



# Circular Economy and Energy Union

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Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants



CEWEP is the European umbrella association of the owners and operators of Waste-to-Energy Plants.

Representing about 390 plants in 22 countries with a capacity of ca. 73 million tonnes.



**Waste-to-Energy**

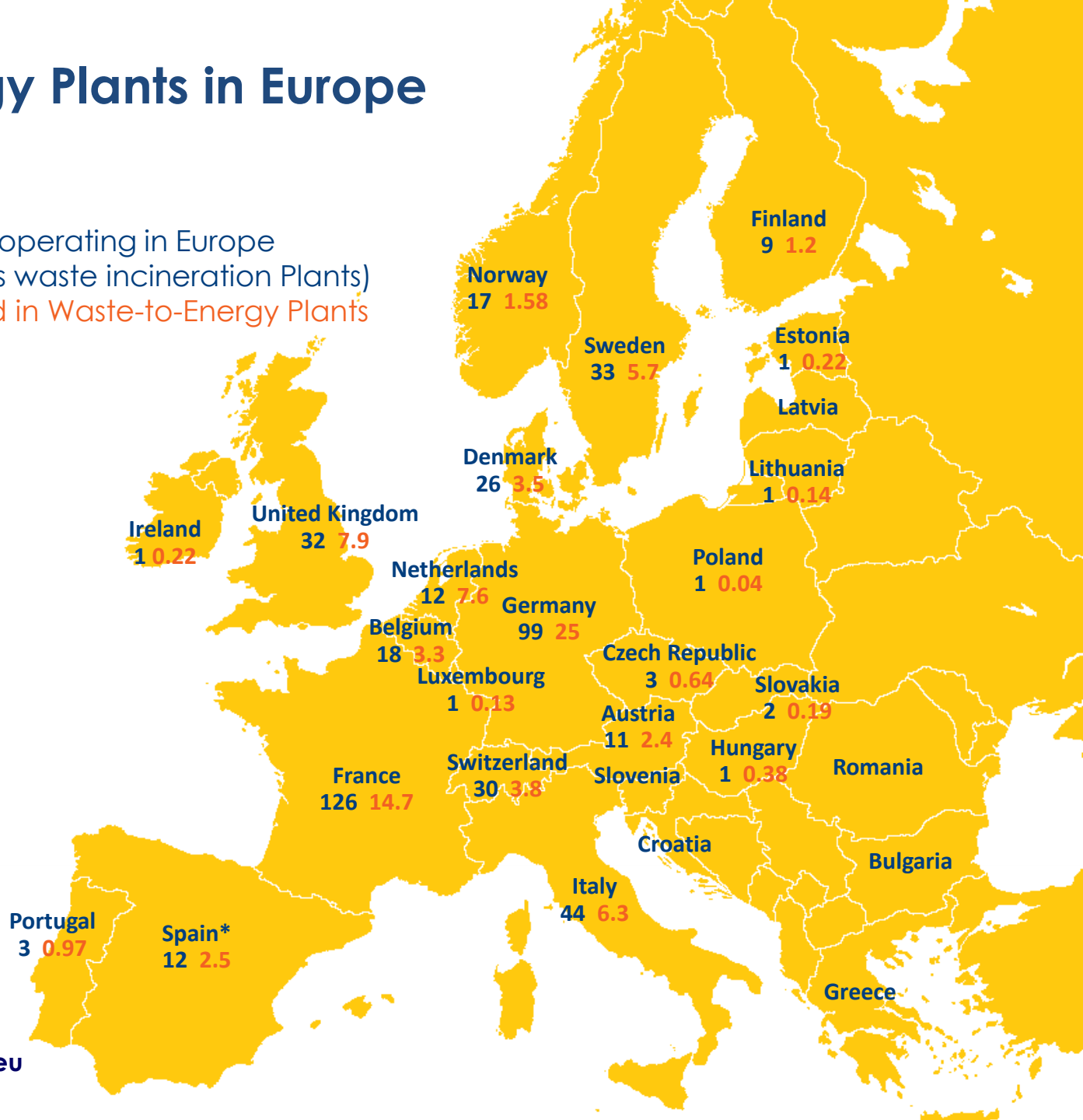
***Creating reliable and cost-effective energy from citizens' waste***

# Waste-to-Energy Plants in Europe 2014

- Waste-to-Energy Plants operating in Europe (not including hazardous waste incineration Plants)
- Waste thermally treated in Waste-to-Energy Plants in million tonnes

