



# MIXED WASTE SORTING

THE NEXT FRONTIER FOR  
THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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Brussels, Belgium  
European Committee of the Regions  
9.00am - 4.00pm CET



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# Opening remarks

9:30am - 9:35am

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-Luca Menesini, European Committee of the Regions



# Introductions

9:35am - 9:40am

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-Joan Marc Simon, Director-Founder, Zero Waste Europe



# Remarks

9:40am - 9:50am

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-Martin Hojsik, MEP (Renew), European Parliament





# Panel 1: What can Mixed Waste Sorting contribute to Europe's circular economy strategy?

9.50am - 11.00am | Moderator: Anna Larsson, Reloop

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- **Ayesha Bapasola**, Senior Consultant & **Andy Grant**, Technical Director, Eunomia Research and Consulting
- **Enzo Favoino**, Chair of the Scientific Committee, Zero Waste Europe
- **Dr. Dominic Hogg**, Director, Equanimator Ltd.
- **Clarissa Morawski**, CEO, Reloop



## Speakers from Eunomia Research and Consulting

**Ayesha Bapasola, Senior Consultant**

**Andy Grant, Technical Director**



# Mixed Waste Sorting to meet the EU's Circular Economy Objectives

Ayesha Bapasola, Senior Consultant

March 2023



# Research questions

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**Is there a role for MWS to support the EU's**

**Ambitions to achieve emissions reduction targets and climate neutrality?**

- By reducing GHG emissions from the waste and materials sectors

**Transition from a linear to a circular economy?**

- By supporting the attainment of recycling targets

# Methodology

## Baseline (2019)

- Focus on plastic packaging
- Best estimate of “actual” EU recycling rate

## Improved collection/ recyclability scenario (2030)

- Improved separate collection
  - Apply DRS – no other improvement
  - Apply DRS + improved separate collection
- Improved recyclability

## Case Studies

- MS with high plastic packaging recycling rates
- Germany, Belgium, Sweden

## MWS Scenario

- Overlay MWS on improved collection/ recyclability scenario

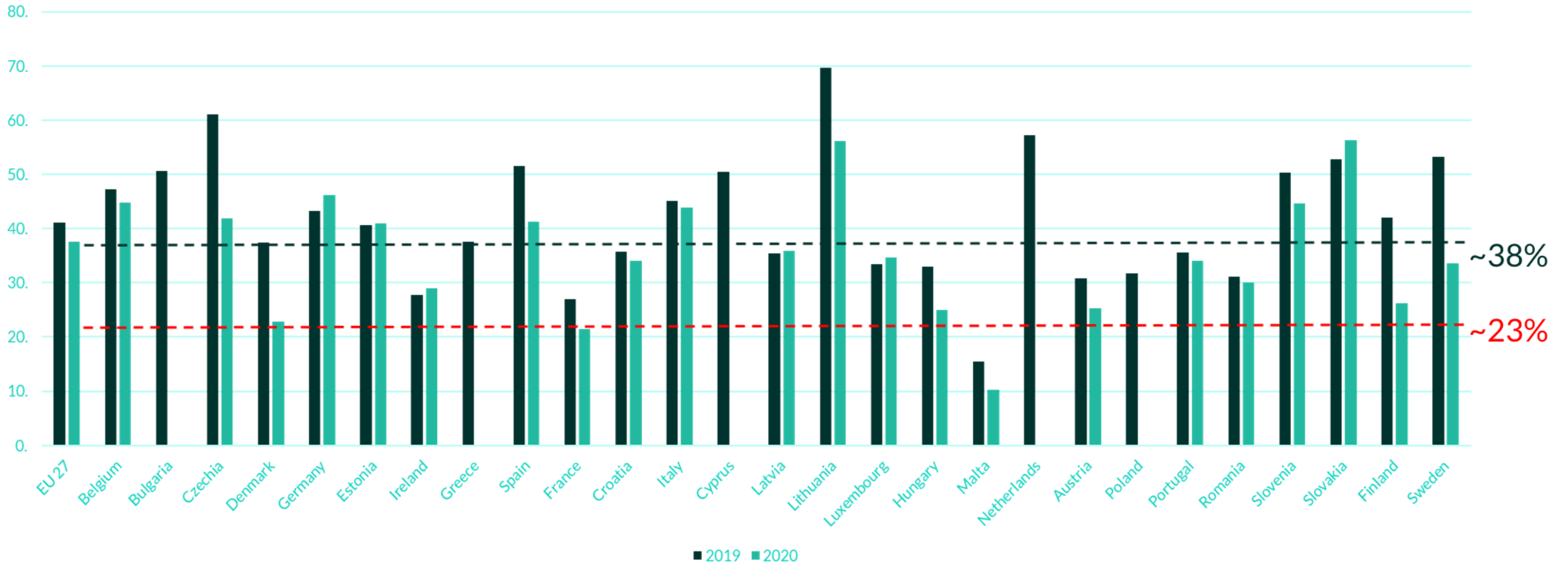


# EU-27 Results

## Plastic Packaging Recycling Rates

# EU-27 - Baseline

EU plastic packaging recycling rate 2019-2020



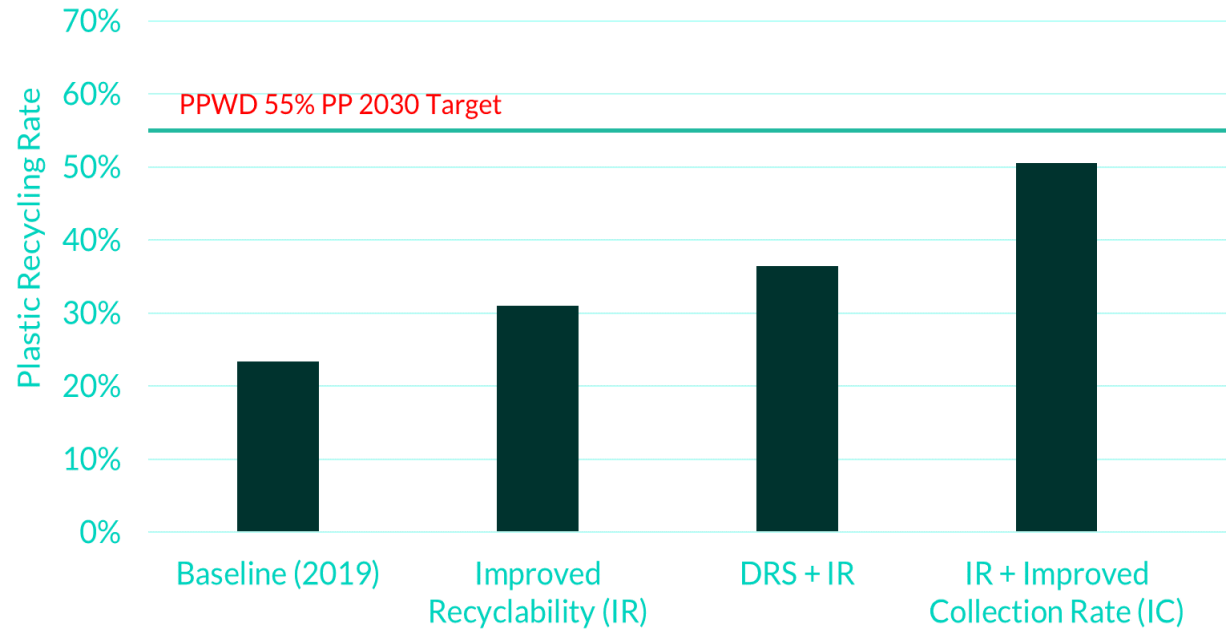
# EU-27 Improved collection & recyclability

**IR** - improved recyclability of plastic packaging by 2030

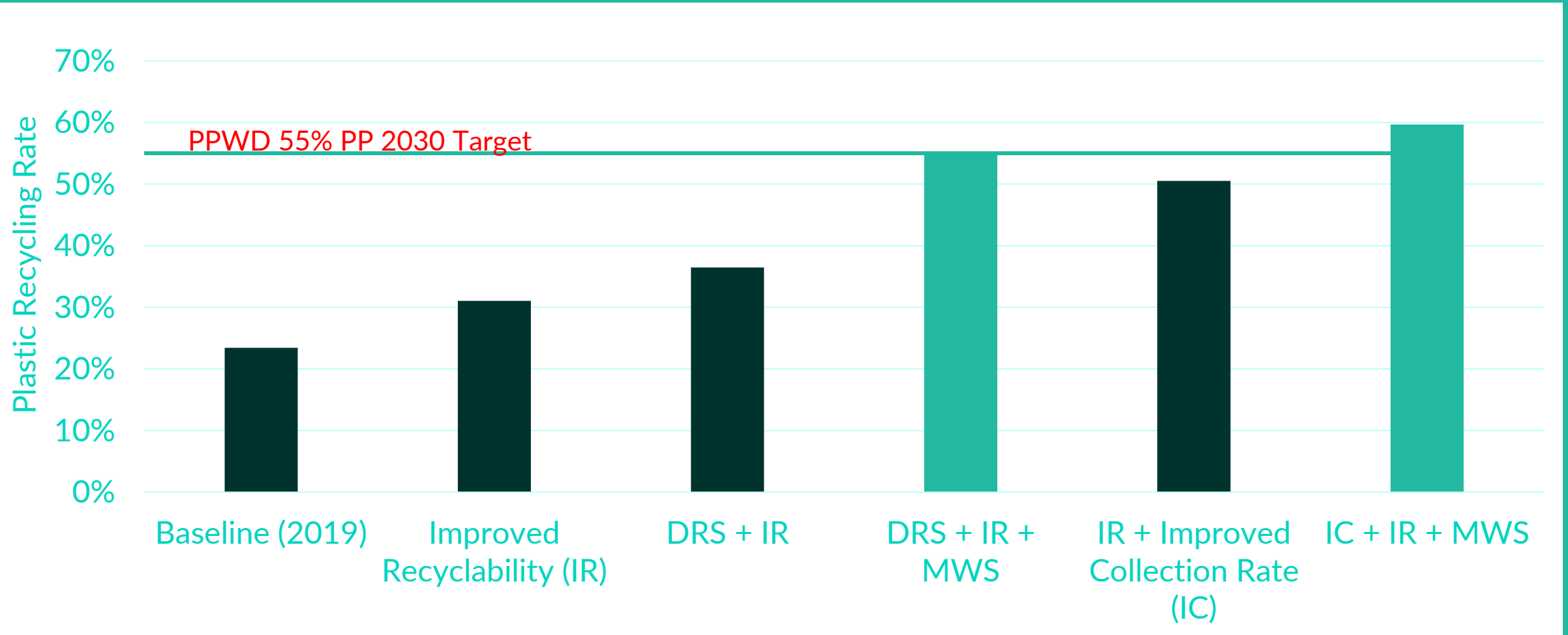
**DRS** - full roll out of deposit return systems for beverage containers across the EU by 2030

**IC** - Full roll out of DRS + improvement in separate collections across EU such that 75% of plastic packaging is separately collected by 2030

**MWS** - IC + roll out of mixed waste sorting across EU by 2030



# EU 27 – Overlay MWS



# MS Case Studies

## Plastic Packaging Recycling Rates



# Summary of approach

## Selection of suitable MS

High performers – separate collection and recycling of plastic packaging  
Transparent data publication

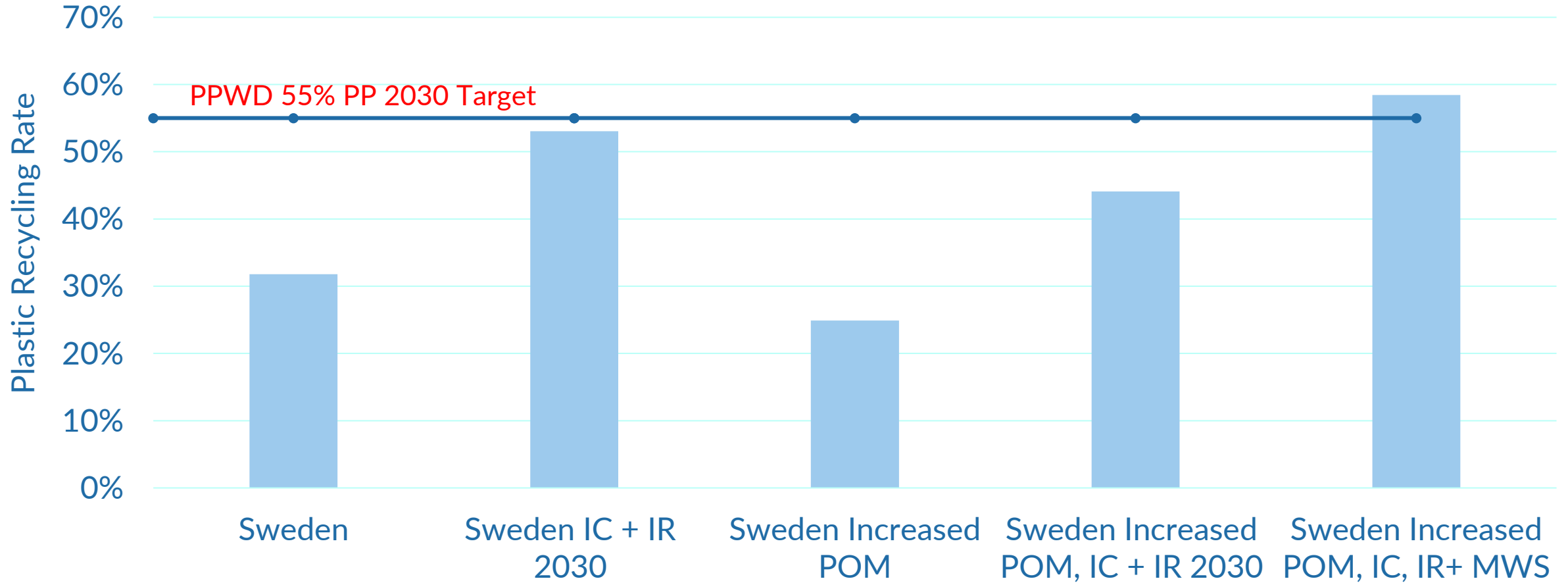
## Baseline data gathering

Reported recycling rates  
Reported methodology for calculation  
Stakeholder interviews

## Scenario data gathering

Planned collections improvements  
Planned sorting / recycling improvements  
Drivers for these changes  
Projections of performance by 2030  
Stakeholder interviews

# Example - Sweden



# EU-27 Results

## GHG Emissions

# Summary of approach

## Widen scope

All municipal waste  
Year 2035  
Improved recyclability +  
collection scenarios same

