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WASTE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE – COM 397(2014)

- ▶ CEEP and MWE welcome the Circular Economy Package as an important first step towards a more circular economy in which resource-efficiency becomes the key driver for both economic growth and environmental protection in the EU.
- ▶ The Package underlines that this is not about choosing between safeguarding the environment OR growth and jobs, but about their mutual and additional benefits.
- ▶ It correctly identifies the crucial role played by waste management. For CEEP and MWE, managing waste means managing resources.
- ▶ We recall that the full implementation of the waste hierarchy, starting from prevention and preparation for reuse are fundamental to the achievement of a real circular economy.

DEFINITION OF MUNICIPAL WASTE

- ▶ The definition of municipal waste in the Waste Framework Directive should be based as closely as possible on the definition of terms in the European Waste Catalogue.
- ▶ Municipal waste should be defined solely according to its origin, its nature and its composition.
- ▶ Neither the size of the company or similar nor the method of waste collection should be used in the definition.

INCREASING RECYCLING EFFORTS THROUGH AMBITIOUS AND REALISTIC WASTE TARGETS

- ▶ We need one calculation method for recycling, based on the output of first sorting.
- ▶ Setting the data collection at this point ensures that all waste for recycling in Europe, which has been sorted and sold to the market, is accounted for.
- ▶ CEEP and MWE highlight the need for ambitious, yet realistic and achievable waste targets.
- ▶ The new waste targets should be elaborated/adjusted taking into account the context, which includes:
 - New definition of Municipal Waste;
 - New calculation method;
 - Recognition of the range of achievements in waste management among the 28 MSs.



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- ▶ Recycling must be increased in terms of quantity and, in particular, of quality.
- ▶ Specific recycling targets should be set for the key waste materials.
- ▶ Extended Producer Responsibility is one important tool among others, in the achievement of a real circular economy, and can be very effective in the successful achievement of high and ambitious recycling targets.
- ▶ The market for recycled materials should be strengthened: the development of ambitious End-of-waste criteria could be an opportunity.

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- ▶ Ecodesign is key to the achievement of a real circular economy, representing one of the crucial conditions for the success of high and ambitious recycling targets.
- ▶ The development of an integrated network of recycling and recovery facilities (covering, as necessary, all types of treatment, e.g. sorting, anaerobic digestion) should be promoted; this will also bring significant benefits to employment (green jobs) and growth. Member States' performances on waste management show a clear need of development of recycling and recovery facilities in many regions.
- ▶ Efficient energy from waste, providing heat and power, should be used to treat all waste which is not intended for or cannot be recycled.

IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOURCE AND CLIMATE PROTECTION TARGETS BY LIMITING LANDFILL

- ▶ Landfill Reduction Targets are a crucial part of achieving a circular economy.
- ▶ These should be set realistically and in incremental, achievable steps (2025, 2030).
- ▶ The list of types of waste authorized for landfill should be limited.
- ▶ Landfill targets and recycling targets should apply to all waste, not only municipal waste. Some Member States use thresholds for calorific value, loss on ignition and TOC to ensure that only inert waste or waste with a low calorific value can be deposited in landfill.

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