Data supplied by CEWEP members and national sources

\* Includes plant in Andorra

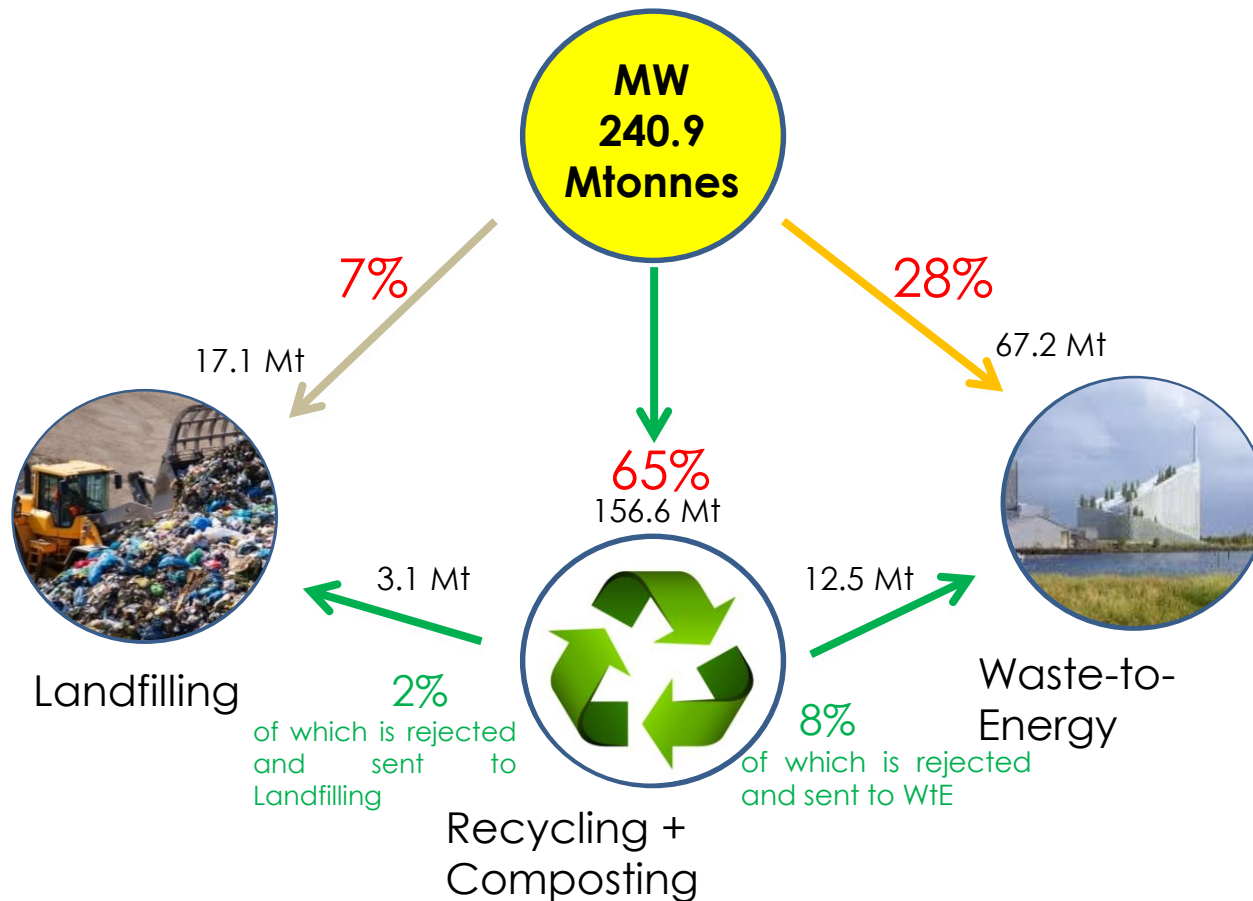


# European Waste Import/Export to WtE Plants



	Import	Export
<b>Belgium</b>		146,526 t including RDF
<b>Denmark</b>	324,000 t (2015)	
<b>Finland</b>		45,000 t (2014) to Sweden, Estonia and Germany
<b>Germany</b>	1.3 million t (2014) – 39% from the UK	
<b>Italy</b>		182,000 t (2014) Municipal Waste 298,000 t non-hazardous special waste 70,000 t hazardous waste mainly to Germany (2013)
<b>Netherlands</b>	1.6 million t (2014)	ca. 300,000 t to Germany
<b>Norway</b>	59,000 – 104,000 t RDF (2014/15)	700,000 t (2014) to Sweden
<b>Sweden</b>	1.4 million t 700,000 t (2014) from Norway 680,000 t (2014) from UK/Ireland 20,000 t (2014) from Finland	
<b>UK + Ireland</b>		2.94 million t (2015) RDF to NL, DE, SE 648,629 t (2014) from Ireland