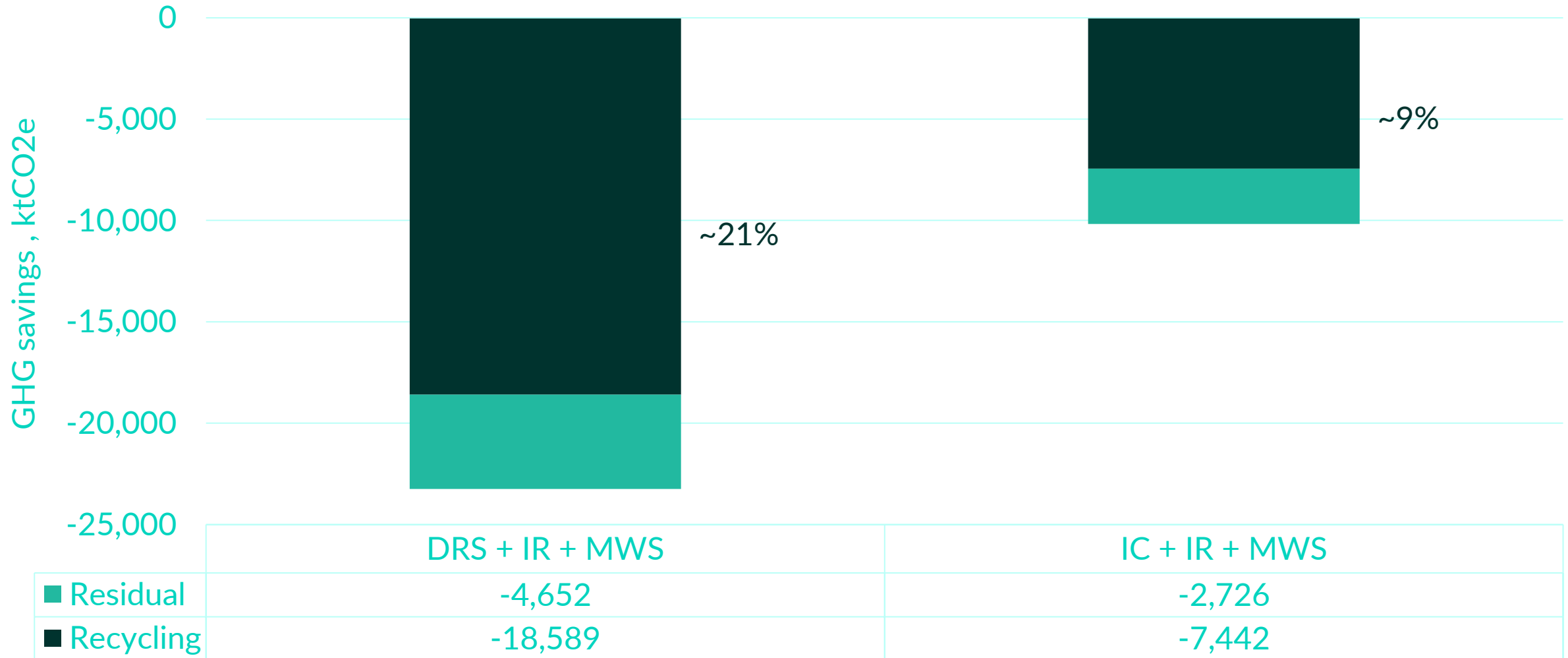
## Key assumptions

Data on waste  
destinations (2019 and  
2035)  
Data on incinerator  
operating modes  
Data on grid emission  
factors

## Logic framework

GHG savings –  
1. Reduced incineration  
2. Increased recycling

# GHG emissions reductions from waste





*Perhaps the most important contribution from MWS would be the reduction in GHG emissions associated with waste, as it is an effective method for ensuring that energy intensive materials are not lost to landfill and energy recovery but can be recycled and displace the need for virgin materials.*



# Thank You

**Speaker:**

**Enzo Favoino**, Chair of the Scientific Committee,  
Zero Waste Europe



# MWS in a “bridge” strategy for management of mixed (residual) waste



**Enzo Favoino**

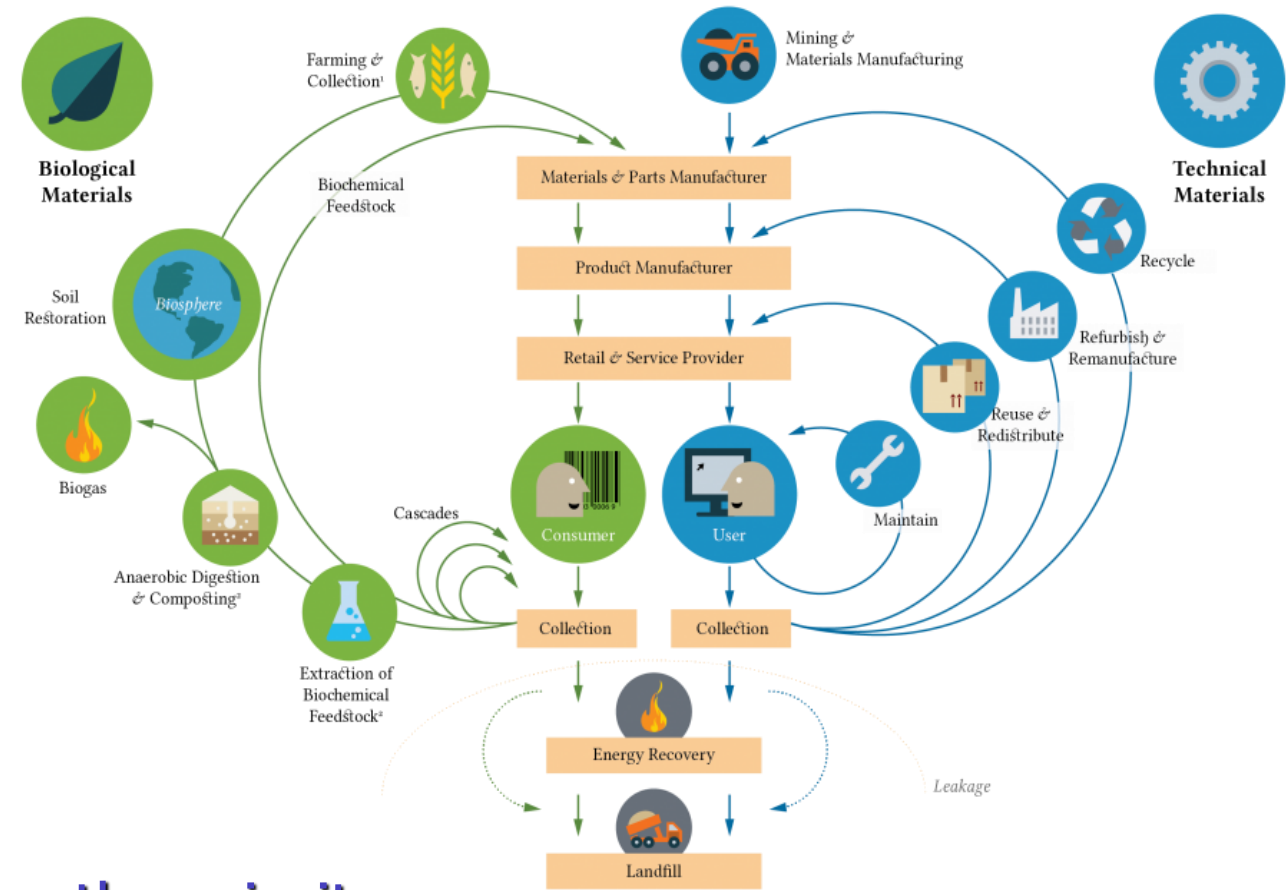


*Scientific Coordinator,  
Zero Waste Europe*



# Goals of residual waste management in the Age of Circular Economy

- Minimise «leakages» of resources
- maximise recycling/composting/reuse
  - This requires flexibility
- Reduction, reuse and separate collection the priority
  - Management of residuals aimed at improving overall env performances
- Comply with the obligation on pretreatment
- Minimise the climate footprint
  - Methane from landfills
  - Fossil CO2 from incineration/co-incineration



# Operational drivers that are changing mixed/residual waste

- EU targets
  - MSW
  - packaging
- art. 22 WFD – organics!
- PAYT
- **Non-packaging plastics** increase
- Organics (may) decrease



MATERIAL	MILAN (Average 2019)
WEEE, HHW	0.1%
Paper and cardboard	29.3%
Other paper	3%
Plastic tableware	1.1%
Plastic packaging	13.1%
Other plastic	2.2%
Textiles, leather & rubber	6.6%
Iron	3.6%
Aluminum	0.8%
Multi-layer	1.1%
Bio waste	11.1%
Glass	5.8%
Nappies	6%
Fines <20	13.1%
Garden waste	3.1%
Total	100%

MATERIAL	LJUBLJANA (Average 2017)
WEEE, HHW	0.87
Paper and cardboard	21.5%
Other paper	3.88%
Plastic (LD-PE, PP,PET,HD-PE)	10.08%
Other plastic	11.79%
Textiles, leather & rubber	7.67%
Iron	2.53%
Other metals	2,31%
Biowaste	10.91%
Glass	2.29%
Nappies	10.34%
Fines <20	10.91%
Treated wood	1.83%
Other waste (bones, ceramics, stones...)	2.11%
Tetrapak	0.99%
Total	100%

# The «enabling conditions»

- Tech progress
  - sorting tech and equipment
  - Washing techniques
- Reduction of organics (art 22)
- ETS
- Pull measures
  - GPP
  - MRCs





# Takeaway points

- MWS not a substitute for priority actions – but a great icing on the cake
- Changes in residual/mixed waste making it more and more viable
- «Flexibility» of the system is becoming a key tool to deploy the full potential of Circular Economy
- (maximised) Climate benefits connected to stabilisation of biodegradables + recovery of fossil materials



**Speaker:**

**-Dr. Dominic Hogg, Director, Equanimator Ltd.**



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# But Isn't it Expensive?

Mixed Waste Sorting: the Next Frontier for the Circular Economy

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21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dr Dominic Hogg and Dinkar Suri

# Household waste



Leftover Mixed Waste (LMW)



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# Sorting of Leftover Mixed Waste

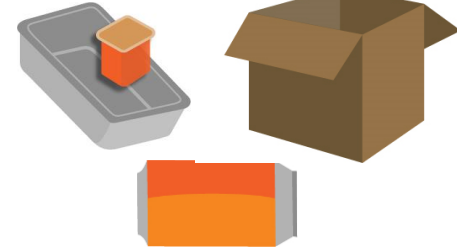
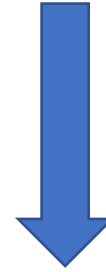
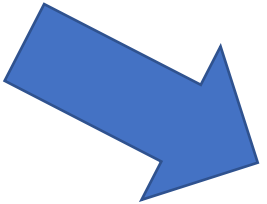


Residual Waste

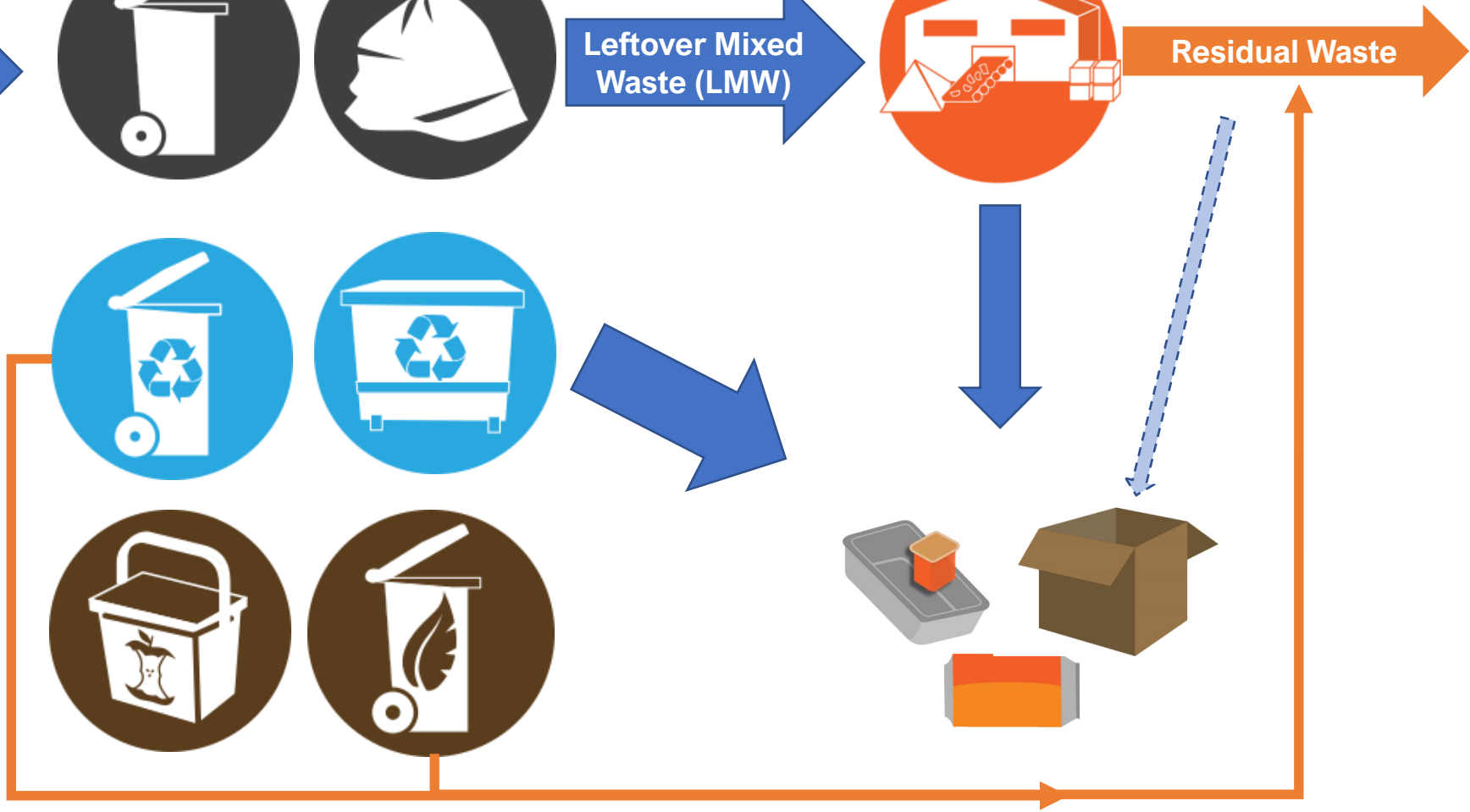
# Non-household MSW



Separate Collection



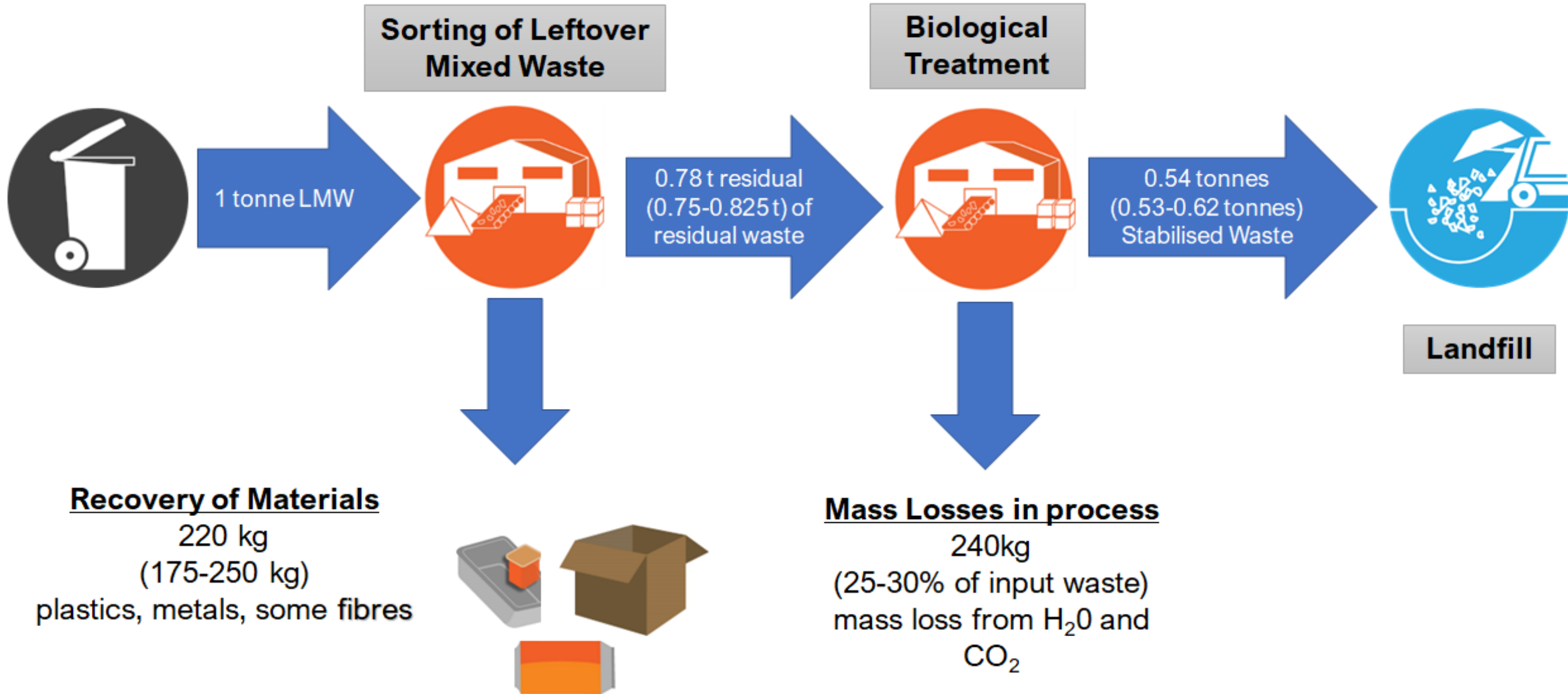
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# Assumptions

