

The waste management sector reacts to the EU methane strategy

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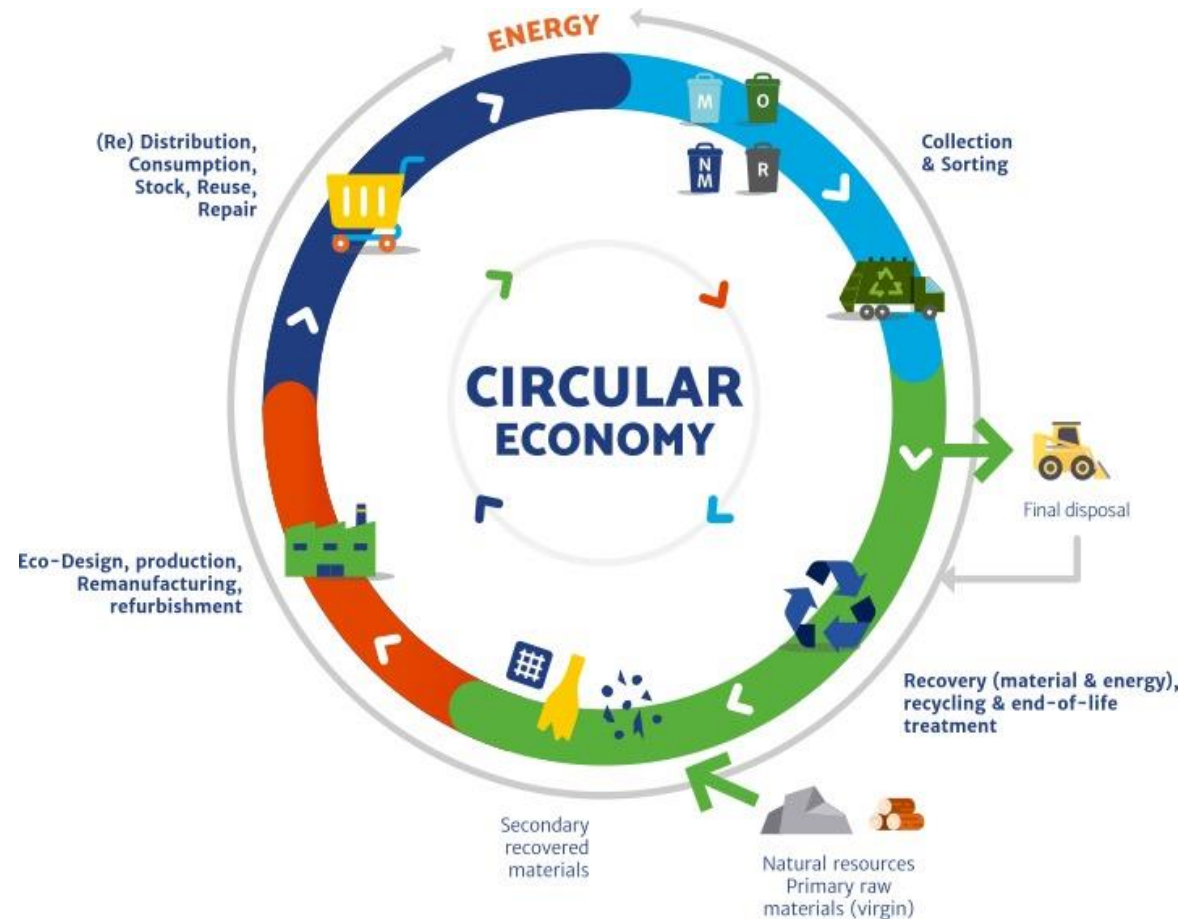
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FEAD's vision

We advocate for the success of the European Green Deal and of the Circular Economy Action Plan in the EU.

We support the decrease of GHG emissions, including methane emissions, in particular from landfills, while improving the circular economy in the Union.

The waste management sector is crucial in decarbonising the EU economy, in promoting synergies between sectors, in enabling new investments, and in creating economic growth and jobs.



FEAD position on the EU Methane Strategy - 1

The EU Methane Strategy should:

- Ensure **better data collection**, according to a robust methodology shared by stakeholders, to accurately identify the main opportunities and targets for methane emissions reduction;
- **Strengthen synergies** between sectors, including **biogas production and recovery**, which can reduce methane emissions from manure; **valorise waste streams** that would decarbonise the energy system through the production of biogas;
- Guarantee the **implementation of existing rules on landfilling and separate collection of biowaste**, rendering it fully effective by 2023 in all EU Member States;

FEAD position on the EU Methane Strategy - 2

- Introduce **high composting targets** to boost resource efficiency and biowaste recovery;
- Propose **further ambitious measures** to **significantly reduce methane leakages** and increase biogas recovery from existing landfilling, treatment/use of sewage sludge, and treatment of wastewater;
- Set up measures to ensure the **economic visibility and competitiveness of biogas/heat/electricity from biowaste**, facilitate the **use of quality composts** and other waste-derived fertilisers, guarantee the **efficient selective collection of biowaste**, and enable **public support to investment in biowaste selective collection and related treatment facilities**.

Thank you for your attention

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