# Municipal Waste (MW) statistics with Circular Economy Targets 2030 based on EUROSTAT 2014



Assumptions:

Preparing for Re-use and Recycling: **65%** of municipal waste (MW) generated, of which: **8%** is rejected and goes to WtE **2%** is rejected and goes to landfills Member States (MS) with landfill ban or high landfill taxes will not send rejects from recycling to landfill, only MS using the 10% landfill cap will probably do so.

Landfill:

Max. **10%** of MW generated:  
 Assumption: 10% if landfill rate is >10% in 2014  
 MS's real landfill rate of 2013 if ≤ 10% in 2014  
 AVERAGE **7%**

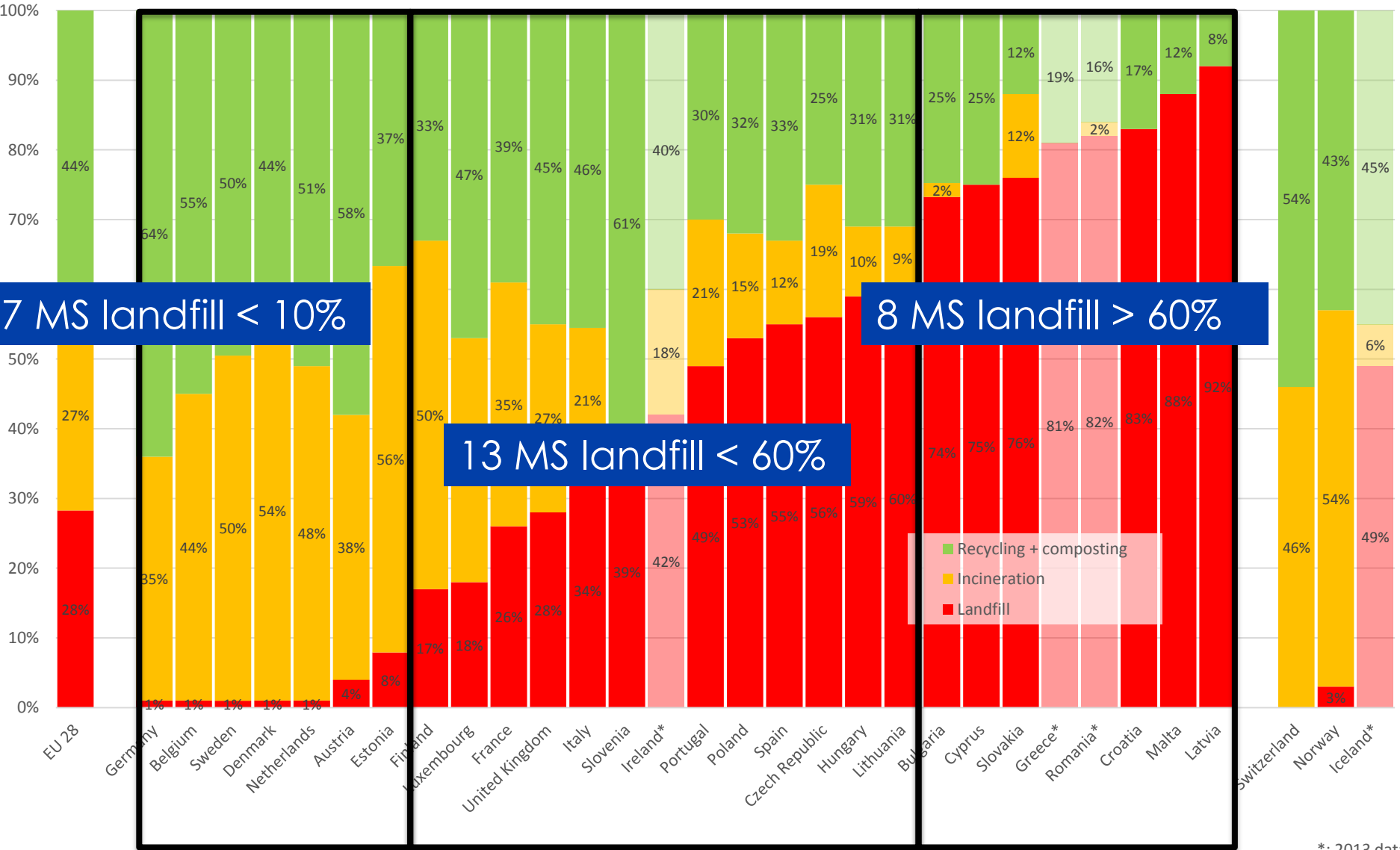
Waste-to-Energy:  
 Remaining MW  
 AVERAGE **28%**