- 1. Scales - 100kt and 200kt**
- 2. Singular composition**
  - Main impacts are via mass flow: revenues from material sales and landfill costs
  - These are varied significantly in the analysis
- 3. Separate Facilities**
  - LMWS = Leftover Mixed Waste Sorting); BT = Biological Treatment
  - Landfill modelled via gate fees inclusive of tax
- 4. LMWS configured to deliver separate plastic fractions (future-proofed) – no glass**
- 5. BT with no separation (asked to look at ‘inerts’); stability as per Draft Biowaste Directive**
- 6. Cost assumptions**
  - Weighted average cost of capital = 12% central (8% as sensitivity)
  - Central value for revenues (high and low as sensitivity)
  - Specific ‘Member States of interest’ modelled (land, labour, electricity)
  - Capex (excl land) same across MSs
  - Used to posit costs in ‘lower’ and ‘higher’ cost countries
  - Revenues = central, low and high values (iterative approach)
  - Landfill costs = €110/tonne central (low = €60 /tonne, high = €160 / tonne)

# MRBT = LMWS + BT + Landfill (for stabilized biowaste)



Out-turn Figures (being finalized) – 100kt		
Component costs / revenues	“Lower Cost” MS (€/tonne)	“Higher Cost” MS (€/tonne)
100kt MRBT		
LMWS (excl Revenue)	55	71
Revenue (central value)	-37	-37
BT (excl Revenue)	42	52
Landfill Costs (central value = €110/tonne)	59	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>145</b>

Out-turn Figures (being finalized) – 200kt		
Component costs / revenues	“Lower Cost” MS (€/tonne)	“Higher Cost” MS (€/tonne)
200kt MRBT		
LMWS (excl Revenue)	39	50
Revenue (central value)	-37	-37
BT (excl Revenue)	37	46
Landfill Costs (central value = €110/tonne)	59	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>118</b>



Out-turn Figures (being finalized) – Looking at Plastics / Waste		
Component costs / revenues	“Lower Cost” MS (€/tonne)	“Higher Cost” MS (€/tonne)
100kt MRBT		
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Revenue (central value)	-37	-37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>

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*\* Assumes 80% of Plastic Extracted is Recycled*

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<b>TOTAL (per tonne waste extracted)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>157</b>

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<b>TOTAL (per tonne plastic*)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>TOTAL (per tonne waste extracted)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60</b>

# Summary

- 1. MRBT Systems have costs comparable with other options for dealing with LMW**
- 2. The argument for using LMWS has become, and will be, for the foreseeable future, ever more compelling**
  - In terms of avoided costs of landfilling / incineration**
  - In terms of costs of capturing plastics for recycling**
- 3. The relevance of MRBT Systems at a global level is potentially enormous**
  - Energy and GHG savings associated with materials recycling**
  - Zero methane landfilling**



# Thanks

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**Speaker:**

**Clarissa Morawski, Co-Founder & CEO, Reloop**



# Recommendations

1) Either through the IED or the WFD (or both), mandate the use of MWS systems of a ***defined quality*** to remove recyclable materials prior to waste incineration.



# Recommendations

2. Define '***treatment of waste prior to landfilling***' in the Landfill Directive to require sorting of mixed waste, with sorting defined through the process set out in the Waste Framework Directive.

# Recommendations

3. Require that in the case of use of mixed wastes for renewable energy generation, the operators are required to accept **pre-sorted material which meet relevant performance criteria**, aimed at removing materials so that the non-renewable share of energy generated from mixed waste is minimised.

# Recommendations

4. Remove the R1 formula in Annex II of the WFD so that municipal **waste incineration is no longer able to be classified as 'recovery'**

# Recommendations

**5. Include incineration facilities within the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) by 2028** as a means to encourage progress in the quality of sorting systems for removing plastics from the mixed waste remaining after separate collection.

# Recommendations

**6. Ban incineration and disposal of recyclable /reusable materials** through the revision of the PPWR or the WFD (or both).



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# Guidance for the interpretation of the European Parliament proposal on Art. 29 of the REDIII regarding mixed waste sorting systems of 'defined quality'

[https://www.reloopplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MWS-BRIEF\\_ZWE-Reloop.pdf](https://www.reloopplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MWS-BRIEF_ZWE-Reloop.pdf)



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## Panel 2: Which countries are using MWS to increase circularity and what are their stories?

11.30am - 12.45pm | Moderator: Janek Vahk, Zero Waste Europe

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- **Anna Larsson**, Director, Circular Economy Development, Reloop
- **Stellan Höglund**, Waste Management Association in Scandinavia (SORAB)
- **Ingunn Dale Samset**, Norwegian Environment Agency
- **Tjaco Twigt**, Sea the Future, Netherlands
- **Marek Kabacinski**, Vice Chairmain & **Henryk Kultys**, Chairman of the Board, MPO (Municipal Waste Management Company), Crakow, Poland





**Speaker:**

**Anna Larsson, Director Circular Economy Development, Reloop**



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“The secrets  
of the **black bin**”







**POLAND**

Collection methodology:  
**Curbside/bring**

Packaging waste management  
framework:  
Responsibility of the **municipalities**

Financing:  
**No co-financing from EPR**

Photos: Anna Larsson, Reloop

Collection methodology:  
**Bring**

Packaging waste management  
framework:  
Responsibility of the **producers\***  
(historically; at present - system in transition)

Financing:  
**Bring: financing from EPR**



**SWEDEN**



**NORWAY**

Collection methodology:  
**Curbside/bring**

Packaging waste management  
framework:  
Responsibility of the **municipalities**

Financing:  
**Partial co-financing from EPR**



**61%** of plastic packaging in residual waste

**39%** of plastic packaging source separated



Discredited EPR based on dual collection system

**Free riding** - plastic packaging (additional 150k on top of 210k reported)

**Insufficient collection infrastructure** for packaging waste

**60% recyclable/compostable waste in residual waste**



**60%**



Thorough analysis regarding future strategy for separation of plastics

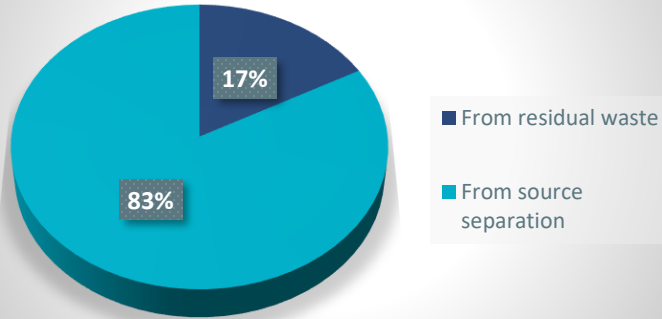
**Revolutionary approach:**

Instead of yet another bin – **mixed waste sorting**

Gradually growing collection targets have required:

- **Removal of impurities** from recyclables collected via source separation
- Sorting recyclables **out of the residual waste fractions**

## Source of recyclables



## SÖRAB, Sweden

# 10%

of residual waste recovered

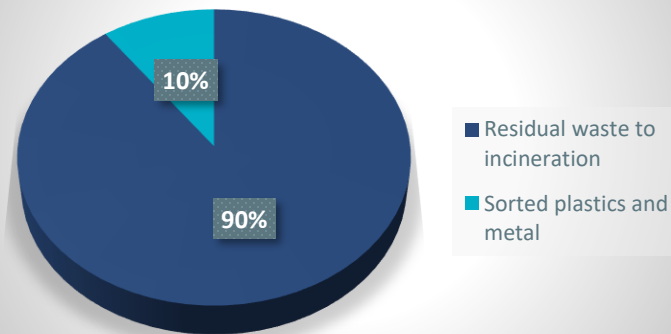
	Yield in weighth %	Purity in weighth %
PE-film (incl laminate)	84-89	93-96
PEHD	74-80	97
PP-rigid	70-75	96-98
PET- bottles	70-75	97
PET-trays	60-62	97

## MPO in Cracow, Poland

# 17%

of recyclables  
have come from MWS

## Recovered recyclables



## ROAF, Norway

Up to 

# 89%

  
of plastics recovered from MWS



# Flagship projects



Photo: ROAF

Photo: MPO Krakow





# Need a BIG SCALE



Because residual waste bins in Europe are full of recyclables and food waste



# Only 39% municipal plastic packaging is collected through source separation !

PET, tr.	PET, blue	PET, green	PET, mix	Cosmetix	PEHD, PELD	PP + PS	Packaging
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## Plastic packaging, municipal waste, Poland, 2021



Let's recycle them!



More recyclables  
are available!



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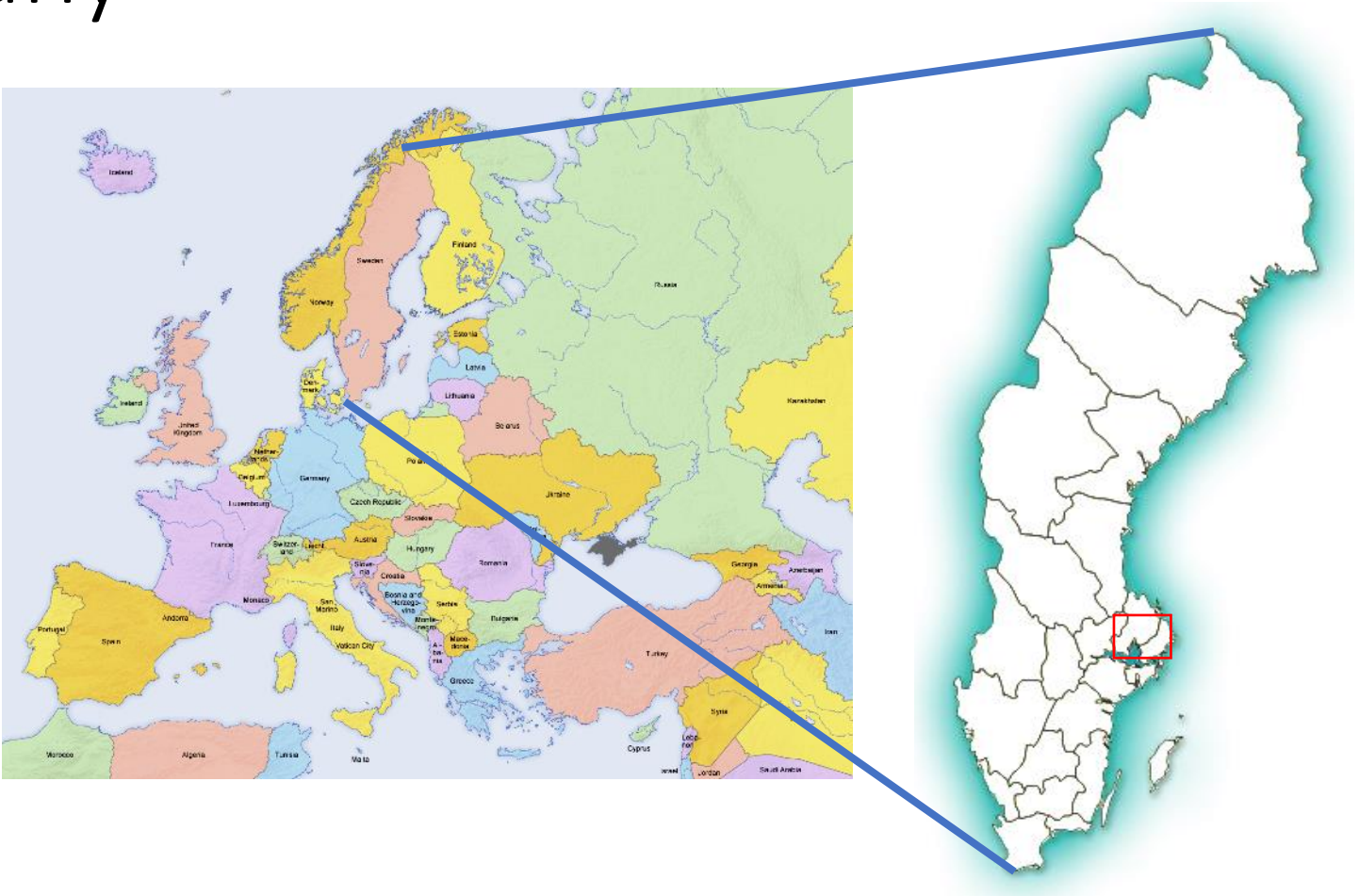
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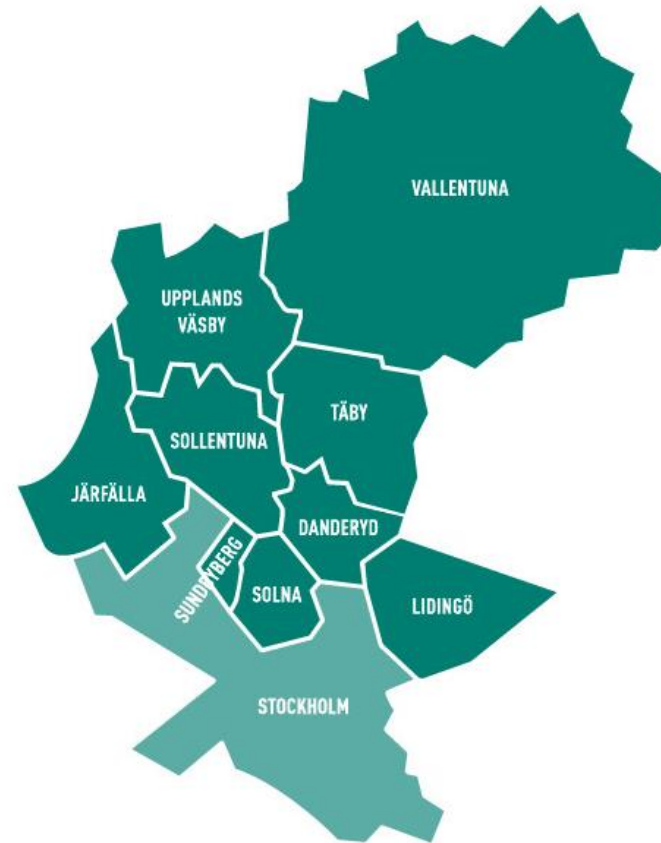


# SÖRAB – a regional waste management company



# About SÖRAB

- 10 municipalities
- Founded in 1978
- 50+ employees
- Hire around 150 contractors
- 10 facilities
- Serve a population of approx. 525 000 people
- Certified with ISO14001 (environmental certificate) and ISO 9001 (quality certificate)



