European Waste Targets Review

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Overview

- Background
- Context
- The Review
- Outcomes from Consultation
- Next Steps



Background

- Packaging and Packaging Waste
 Directive targets had to be met by end
 2008
 - Derogations were granted to new Member States to December 2012 for most of them (between end 2013 and 2015 for the 4 remaining).
 - According to the Directive (Article 6.1) such targets are up for review in 2014



Background

- Landfill Directive latest target to be met by 2016
 - Derogations (4 years) for some Member States: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and the UK
 - According to Article 5.2 of the Directive, the 2016 target will have to be re-examined by 16 July 2014.



Background

- Waste Framework Directive targets to be met by 2020
 - According to Article 11, by 31 December 2014 at the latest, the Commission should examine these targets with a view to, if necessary, reinforcing the targets and considering the setting of targets for other waste streams.
 - Pursuant to Article 9 the Commission should propose, where necessary, waste prevention and decoupling objectives for 2020.



Context

Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe (2011)

- 2020 aspirational objectives
 - -Full implementation of the EU waste acquis
 - -Waste managed as a resource
 - -Waste generation per capita in decline
 - -Halving in edible food waste
 - Recycling and reuse economically attractive at max levels
 - -More materials (including critical materials) recycled
 - -Illegal shipments eradicated

Landfilling virtually aliminated

-Energy recovery limited to non-recyclable mate

Context

- 7th Environmental Action Programme
 - Proposed by Commission Dec 2012
 - Final discussions in Parliament
 - -Reflects Roadmap aspirations
 - Developing markets for secondary raw materials
 - Combat food waste
 - Use market based instruments



Context

- DG Enterprise Raw Materials Initiative
- Green Paper on Plastics
- Committee of the Regions
- European Resource Efficiency Platform
- Consultations on:
 - Sustainable food systems
 - Sustainable construction
- Marine litter



The Review

- Review Targets
- Translate Roadmap and 7th EAP aspirational targets into practical legislative proposal
- Two Phases
 - Phase 1: Scoping, and initial review of options, including consultation
 - Phase 2: Detailed examination of front running measures
- Note proposals will seek to ensure the timings are appropriate

The Review

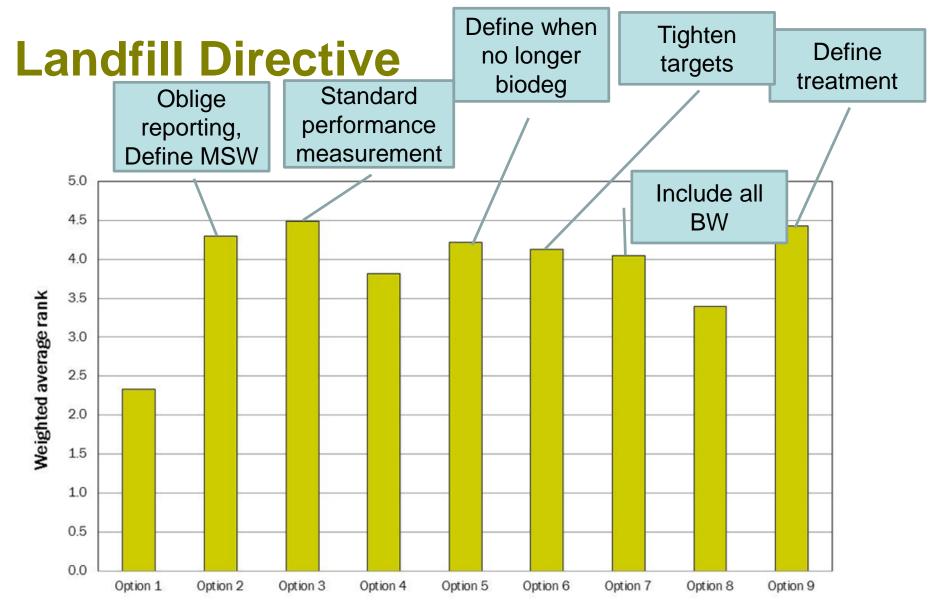
- Reporting of Performance
- Definitions
- Moving beyond targets
 - What can the Commission do to improve performance where it is lagging?
 - (beyond new DG Regio cross-conditionality)