WtE capacity need for **MW** in 2030 if targets applied: **79.7 Mtonnes**  
 2014 available WtE Capacity for **MW** according to EUROSTAT: **64.4 Mtonnes**  
**Attention:** Input to WtE is not only MW, but also Commercial&Industrial waste



# Municipal waste treatment in 2014

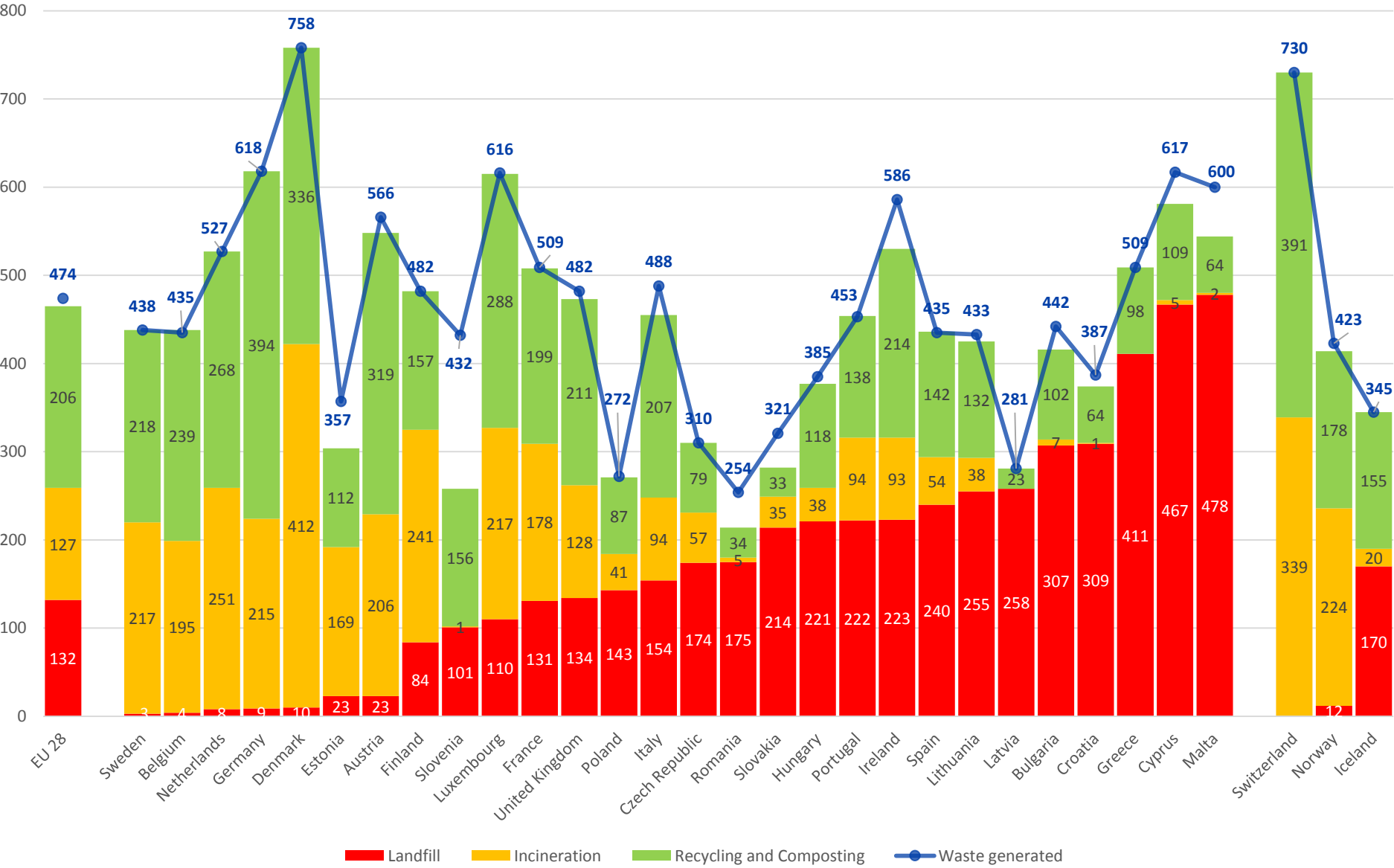
EU 28 + Switzerland, Norway and Iceland



\*: 2013 data

# Municipal waste treatment in 2014 & Waste generation per capita

(kg/capita)