# SÖRAB

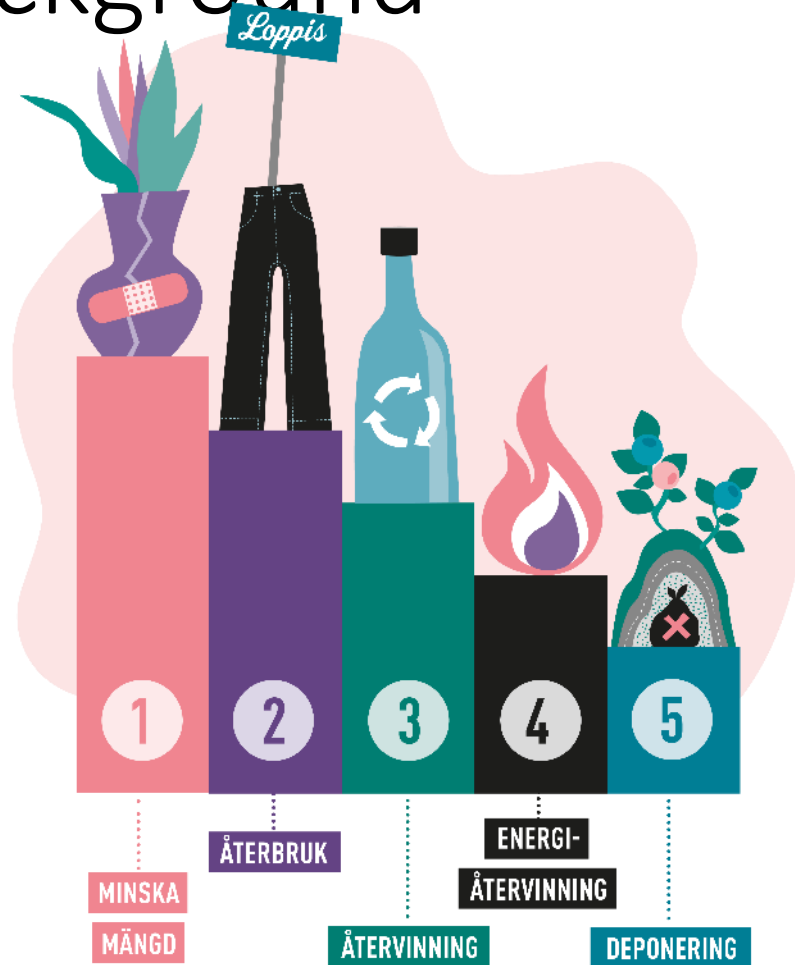
- SÖRABs assigned task from the owners is to:
  - Receive household waste from residents in our municipalities
  - Treat the waste in an environmentally and economically sound fashion
- SÖRAB also:
  - Receive, treat and refine materials from the private sector
  - Receive, treat and dispose contaminated soils

# Brista Waste Sorting Plant, why?





# Background

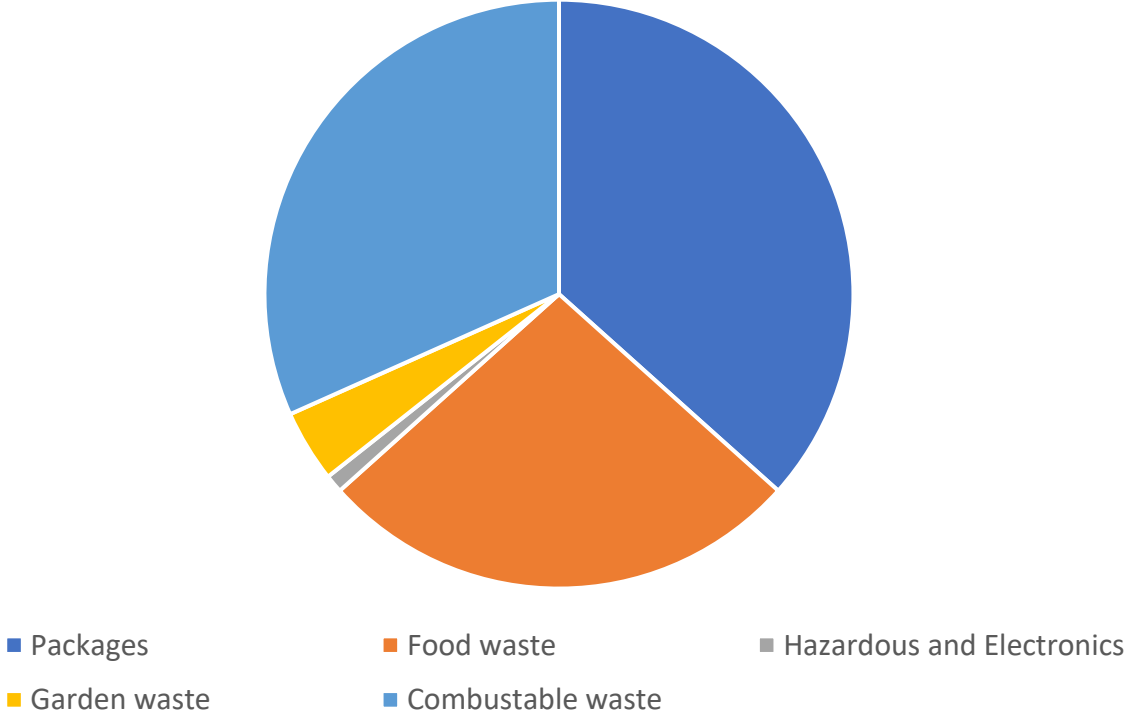


- EUs new target: 65% of all municipal household waste shall be recycled 2035
- In year 2045, Sweden net emissions of greenhouse gases shall be zero. To reach that goal, waste incineration needs to be fossil free.



# Communication/Education The Challenge!

Household waste



# Brista Waste Sorting Plant



Built 2020 in cooperation  
with Stockholm Exergi  
Regular production started  
2021

Designed to receive 140 000  
tons of household waste

# Plastic and metal from household waste



11000 tons of plastic and  
2500 tons of metal is  
sorted out annually

11000 tons of plastic reduces emission of fossil CO<sub>2</sub> by approximately 22000 tons

# Producer responsibility

An entity, putting packaging material on the Swedish market must by law make sure that the packaging material waste is handled by a producer responsibility organisation, approved by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.

The producer responsibility organisation has as primary objectives to prevent packaging waste and recycle what cannot be prevented.



is responsible for 90% of all packaging material put on market (POM) in Sweden

A large amount ends up in the residual waste.

Could this material be interesting for other companies/organisations in Europe?

# Conclusion

To increase recycling of packaging material, advanced sorting technology for residual household waste should be applied

To increase the level of recycling as well as efficiency, a European recycling market would be interesting



# Thank you!



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**Speaker:**

**Ingunn Dale Samset, Norwegian Environment Agency**





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# Central sorting of waste in Norway

Ingunn Dale Samset, Conference on Mixed Waste Sorting, Brussels 21.03.2023





Will not reach EU targets  
with separate collection  
alone

- EU targets of 55 – 65 % recycling and preparing for reuse of municipal waste
- A combination of separate collection of waste and advanced sorting technology is necessary





# Central sorting can increase recycling

Analyses of collection and sorting of plastic packaging waste in Norway:

- Average source separation: 36 % (2020)
- Best practice source separation: 40 – 50 %
- Central sorting plants: 65 – 80 %



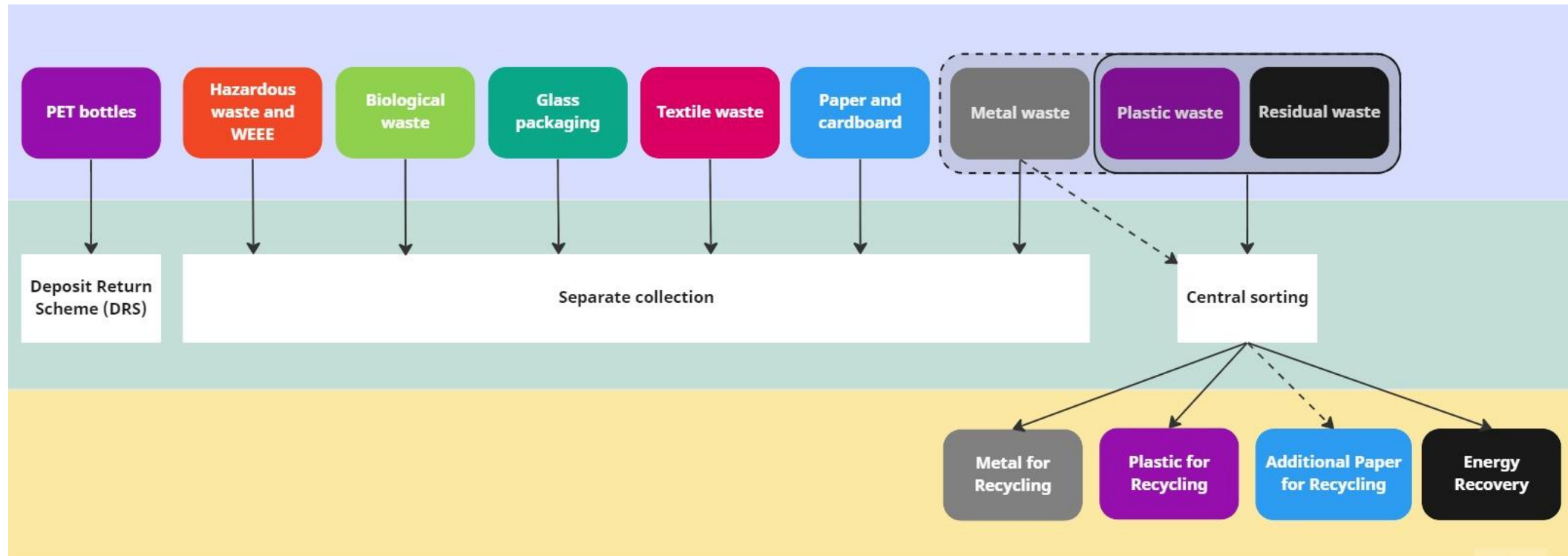


# Central waste sorting plants in Norway

- Advanced technology sort waste fractions like plastics and metal from residual waste
- Two central sorting plants established for household waste
- More plants in the planning process

Photo: IVAR IKS

# Separate collection is a precondition for central sorting of waste in Norway





# Quality of sorted plastics

Studies documenting the quality of centrally sorted plastic waste show:

- Quality is comparable to separately collected plastic
- Somewhat dirtier, but can be cleaned in washing plant prior to recycling






# National regulation

- New national regulation with mandatory requirements on separate collection of waste
- Separate collection of plastic waste can be replaced by other systems if enabling high levels of recycling



A wide-angle landscape photograph of a fjord. In the foreground, a grassy slope with scattered grey rocks leads down towards a sandy beach. The beach is crescent-shaped and meets the water. The water is a vibrant turquoise color near the shore, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. The fjord is flanked by steep, green mountains. The sky is a mix of blue and white, with large, soft clouds. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

Thank you  
for your attention!



**Speaker:**

**Tjaco Twigt, Sea the Future**





# Keeping Plastics in the Economy and Out of Environment

SEA THE  
FUTURE

Plastics Mixed Waste Sorting in the Netherlands  
and the Sea the Future & Port of Rotterdam project

Pioneered by



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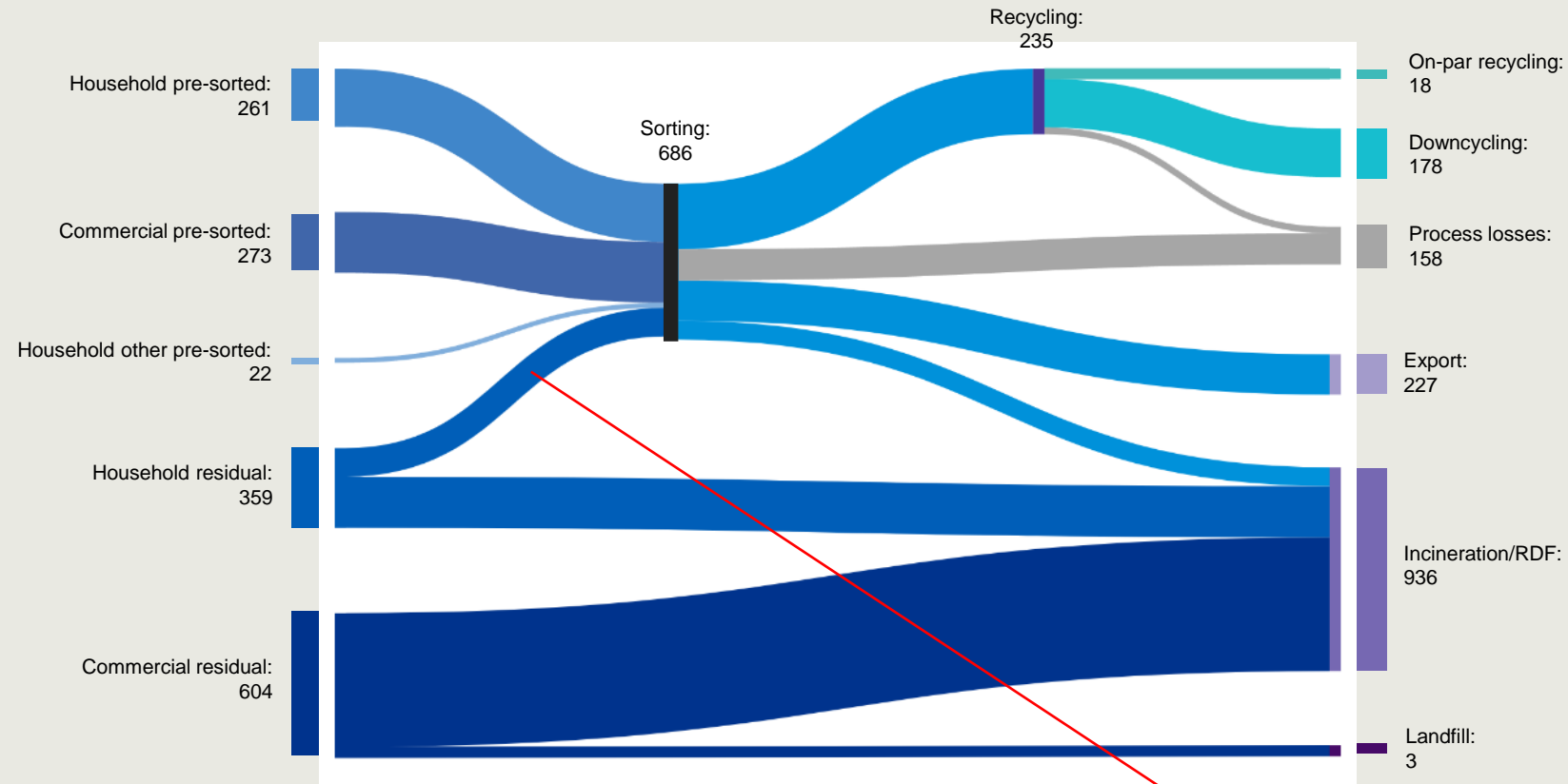
1. Plastic flows in the Netherlands
2. Sea the Future: developing recycling value chains
3. Sea the Future and Port of Rotterdam project



# In NL, the majority of post-consumer plastic waste is currently incinerated whereas only ~1% is currently on-par recycled



Indicative flow of post-consumer plastic waste<sup>(a)</sup> from waste stream to final processing step in the Netherlands, 2020 (kt)

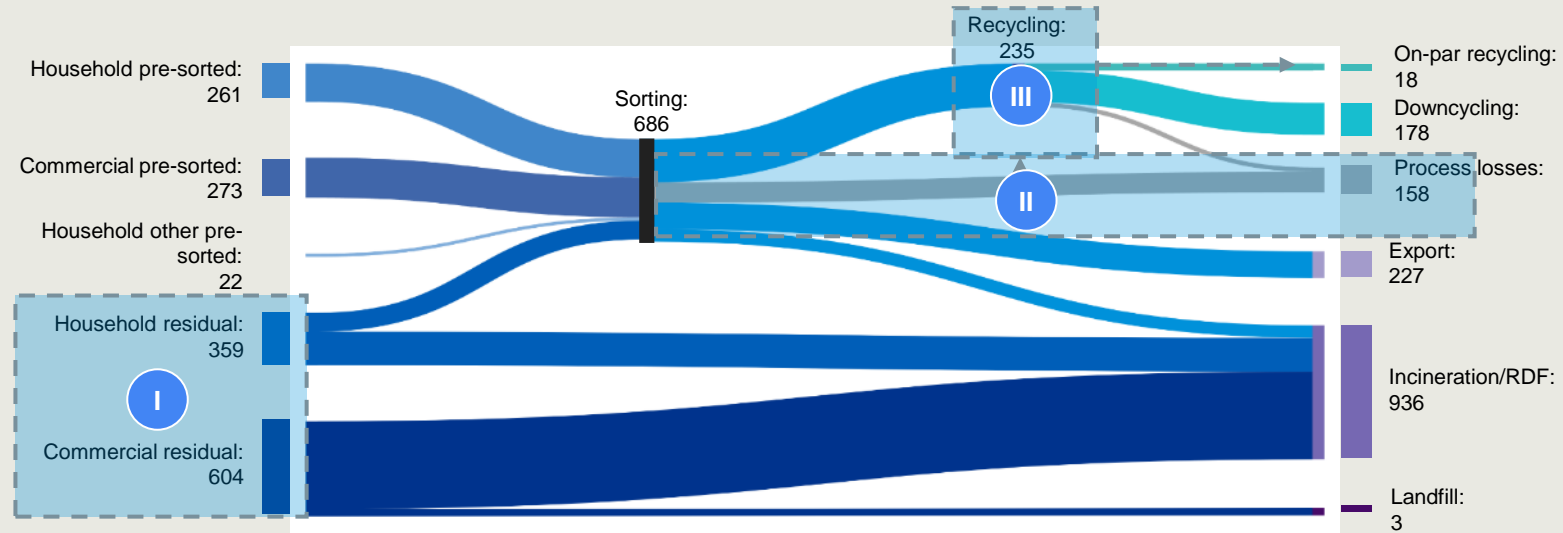


Note: (a) Excludes post-industrial plastic waste and deposit collection streams as these streams are not considered 'waste' in statistics.  
 Source: CBS; Eurostat; Interview feedback; KPMG analysis.

