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EU Circular Economy

MEP Simona Bonafè published report on waste legislative proposal

On 2 June 2016 the European Parliament rapporteur for the EU Circular Economy Package, Simona Bonafè, published the [draft report](#) on the waste legislative proposal.

As expected from Parliament's reserved initial response to the Commission's publication of the package and her specific comments about its lack of ambition, Ms Bonafè is proposing among others to increase the recycling target for municipal waste by 5% over the Commission's suggested 65% by 2030; to separately collect wood, textiles and bio-waste in addition to paper, metals, plastics and glass, and not to allow these separately collected waste streams to be incinerated.

With regard to **bio-waste** Ms Bonafè is asking that **'separate collection of bio-waste from municipal waste should be made obligatory and a recycling target should be laid down for bio-waste from municipal waste to attract infrastructure investments towards recycling facilities for bio-waste and to boost markets for compost and digestate'**.



By setting concrete time lines, like the implementation of separate collection of bio-waste by 2020 and achieving **a minimum recycling target for bio-waste from municipal waste of 65 % by 2025**, and including a definition for **'organic recycling'**, Member States are guided to improve biological waste management in the next years.

ECN welcomes the draft report with the specific amendments for bio-waste. We will follow-up the discussion with the Members of the European Parliament in the next weeks. Until 23 June 2016 MEPs have time to give their comments.

Please find the ECN position paper: 'Focus: closing the loop - a waste policy revision' available for download [here](#).

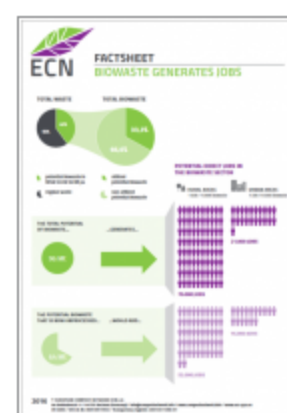
ECN Factsheet

Biowaste generates Jobs

In respect to the Circular Economy package, ECN set up a fact sheet on job creation through biowaste.

Taking the amount of potential biowaste from municipal waste of 64 Mt into account, would create up to 50.000 direct jobs in the biowaste sector.

The factsheet is available for download [here](#).



ACR+ - Report

New cross-analyses on 'Pay-As-You-Throw' Schemes published

In the midst of the discussion on which recycling targets to set, how to reach resource efficiency and boost circular economy in Europe, ACR+ has explored the application of Pay-As-You-Throw in seven municipalities across the European Union. This new report looks at the potential benefits and challenges when introducing Pay-As-You-Throw, focusing on household waste.

Efforts to develop and enhance prevention, prepare for reuse and recycling have improved in the past decade, but have still not managed to stabilise or even reduce waste levels. Increased consumption and accompanying levels of waste have led to an interest in reinforcing policies and strategies addressing the top of the waste hierarchy. One such strategy for household waste is to apply the Polluter Pays Principle through the implementation of a variable fee structure, or Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT), as studied in this ACR+ publication. This policy targets household waste at its very source and makes households responsible for the quantity of waste discarded and thus creates an incentive for increased recycling, composting, and ideally a reduction in waste generation.



The summary of the report is available [here](#).

January 23-26, 2017 in Los Angeles, CA

25th Annual Conference and Trade Show - Submit now!

The USCC (US Composting Council) is seeking presenters with recent research or case studies on organics collection, processing or use for the 25th Annual conference.

Proposed presentations should include information that is relevant to compost manufacturing and related professions.

Priority Submission Due Date: **June 30, 2016**

Abstracts are encouraged on topics in each of these areas:

- California Track
- Diverting and Collecting Organics
- Equipment Processing Technologies
- Environmental Protection
- Operators' Track
- Programming, Policy and Education
- Uses and Markets

More information on the conference is available [here](#).



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