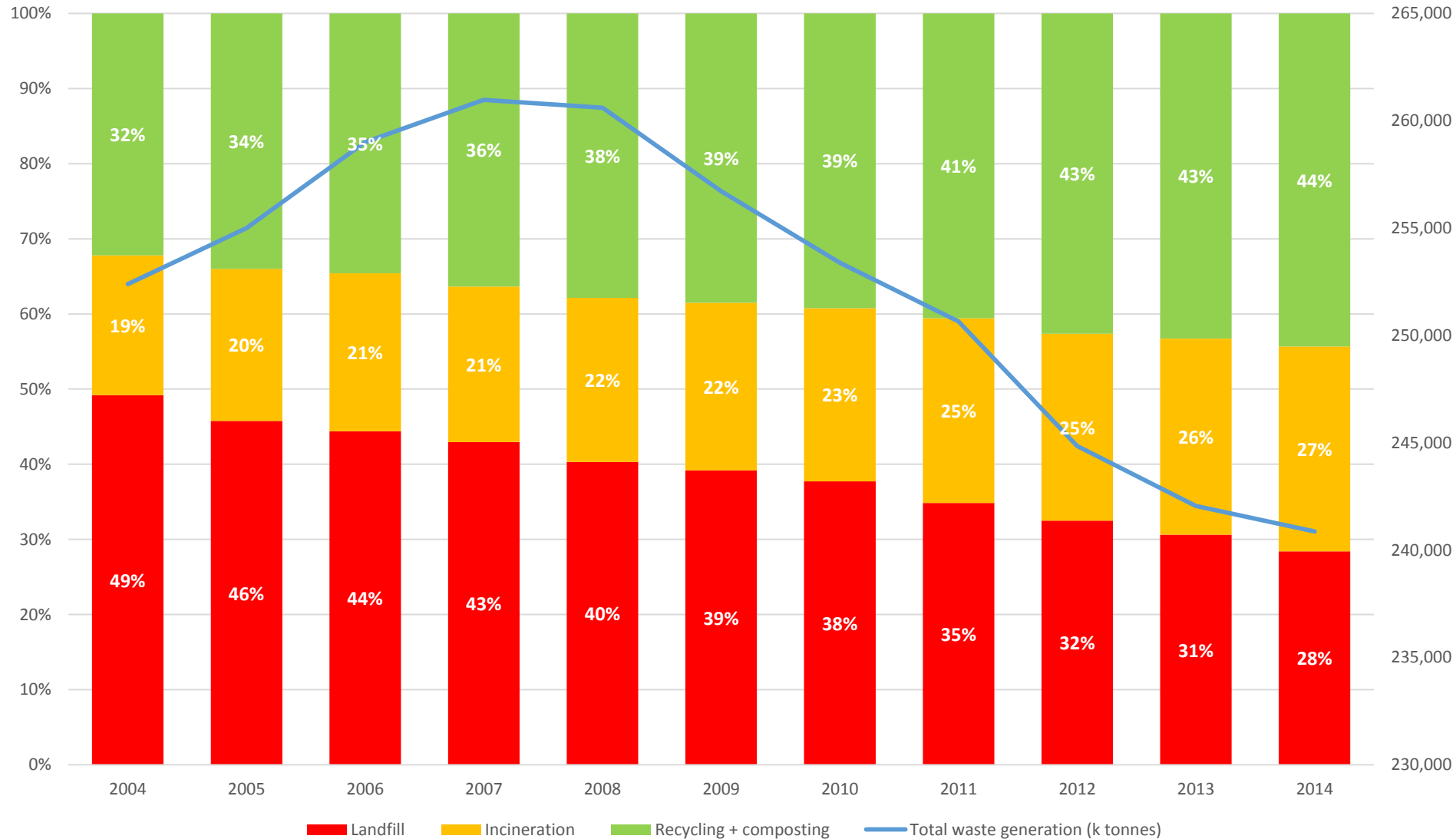
# Municipal waste treatment in 2004 - 2014