5 existing MWS plants:  
 Omrin, Attero, HVC, AEB, AVR

# Sea the Future intends to tackle 3 key areas: (i) increase sorting rate, (ii) increase recycle rate and (iii) increase share of on-par recycling

Indicative flow of post-consumer plastic waste<sup>(a)</sup> from waste stream to final processing step in the Netherlands, 2020 (kt)



**I**

As the plastic fraction in the residual waste is above 60%, **increasing the sorting rate of residual waste streams** is essential in achieving recycling objectives.

**II**

**Increasing the recycling rate** of sorted waste is key to ensure (recyclable) materials are not incinerated or exported as these streams contain relatively pure streams of (recyclable) plastic waste.

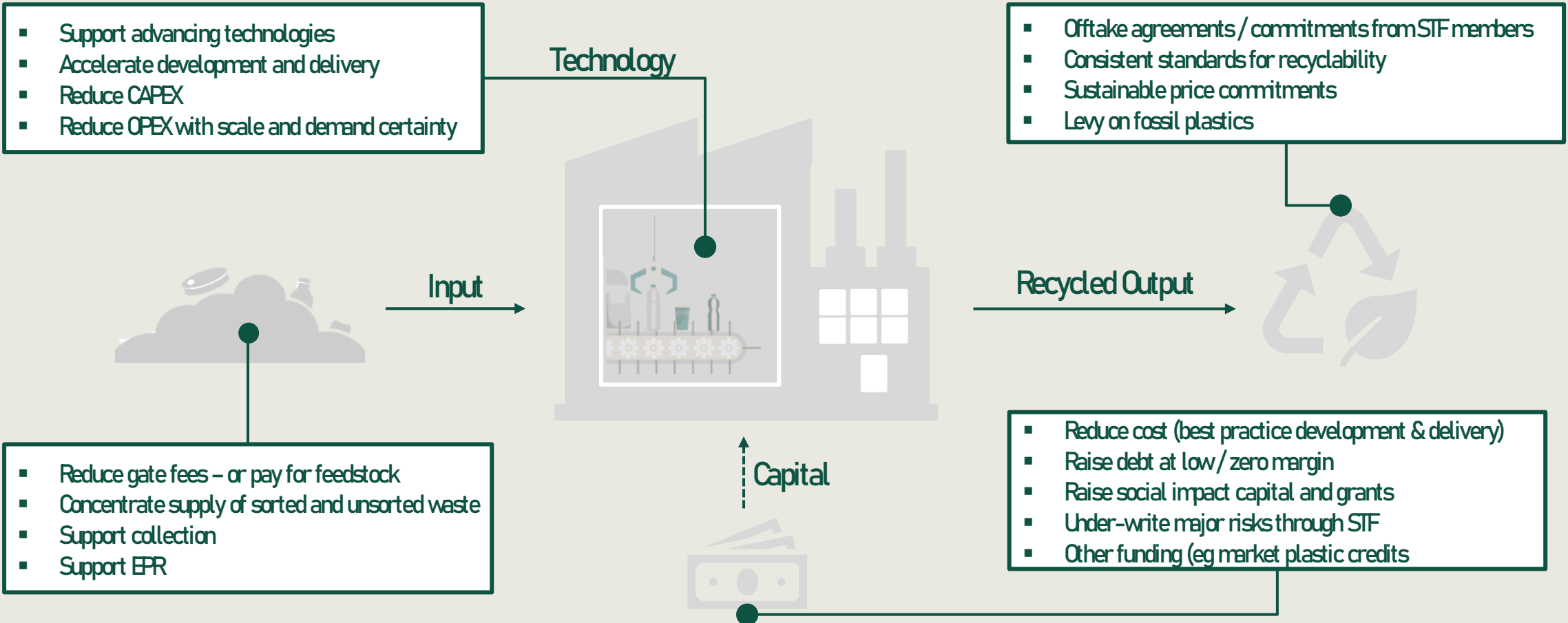
**III**

**Increasing the share of on-par recycling** is key to ensuring the circularity of plastics increases as most plastic is currently downcycled, which limits the usability of these recycled plastics.

Note: (a) Excludes post-industrial plastic waste and deposit collection streams as these streams are not considered 'waste' in statistics.  
 Source: CBS; Eurostat; Interview feedback; KPMG analysis.

# BUILDING RECYCLING PLANTS

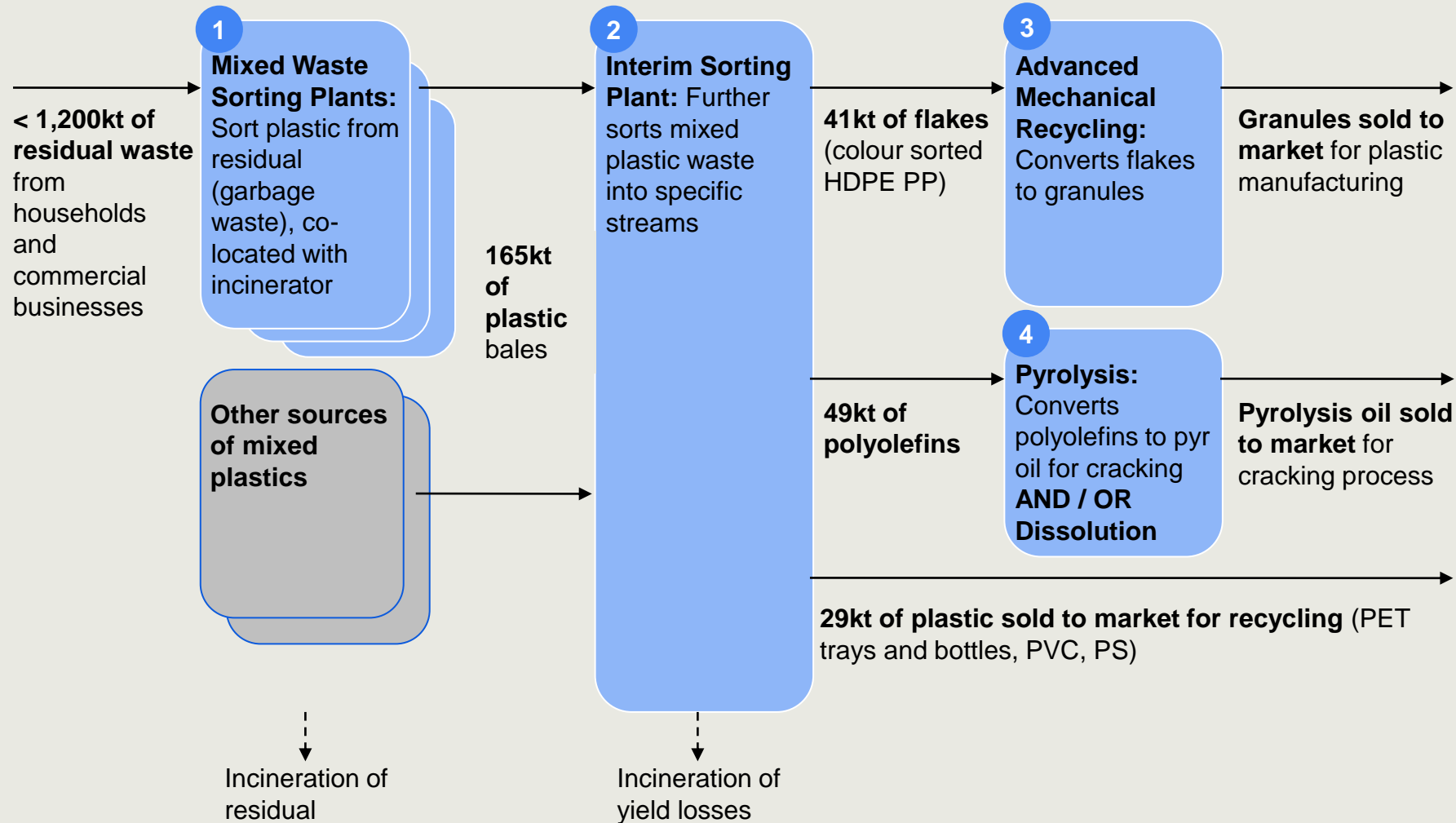
TO ADDRESS ALL SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES





# In NL we are developing multiple options – this is the base case:

## Illustration of waste flows in ‘proof of concept’ project – illustrative quantities



**Technically sophisticated,** showcasing high purity and high yield sorting, flexibility of plastic input type, and utilisation of advanced recycling technologies

**May enable dissolution technology** in the future, a new technology with high plastic-to-plastic yield

**Captures plastic in residual stream** that is not collected for recycling and would otherwise be incinerated

**SEA THE  
FUTURE**

**Thanks!**



**Speaker:**

**Marek Kabacinski, Vice Chairmain, MPO**

**Henryk Kultys, Chairman of the Board, MPO**





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# Integrated Municipal Waste Management System




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# Welcome to Kraków




~1 000 000  
Inhabitants



23 Higher Education  
Institutions



~130 300  
Students



~ 14 000 000  
Tourists

## Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków







## Activity of Municipal Cleaning Company Ltd. in Kraków

### Implementation of public tasks entrusted by the Municipality of Krakow in the *in-house* model

#### Waste management

- 1 system management in the Municipality of Krakow.
- 2 operation of the waste management installation at the Barycz Ecological Centre



#### Summer and winter cleaning

- 1 management of the maintaining cleanliness and order system
- 2 summer and winter cleaning of the Municipality of Krakow



## Selective waste collection



waste segregation at the place of residence





## Selective waste collection



collecting waste *at source*

- paper
- metals and plastics
- glass
- bio
- residual waste



municipal waste selective collection points:

- Lamusownia - Nowohucka Street 1
- PSZOK Barycz – Krzemieniecka Street 40



selective waste collection in public places

- complementing the segregation system







# Sorting, recycling, composting and thermal treatment of waste - key system processes

Municipality of Kraków

MPO - Managing the cleaning system of Krakow

Waste collecting companies

Municipal waste selective collection points

Municipal waste recovery plant

Composting / Organic fermentation

Recovery by sorting

WEEE processing

Thermal transformation with energy recovery in cogeneration (KHK)

Companies collecting recovered raw materials and compost

Alternative fuel collection companies

Depositing and processing ballast waste from the installation



## Modern installations

Sorting plant for selectively collected waste



Separation using pneumo-optics



Separation using artificial intelligence - robotics





# Modern installations

MBT  
Mechanical – Biological Treatment  
2016



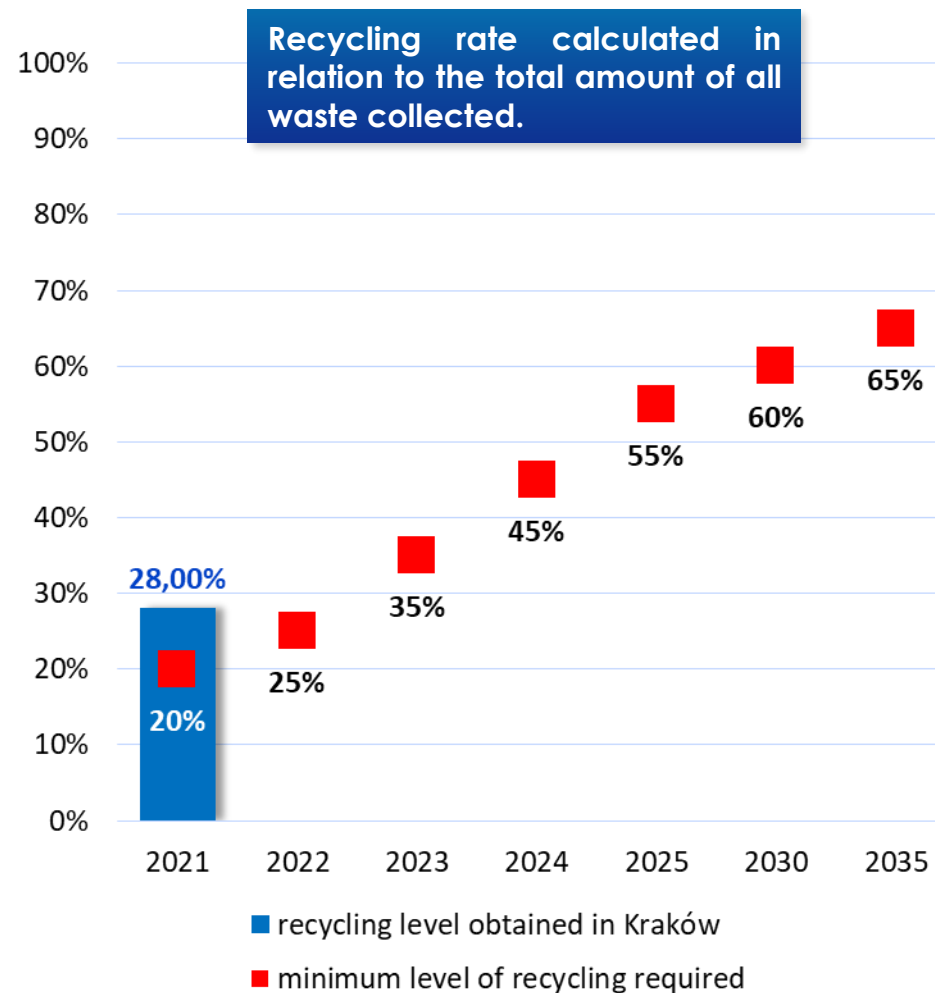
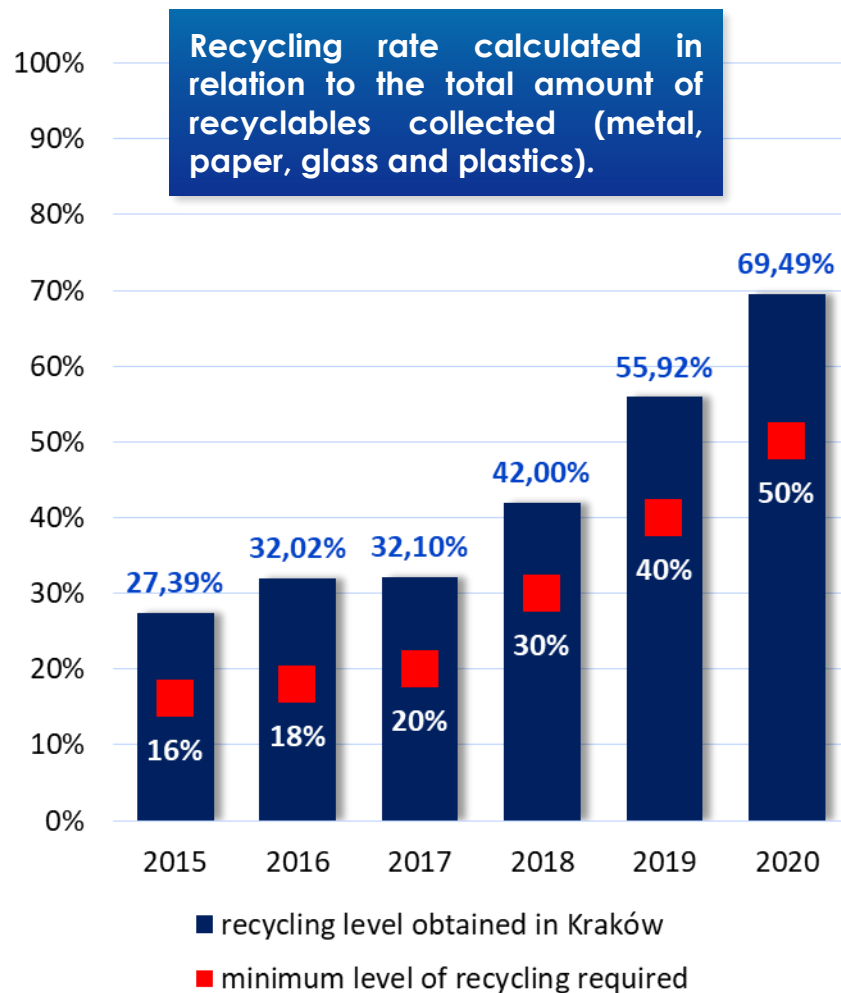


~ 60 000 Mg/year of secondary raw materials sent for recycling





## Recycling levels of secondary raw materials obtained in Kraków



## Benefits of sorting mixed waste

In Kraków, the mixed waste sorting plant launched in 2014 managed to recover a total of **over 44,000 tonnes of secondary raw materials in 2014-2022**, which is almost **17% of all recyclables** that were recovered at that time in both Krakow's sorting plants in total.

