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Representing owners and operators of WtE plants (public & private) since 2002

CEWEP members: 24 countries, 83 M tonnes, 419 plants

Total in Europe: 100 M tonnes, 498 plants

Citizens served in EU 27: over 348 millions



CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANTS



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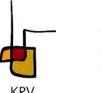




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A clean and safe circular economy relies on WtE for...

- Resource responsibility:
 - Clean cycle, low emissions, energy recovery, secondary materials
- Providing pollutant sink and sanitary task
- Recovering value from residual waste, prevents landfilling, and provides raw materials
- Reducing reliance on fossil fuels and imported energy

WtE - Enabler of transition and resilience for cities and industries









Energy independence

Circularity

Industrial decarbonisation



Energy independence

Secure Energy

WtE = local and reliable baseload energy source

Affordable energy

WtE = stable price

Decarbonised district heating & cooling and steam for industry

WtE = clean heat



Circularity

• Treats pollutants embedded in the waste

WtE = clean circle

Recovers materials

WtE = metals, minerals, CO₂ recovery

Diverts waste from landfills

WtE = reduced reliance on landfills



Industrial decarbonisation

Energy substitution

WtE = low-carbon, partly renewable

Resource efficiency

WtE = metal and mineral recovery

Carbon management

WtE = source of biogenic CO₂



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WtE is an essential part of the Circular Economy

And these are CEWEP's messages ...





CEWEP's calls

Waste management

Support WtE's hygienic role in policymaking

Promote the waste hierarchy, requiring pollution prevention at each level

Minimise landfilling of waste that can be used for material or energy recovery



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Energy and residues

Recognise WtE and material recovery from IBA in sustainable finance legislation

Ensure the efficient use of WtE as a local, reliable and sustainable energy source





CEWEP's calls

Climate

Develop a clear and coherent policy framework to mitigate climate change

Perform a holistic impact assessment before considering the inclusion of the waste sector in the EU ETS



Waste-to-Energy

Powering the circular economy and the clean industrial deal