## EU 28

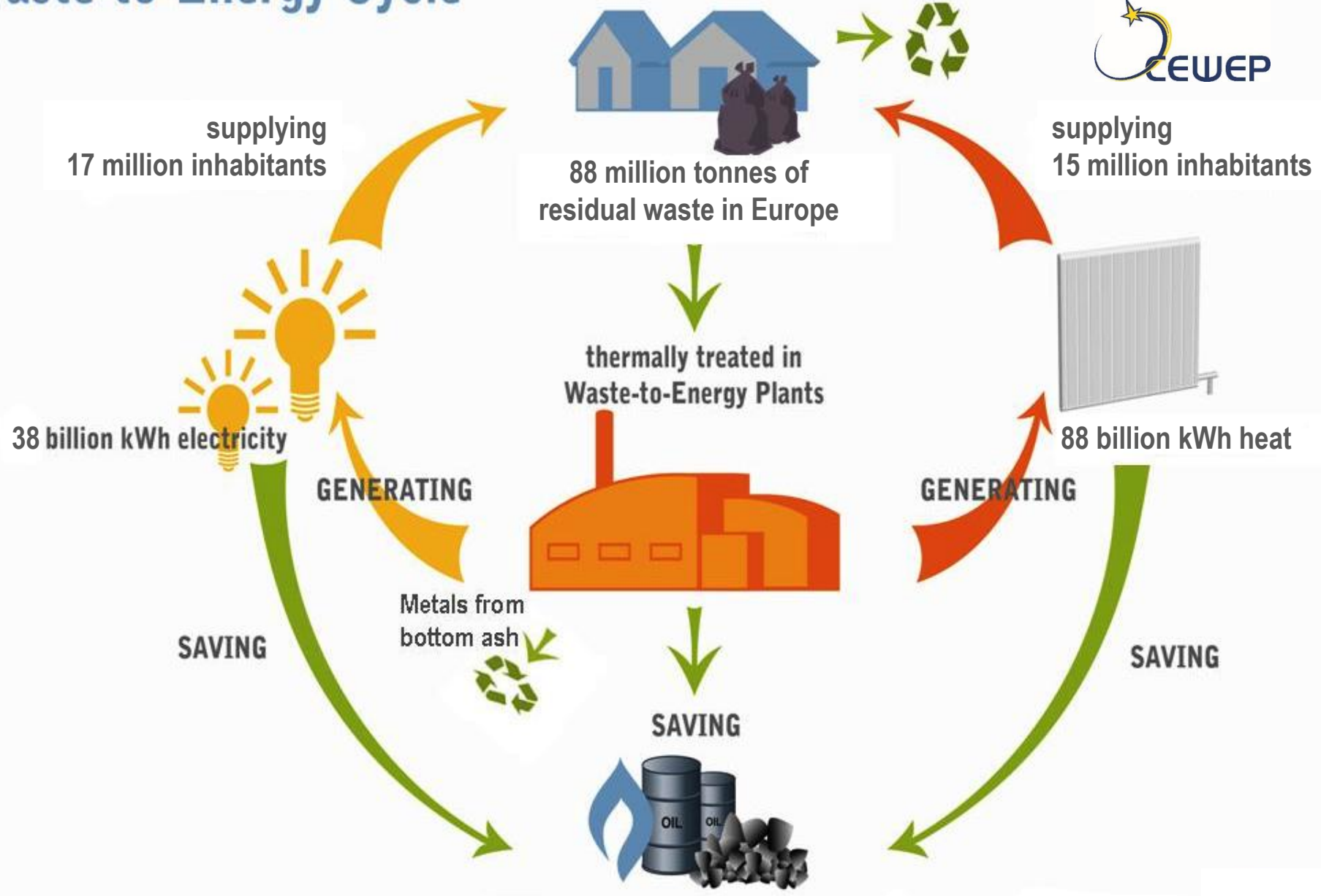


# Municipal waste treatment in 2004 - 2014

## EU 28



# Waste-to-Energy Cycle



88 million tonnes of residual waste in Europe



supplying 15 million inhabitants



88 billion kWh heat

thermally treated in Waste-to-Energy Plants



GENERATING

SAVING



SAVING