## Secondary raw materials recovered in Krakow's sorting plants in 2011-2021

Secondary raw materials recovered from mixed waste

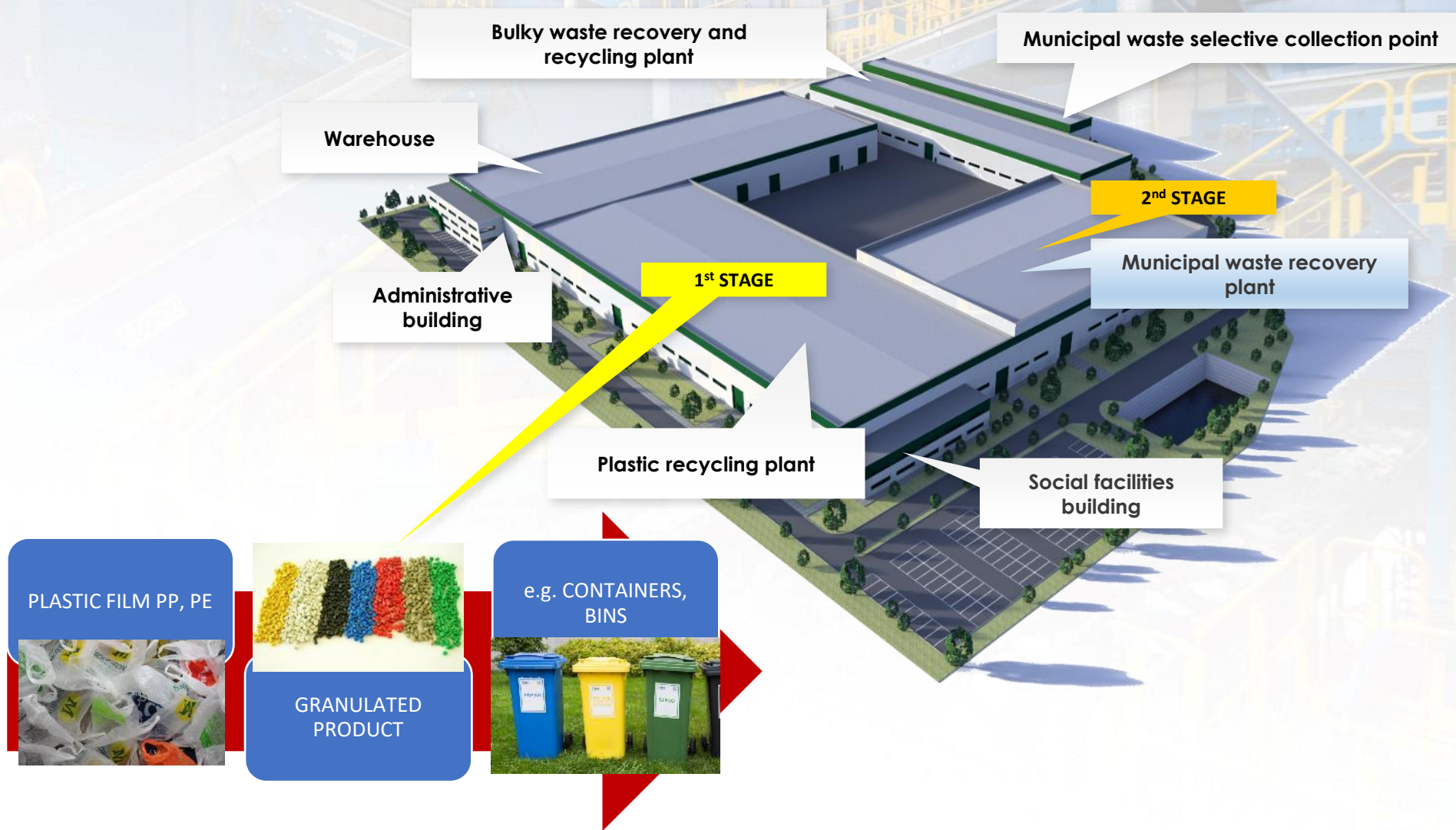
44 606,75 tonnes

219 836,69 tonnes

Secondary raw materials recovered from selectively collected waste

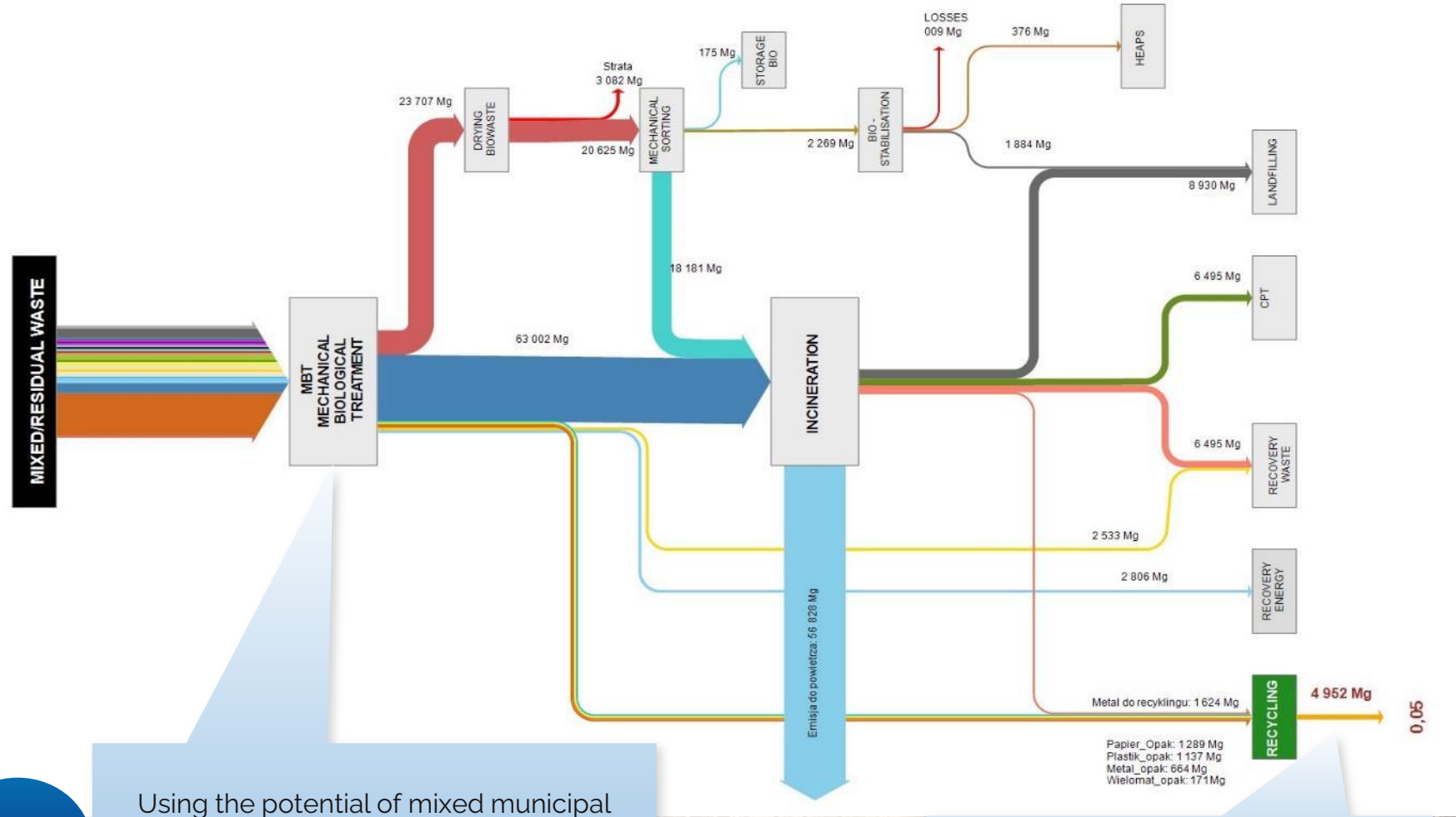


# Development of the New Municipal Waste Recycling Center in Krakow





# Mixed waste sorting (95 000 Mg)– 2021r. „ZSGOK” in Krakow



1

Using the potential of mixed municipal waste in the amount of 90-95 thousand tonnes transferred directly to ITPOK

2

Recycling efficiency - 5-6%





# GHG EMISSIONS COMPARISON: DIRECT TO INCINERATION VS MWS BEFORE INCINERATION

## DIRECT TO INCINERATION

**0.302 t CO<sub>2</sub>e**  
per tonne of mixed municipal waste

## MIXED WASTE SORTING BEFORE INCINERATION

**-0.047 t CO<sub>2</sub>e**  
per tonne of mixed municipal waste

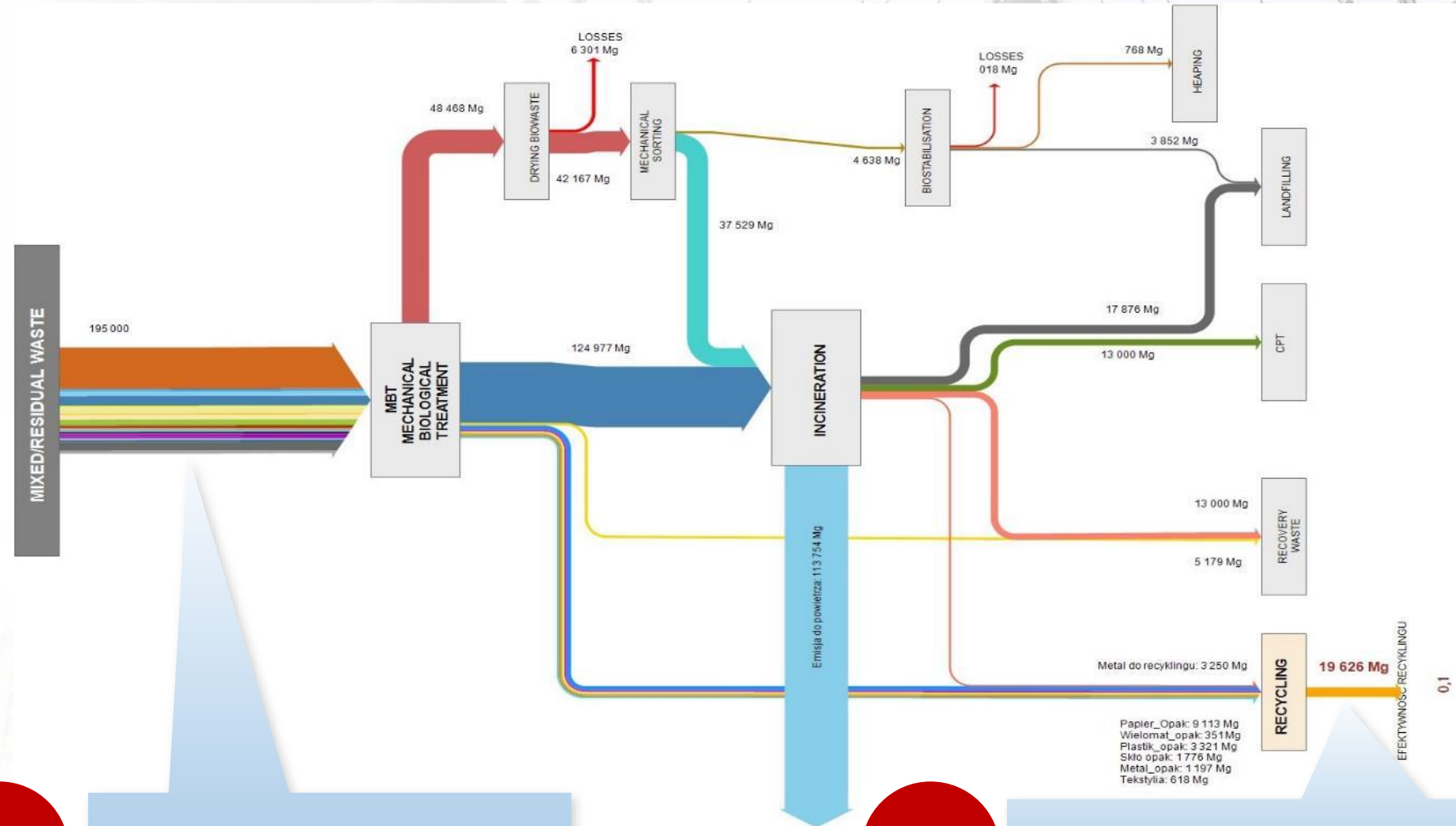
RESULT

Net difference of  
**0.349 t CO<sub>2</sub>e\***  
for every tonne of  
mixed municipal waste

Source: *Waste in the Net Zero Century: Greenhouse Gas Impacts of Mixed Waste Sorting*. Eunomia. July 2021.

\*To determine the GHG benefit of sorting materials from mixed waste, a study was conducted by Eunomia. It examined the emissions saved by sorting and recycling from one tonne of mixed waste prior to sending the remaining material to incineration compared to sending that one tonne of mixed waste directly to incineration.

# Mixed waste sorting (195,000 Mg) – Plan 2025 r. in Krakow



**1**

Reduction of CO2 emissions by 68,250 t CO2 eq

**2**

Up to 10% improvement in recycling efficiency



**Thank you for your attention!**

*Henryk Kultys  
Marek Kabaciński  
Aneta Dorosz*

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# Panel 3: Full circle - Taking a closer look at the possibilities (a technology update)

1.35pm - 2.35pm | Moderator: Enzo Favoino, Zero Waste Europe

- .....
- Synnove BJORKE, General Director, Roaf, Norway
  - Volker Rehrmann, EVP, Head of Recycling, TOMRA
  - Venetia Spencer, Head Sustainability Public Affairs Europe, Borealis



**Speaker:**

- **Synnøve Bjørke**, General Director, Roaf, Norway







# Waste



**ROAF**



- Owner municipalities



Aurskog-Høland



Enebakk



Gjerdrum



Lillestrøm



Lørenskog



Nittedal



Rælingen





# • Our system

General waste  
including  
plastics  
+ food waste



Paper and  
cardboard



Once the containers are collected our advanced sorting plant, separates all foods, metals, cardboard, paper and five different qualities of plastic.

