “does not seem to be on the political agenda for most member states”, Bipro Consultancy said in the study finalised in December. Hazardous waste should be included in targets and indicators in waste prevention programmes, the consultants said. In general, there are no major gaps in the transposition of EU requirements on hazardous waste into national legislation but implementation is different across the EU, the consultants found.

Food Waste: On 22 January, we secured a meeting with Mr [Ossi Martikainen](#) (Group of the Alliance for Liberals and Democrats in Europe), the Finnish rapporteur on Food waste in the Committee of the Regions. We discussed food waste and loss in Europe under the European Commission new Circular Economy package and Vanya Veras gave the rapporteur an inclusive description of the relevant food waste prevention practices across the EU Member States. Since the rapporteur was interested in food waste prevention in the EU, we will provide him with relevant data on food waste at EU level from key publications and reports. Mr Martikainen will have his report finalised by February 5 and, before tabling it for the final adoption by the Committee, he will share it with us for expressing our comments and proposing any amendments.

EVENTS CALENDAR

28 January: [Making the circular economy happen](#)

Brussels, Belgium

28 January: [EPR in new Circular Economy package](#)

Brussels, Belgium

28 January: [Better Regulation in the policy areas of Energy, Climate action and the Environment](#)

Brussels, Belgium

28 January: [Hazardous Waste and Circular Economy Package](#)

Brussels, Belgium

29 January: [Separate Waste Collection in the Context of a Circular Economy in Europe](#)

Brussels, Belgium

2 February: [Circular Economy Congress](#)

Den Bosch, The Netherlands

2 February: [Plastic & Bio-waste Conference 2016](#)

Copenhagen, Denmark

5 February: [The Circular Economy package: what's in it for regions?](#)

Brussels, Belgium

8 February: [How will the Paris Agreement impact EU Climate and Energy Policies?](#)

Brussels, Belgium

9 February: [The circular economy - what does it mean for worker participation and sustainable working conditions in the waste sector?](#)

Brussels, Belgium

10 February: [9èmes Rencontres AMORCE - Eco-Organismes](#)

Paris, France

16 February: [The 2016 European Circular Economy Conference - Is the new package the right fit for Europe?](#)

Brussels, Belgium

16 February: [COP21: What's next?](#)

Brussels, Belgium

16 February: [North London Waste Prevention Exchange](#)

London, United Kingdom

24 February: [Municipal Waste Europe Internal Biowaste Seminar](#)

Brussels, Belgium

24 February: [How to improve plastics sorting efficiency?](#)

Brussels, Belgium

25 February: [Most Recent Developments in Environmental and Climate Change Areas](#)

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

24-25 February: [Energy from Waste](#)

London, United Kingdom

2-3 March: [SEDEX Conference](#)

London, United Kingdom

16-17 March: ["Now, the Circular Economy"](#)

Seville, Spain

22-23 March: [Plastics Recycling Show](#)

Brussels, Belgium

22-24 April: [Zero Waste Conference](#)

Ljubljana, Slovenia

27-28 April: [Sustainable Extractives Forum - How to manage risk and navigate uncertainty](#)

London, United Kingdom

27-29 April: [8th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns](#)

Bilbao, Spain

3-4 May: [Global Organic Resources Congress](#)

Dublin, Ireland

30 May - 1 June: [World Recycling Convention & Exhibition](#)

Berlin, Germany

6-9 June: [24th European Biomass Conference & Exhibition](#)

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

16-17 June: [Plastics Recyclers Annual Meeting](#)

Cascais, Portugal

18-20 July: [3rd International Congress on Water, Waste and Energy Management](#)

Rome, Italy



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