9 – 48 million tonnes of fossil fuels

Year 2014

38 billion kWh electricity

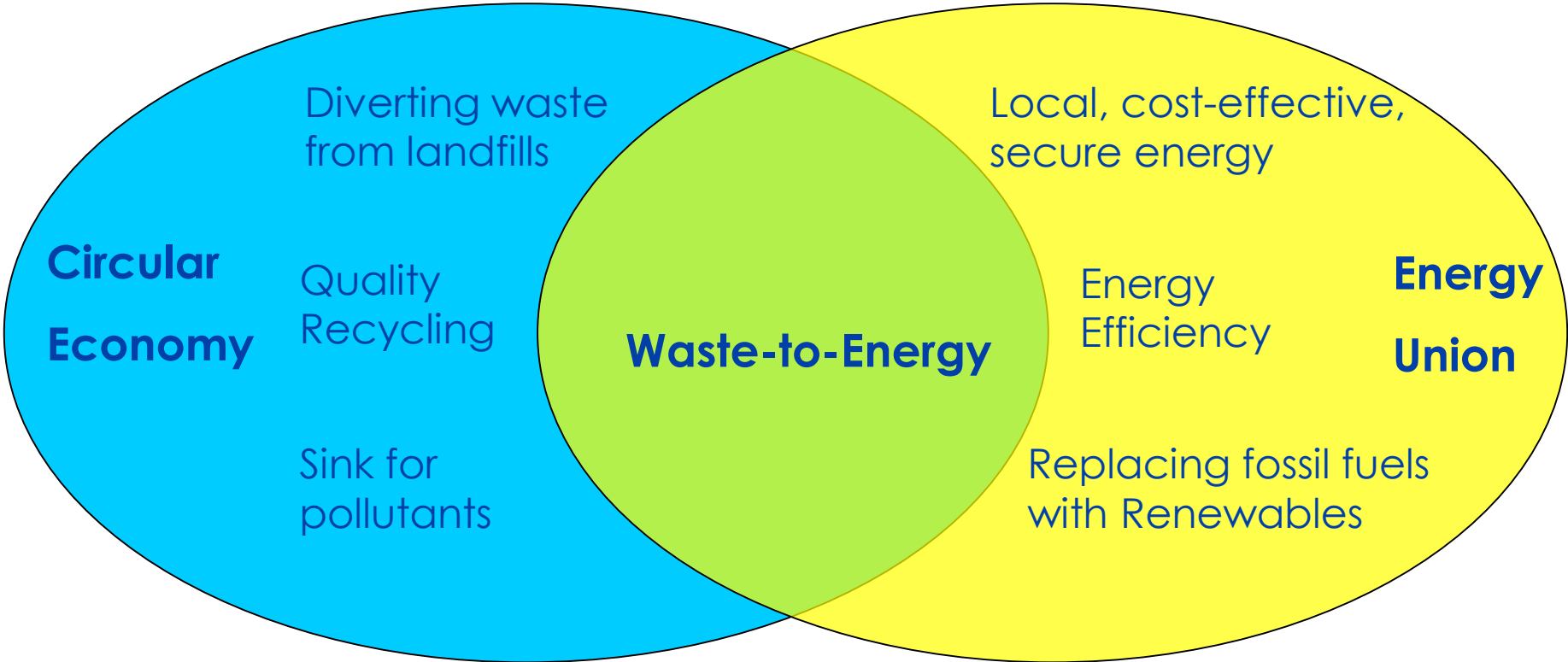
SAVING

GENERATING

supplying 17 million inhabitants



# Waste-to-Energy as part of Circular Economy & Energy Union



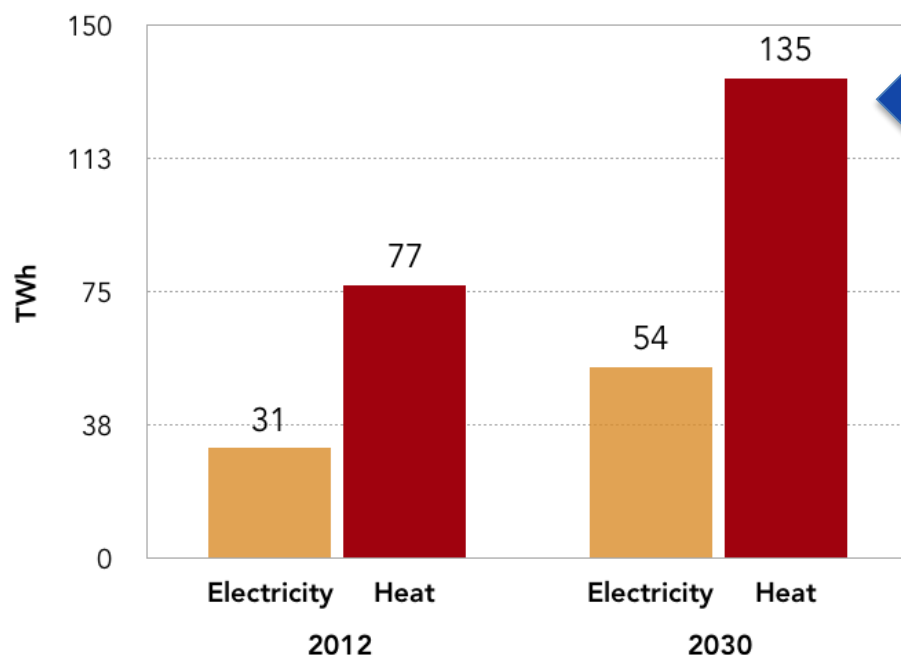
# Sustainable Energy from Waste-to-Energy: Potential for 2030