- The public has separated waste into two different containers for the last 30 years.

General waste  
including  
plastics



Paper and  
cardboard



Food waste



**From 2023**, we will introduce a third, separate container for food waste, to improve separation from general waste.



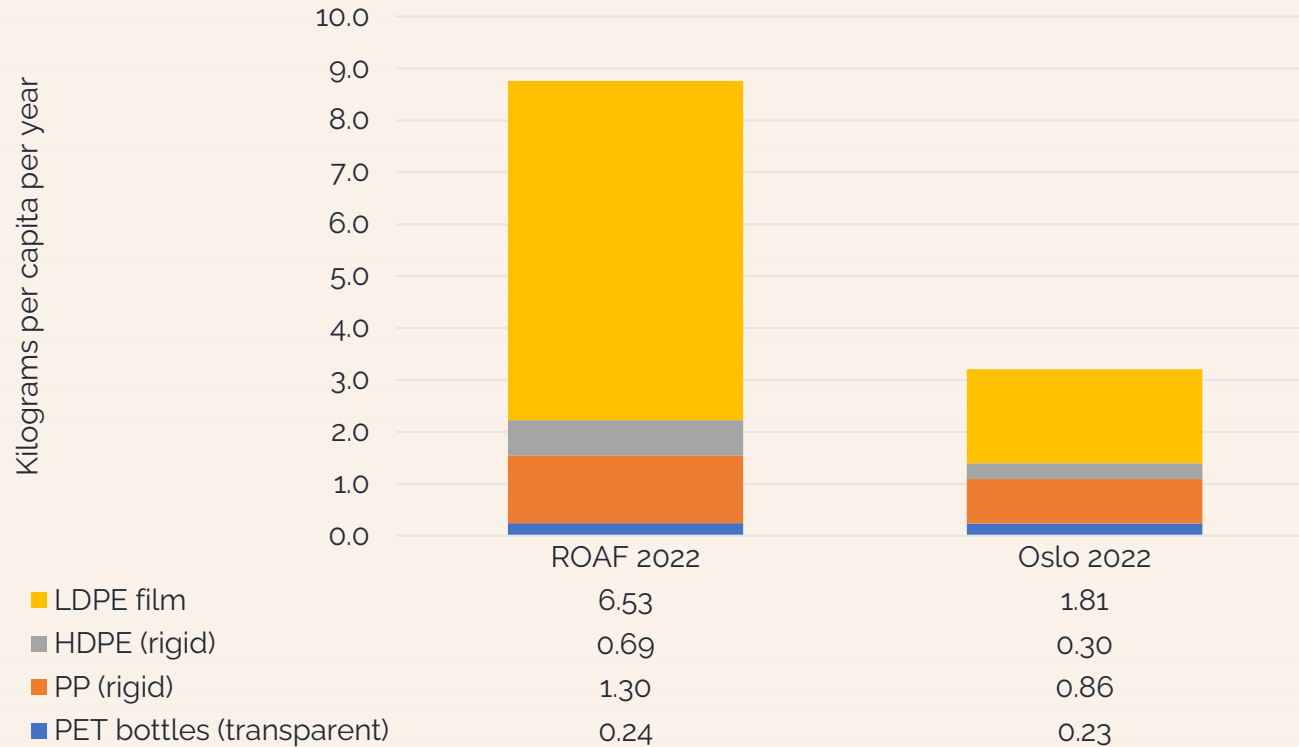
# Waste to sorting plant in tonnes (here are the numbers)





# Central sorting triples the recovery of plastics

Sorted plastic waste from households of plastics currently being recycled, kg/capita



- How to ensure optimal recycling to
- minimize unrecoverable waste



1

- Ensure that products are recyclable.



2

- Make the sorting process simple For the public.



3

- Improve the technology that sorts the waste.



# ROAF

Thank you

Synnøve Bjørke, CEO ROAF

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**Speaker:**

**Volker Rehrmann, EVP, Head of Recycling, TOMRA**





# Getting to full circle

Volker Rehrmann

Brussels

21.03.2023

**4600+**  
employees  
globally



**10.9**  
billion NOK  
revenues in 2021

Publicly listed on Oslo Stock Exchange (OSEBX: TOM)

Collection

Recycling

Food



# The gap in plastics recycling

## Majority of plastics are lost today



- In Europe alone, 24 million tons of plastics are lost to incineration and 14 million tons to landfill
- The volume of each waste plant and incinerator is too low for sophisticated sorting to ensure the quality and fractions required for recycling

**GAP**

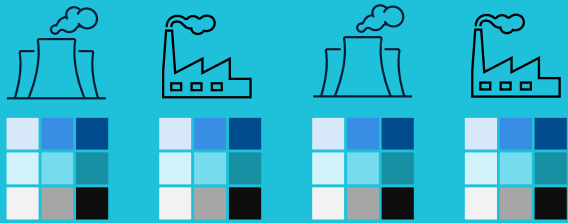
## Demand for recycled plastics



- Already a strong demand for recycled plastics will increase significantly in the next few years (more than 10 million tons from major plastic producers)
- Mechanical and chemical recyclers need an individual polymer fraction at sizeable volumes to justify investments

# Closing the circularity gap

## Suppliers



Mixed plastics fraction needs to be made available by incinerators, landfills, and other sources



Connecting the value chain through operating automatic sorting plants using TOMRA's proven solutions

## Customers



Sorted polymer fractions (e.g., HDPE, PS, PP, etc.) to be supplied to recyclers with the right quality



## Statements about mixed household waste

**“There is no valueable material left in mixed household waste“**

**“Source separation is sufficient to reach future recycling targets“**

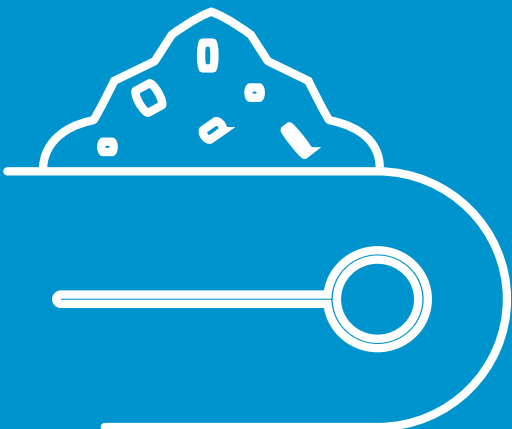
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**“MSW sorting does not work, it was tried before and failed“**

**“Plastics from residual waste is not recycable“**



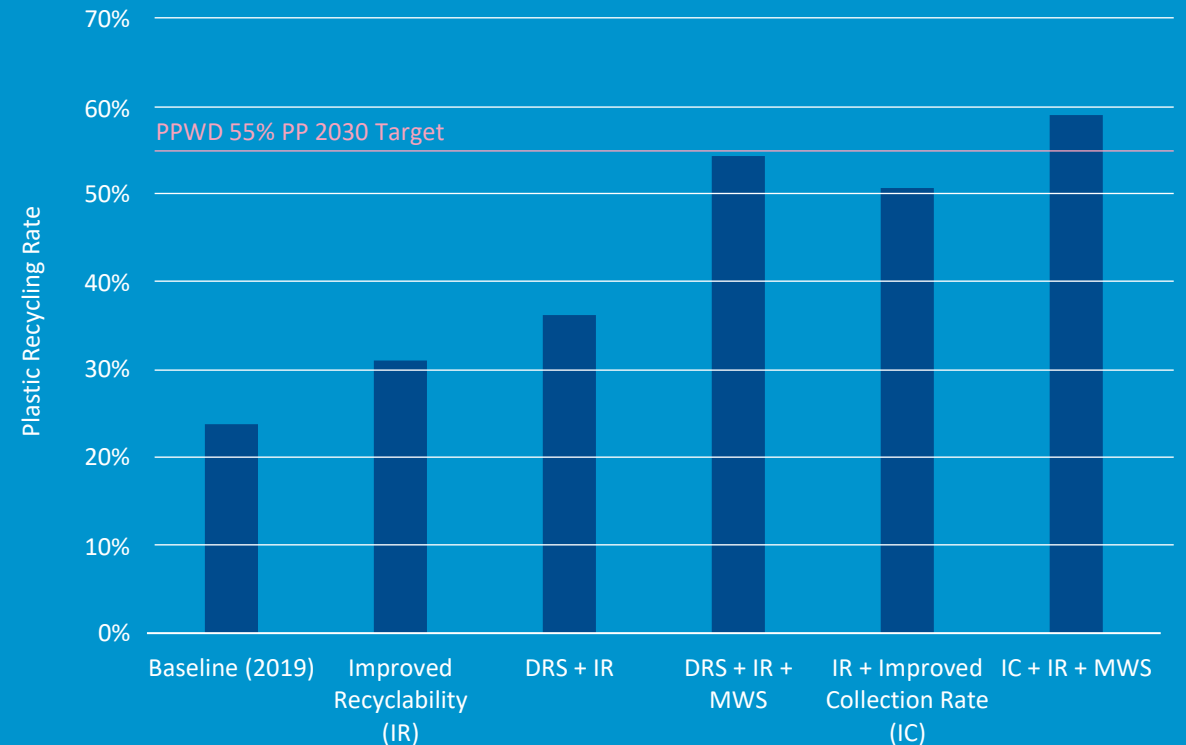
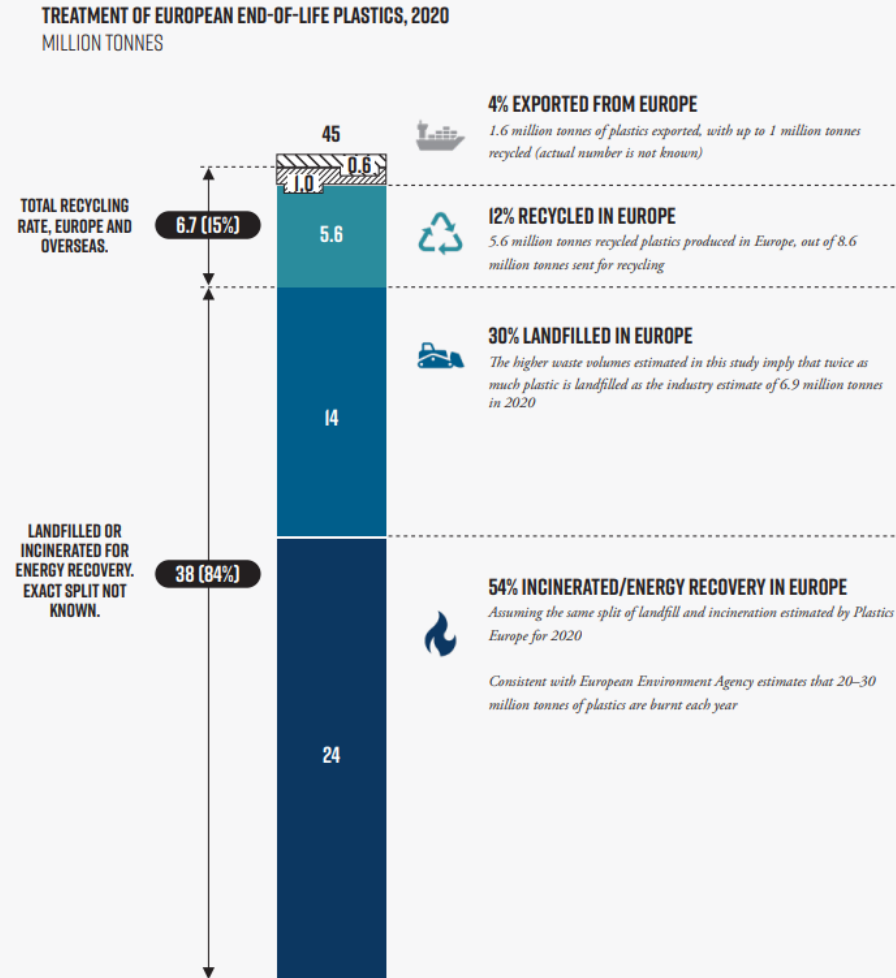
Central/mixed  
waste sorting  
extracts more  
plastic



System	Municipalities	Share	Inhabitants	Collected kg/inhabitant
Kerbside separate collection	339	79,0 %	3 754 303	7,29
Bring system	2	0,5 %	139 836	6,28
Optibag	42	9,8 %	1 016 690	3,93
Central sorting	10	2,3 %	197 290	17,74
Unknown	36	8,4 %	171 828	0,00
<b>SUM</b>	<b>429</b>		<b>5 279 947</b>	<b>6,77</b>

# 85% of plastics end up in landfill or incineration

## TREATMENT OF END-OF-LIFE PLASTICS IN EUROPE, 2020



Incinerators need plastics, otherwise waste won't burn.



Many of the incinerators struggle with calorific value increasing year by year.

If within EU organic waste is entirely collected separately, the cv further increase.

Once incinerators need to pay CO<sub>2</sub> tax, 1 ton of plastics recycled and not being burned saves 2,5 ton of CO<sub>2</sub>.



MSW Sorting does not work, it was tried before and failed.



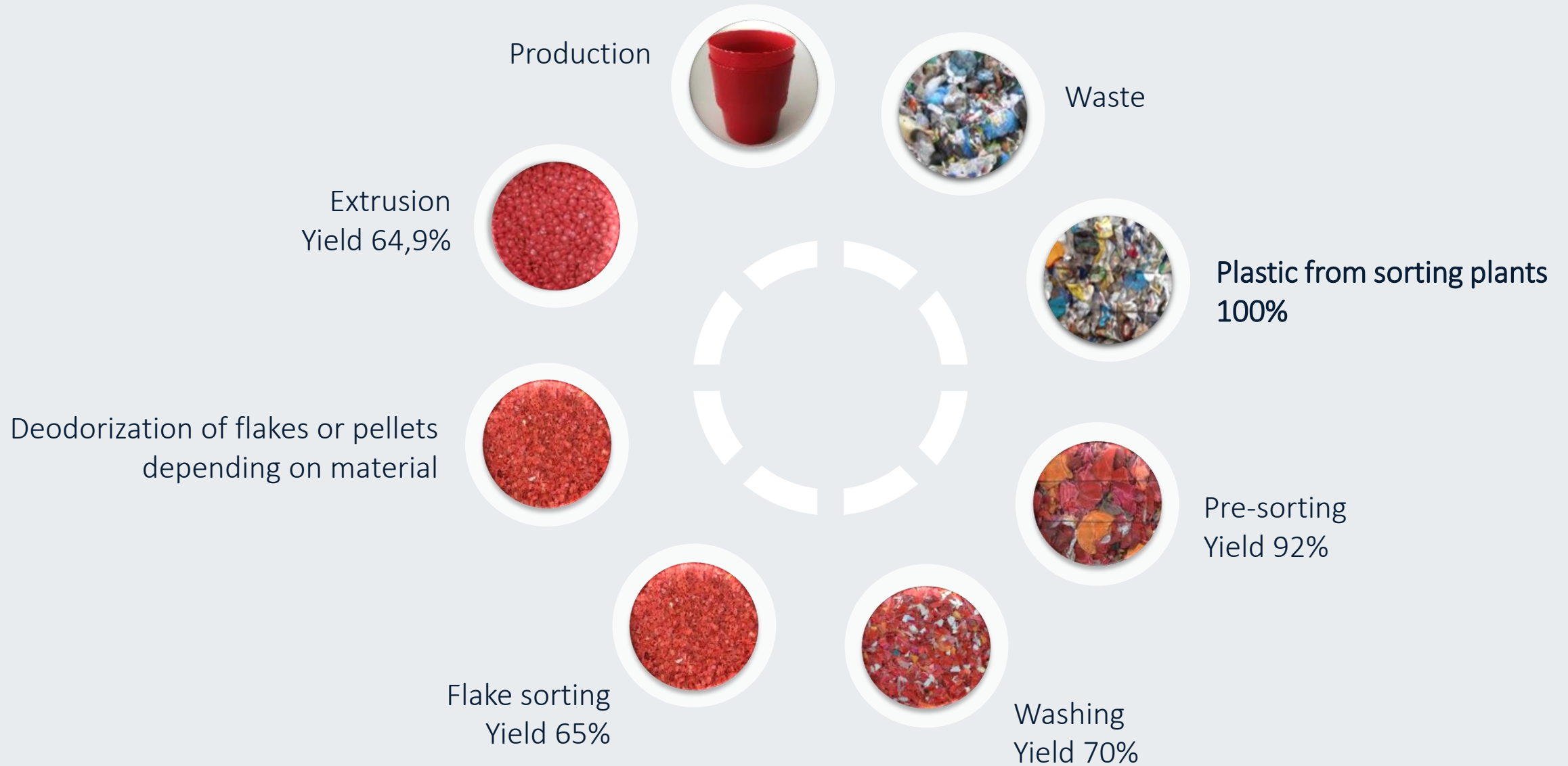
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successful MSW sorting plants  
with TOMRA sorters worldwide