Based on Circular Economy targets for MW (Municipal Waste (Dec 2015):

- ▶ Reuse + Recycling: **65%** by 2030
- ▶ Landfill: maximum **10%** by 2030
- ▶ Residual MW to WtE + residual Commercial&Industrial (C&I) waste

2030 Energy potential for WtE in EU28 based on  
Circular Economy targets



Potentially producing **189 TWh** of secure energy from MW and C&I waste

Which would replace 10% of the energy supplied by the coal sector\*

\*Heat Roadmap Europe 2050 (Second pre-study for the EU27), May 2013

# Energy Union synergy with Circular Economy



- ▶ The European Commission's Energy Union Strategy (February 2015) announces to:

*“further establish synergies between energy efficiency policies, resource efficiency policies and the circular economy. This will include exploiting the potential of **“waste to energy”**.”*

- ▶ Commission will publish WtE Communication in 2016



Malmö Waste-to-Energy plant, Sweden



Brescia Waste-to-Energy plant, Italy

# CEWEP Recommendations for WtE Communication



- ▶ Boost Energy Efficiency
  - Synergies with existing and further exploitation of District Heating/Cooling systems and industrial heat use (low hanging fruits)
  - Grid access: WtE should not be put at disadvantage in comparison to intermittent renewable energy sources (double task of WtE plants to treat the waste in an environmentally sound way makes it difficult to stop the plant during peak energy supply from other sources)

**WtE's sanitary task is to keep the environment clean, destroy pollutants and protect human health**

- ▶ Better waste management
  - Diverting waste from landfills to quality recycling and WtE
  - Use existing waste treatment capacities (LCA analysis) and develop new treatment options where necessary
  - Emerging technologies are only an option for waste treatment once they have been proven at industrial scale.
  - WtE residues management (Bottom Ash: metal recycling and recovery of aggregates).



# Recycling valuable metals from Waste-to-Energy bottom ash



Ferrous and non-ferrous metals can be extracted and recycled into new products, e.g. aluminium castings for the automotive industry.

Minerals can be used as secondary aggregates, e.g. in road construction or in building products.

1 tonne of recycled metals from bottom ash saves 2 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub><sub>equ</sub> emissions

1 tonne of bottom ash contains between 10-12% metals, including 15 to 20kg of aluminium

**Waste-to-Energy Plants contribute to achieving a recycling society and to improving Europe's Resource Efficiency, by using unavoidable waste as a valuable resource wherever possible.**

# Common statement on metal recycling from bottom ash



## **Recycle metals from bottom ash and save Greenhouse gas emissions**

The Metal Packaging and Recycling Industry, the Recycling Industry of bottom ash and the Waste-to-Energy sector jointly support the European Commission's approach to boost quality recycling and markets for secondary raw materials in the Circular Economy Package.

Therefore, our industries very much support the Commission's proposal to count recycling of metals from Waste-to-Energy's bottom ash towards recycling targets in the Waste Framework Directive<sup>1</sup> and the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive<sup>2</sup>, while meeting certain quality criteria. This will give Waste-to-Energy plant operators additional incentives to recycle even more metals from the bottom ash.

# CEWEP Policy Recommendations



- ▶ Uniting the Circular Economy and Energy Union goals
- ▶ Taking a holistic approach
- ▶ Considering the role of WtE in integrated systems, providing
  - Affordable and secure energy
  - Reducing Europe's dependence on fossil fuel imports
  - Saving Greenhouse gas emissions

and helping

- ▶ Quality Recycling by treating the waste not suitable for sustainable recycling
- ▶ Diverting waste from landfills
- ▶ All in respect of the waste hierarchy!
- ▶ Exploring also potential of C & I waste, not only municipal waste



Doel Waste-to-Energy plant, Belgium

# Thank you for your attention!



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