Several MSW projects with  
incineration companies, especially  
in western and northern EU

Plastics sorted out are recycled  
and contribute with more than  
2 mio t/year recycling rates

# Plastics from mixed waste is not recyclable





# ATTERO, Wijster Netherlands

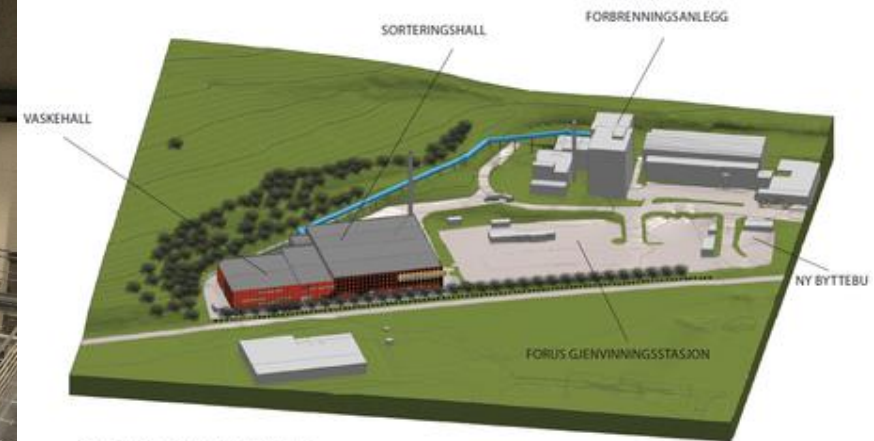
- In operation since 2011
- Pre-sorting before incineration
- Capacity 105 t/h MSW  
(3 lines each 35 t/h)
- Sorting of MSW + **separately collected plastics**
- New hot washing and extrusion line for PE film





# IVAR & ROAF Norway

- In operation since 2014 (ROAF)/ 2018 (IVAR)
- Pre-Sorting before Incineration
- Capacity 40 t/h MSW, fully Automated Plants
  - Recovery rate target polymers between 70 and 90 %
  - Purities target polymers >95%
- Rank 1&2 of all Municipalities in Norway for collected plastics amount



Sorteringsanlegget på Forus bygges for å kunne hente ut avfall som kan gjenvinnes: plast, metall og papir.



# Stockholm Exergi/ SÖRAB Sweden

Start-up Q4 2020

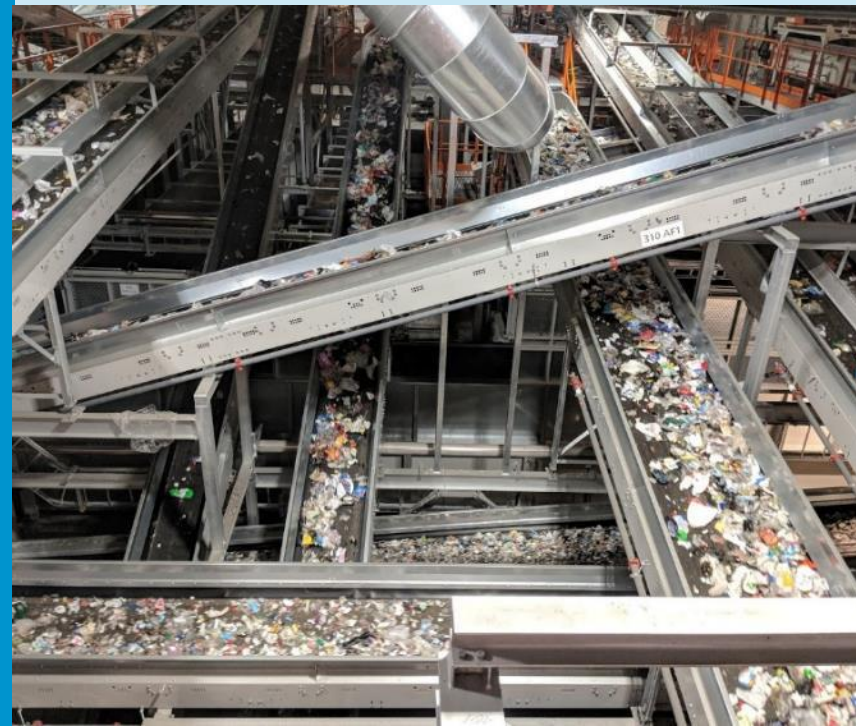
Pre-sorting before incineration

Capacity 45 t/h, fully automated plant

Recovery rate mixed plastics >80%

Purity mixed plastics 90-95 %

Recovery of mixed plastics  
→ to be sent to central SPA  
sorting plant in Motala





High amounts of **plastics** are left in MSW even after many years of experience with source separation



Recovery of plastics from MSW **complimentary to source separation** in several countries in EU and part of strategy to achieve future EU recycling targets



**Technology and concepts** for MSW sorting existing and proven for many years





TOMRA

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**Speaker:**

**Venetia Spencer**, Head Sustainability Public Affairs Europe, Borealis



# Circular Economy Solutions

*Borealis, Thinking Circular  
to Close the Loop*





# Together, we need a better way for plastic

One that safeguards plastics' performance, versatility, safety, convenience and efficiency  
...but safeguards the planet from carbon emissions and environment-damaging waste.

# A courageous new world

A woman and two children are running along a dirt path in a lush, green forest. The sun is shining brightly from the upper left, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows on the path. The woman is in the lead, followed by two children. The scene is vibrant and full of life, symbolizing a bright future.

From linear to circular.  
From resource-hungry to renewable.  
From climate-damaging to carbon-  
neutrality.



# It starts with A / B / C ...

Carbon circularity  
will end reliance on  
fossil-based carbon.



A**Atmosphere**  
...direct carbon  
capture



B**Biomass**  
...using carbon  
from plant-based  
feedstocks

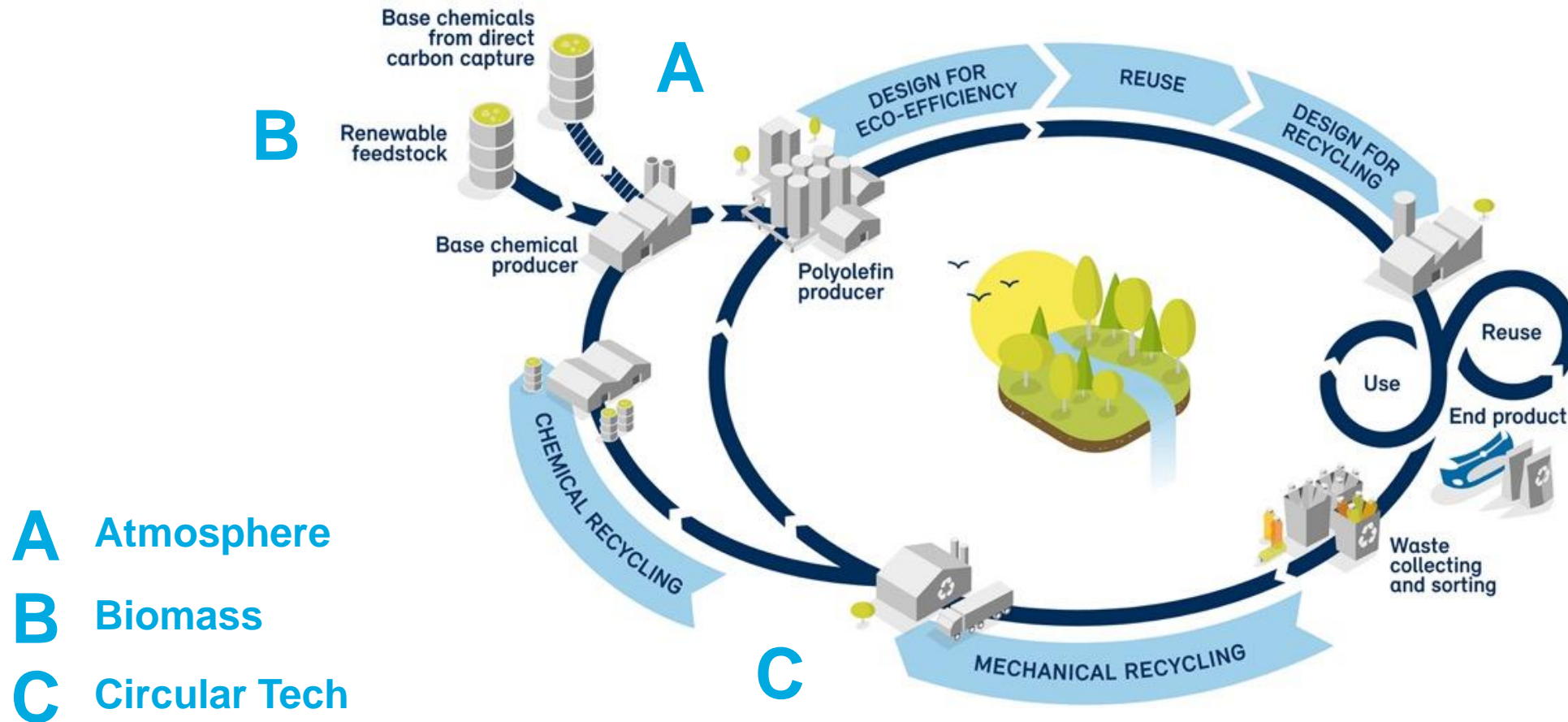


C**Circular Tech**  
...recycling fossil-  
based carbon in  
mixed waste streams



## Introducing the circular cascade

# Borealis aims to keep plastics and carbon in the loop to become 100% circular



# PO Portfolio to accelerate the move to plastics circularity

Non-virgin like / Non-food

Virgin like / Food



**Recyclates**

Commercial



First generation launched



First generation launched

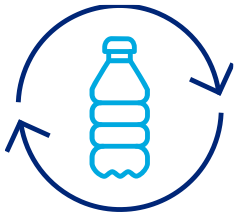
**The Bornewables™**

Commercial



# Recyclates

## Mechanical Recycling



PE, PP and mix PO recyclates made mainly from household and pre-sorted municipal waste fulfilling customers' needs

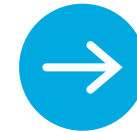




# Borcycle™ M – The All-Round Solution for Closing The Loop on Plastic Waste



Transformational technology for mechanical recycling giving post-consumer waste another life  
Recyclates and compounds that overcome challenges of state-of-the-art recyclates with **light colours, reduced odour** and **minimum impurities**



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📄 PRESSEMITTEILUNG // FIRMENINFORMATION – 19. OCTOBER 2022

# Borealis advances plastics circularity with the first-of-its-kind Borcycle™ M commercial-scale advanced mechanical recycling plant

- Borealis is taking another important step towards expanding its advanced mechanical recycling capabilities.
- A commercial-scale plant will be operational in 2025, with the capacity to produce over 60 kilotonnes of circular solutions and compounds per year.
- The design of the plant will be based on [Borcycle™ M](#), Borealis' advanced mechanical recycling technology platform.
- [EverMinds™](#) at work: This milestone confirms how innovation & technology continue to drive our transformation to a circular economy.

Borealis is designing a first-of-its-kind commercial-scale advanced mechanical recycling plant to be located in Schwechat, Austria. The plant will be based on Borealis' own [Borcycle™ M](#) technology, which transforms





# An innovative recycler enabling maximum material recovery



- Renasci automatically sorts mixed waste (also known as RDF). This waste consists of all types of plastics, metals and biomass originating primarily in households.

- After sorting, all types of recyclable waste, including plastic, are then available for mechanical recycling.

- Non-recyclable mixed plastic waste is chemically recycled into pyrolysis oil on site.
- Other types of non-recyclable waste (metals, organic refuse etc) are processed using other technologies.



## Advancing the introduction of Borcycle™ C



### Borealis collaborates in OMV's Reoil® Recycling Technology

- The current pilot plant fully integrated into the OMV's Austria refinery at Schwechat
- Demo plant with a capacity of 16kt per year to start operations in 2023
- Industrial-scale chemical recycling technology with a processing capacity of up to 200kt year by 2027



### Renasci to exclusively supply Borealis with chemically recycled output material

- Borealis acquired 50.01% majority stake, and will collaborate closely with Renasci to evolve and scale up the unique Smart Chain Processing (SCP) technology
- Projected processing capacity of 20kt per year from the high-tech recycling centre



### Study ongoing for new chemical recycling unit in Stenungsund

Grant awarded by the Swedish Energy Agency to Borealis for feasibility study with project partner Stena Recycling

- Feasibility study underway for chemical recycling plant in Sweden

## Acceleration of circular production

# We will increase circular product capacity to 1.8 mt by 2030



Six-fold increase in share of circular products and solutions from today's 100 kt to 600 kt by 2025 and further to 1.8 million tons by 2030



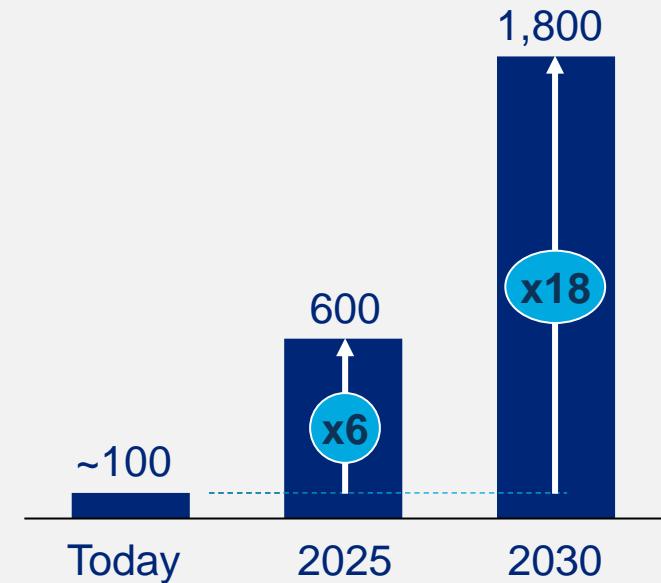
Moving from a linear towards a circular economy will also significantly reduce Scope 3\*\* emissions



Invest in compounding and adjacencies to accelerate value creation through innovation

## Circular products and solutions

in kt



*Includes recycled and renewable polymers and chemicals as well as renewable hydrocarbons*

\*\* Scope 3 are indirect GHG emissions that are a consequence of company activities but occur from sources outside or not controlled by the company.

**Thank you!**

**Let's collaborate!**

**Venetia Spencer**

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# Panel 4: Enacting policy to make MWS mandatory across the EU

2.40pm - 3.40pm | Moderator: Clarissa Morawski, Reloop

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- Silvija Aile**, Deputy Head of Unit - DG Environment at European Commission
- Radan Kanev (EPP) Bulgaria**, European Parliament
- Malte Gallée, (Greens) Germany**, European Parliament
- Janek Vahk**, Zero Waste Europe
- Katharina Schlegel, Circularity Director**, Plastics Europe



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# Closing remarks

3:40pm - 3:50pm

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-Joan Marc Simon, Director-Founder, Zero Waste Europe





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