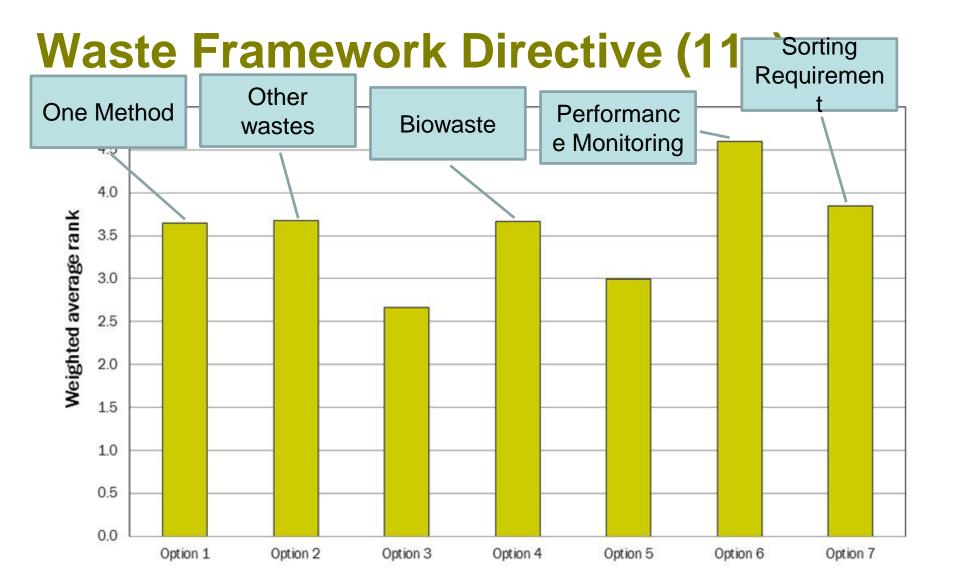
Web-based Consultation

- > 670 Respondents
- Citizens 48%
- Industry trade bodies/organisations:20%
- Industry representatives:12%
- Public authorities
- Not-for-profit/NGOs:8%
- Academic institutions:
- Other:





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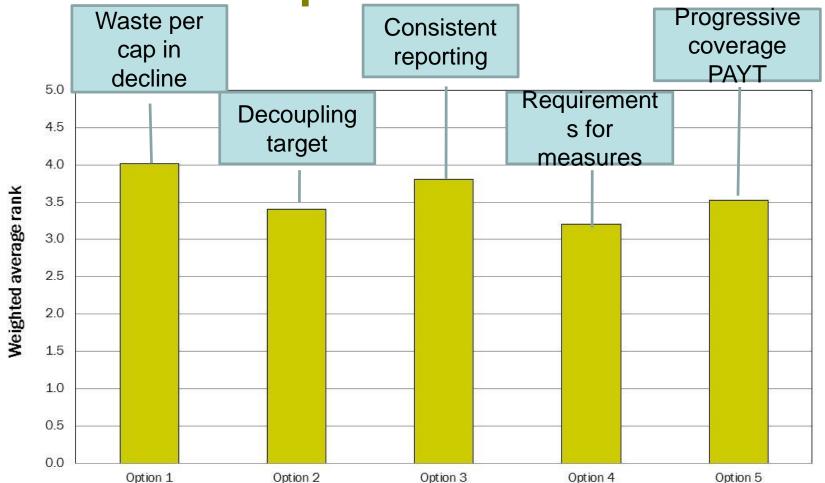
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Waste Prevention Targets?

| Answer | | | Stakeholder Group | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| | | All Stakeholders | Industry Trade Bodies | Industry Representatives | Not-for-Profit Organisations | Academic Institutions | Other Organisations | Public áctAuthorities | European Citizens | |
| Yes | No. | 256 | 57 | 35 | 42 | 4 | 12 | 41 | 65 | |
| | % | 55% | 42% | 44% | 78% | 67% | 60% | 84% | 56% | |
| No | No. | 206 | 79 | 45 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 52 | |
| | % | 45% | 58% | 56% | 22% | 33% | 40% | 16% | 44% | |
| Total | No. | 462 | 136 | 80 | 54 | 6 | 20 | 49 | 117 | |
| | % | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | |



WFD/Roadmap – Waste Prevention



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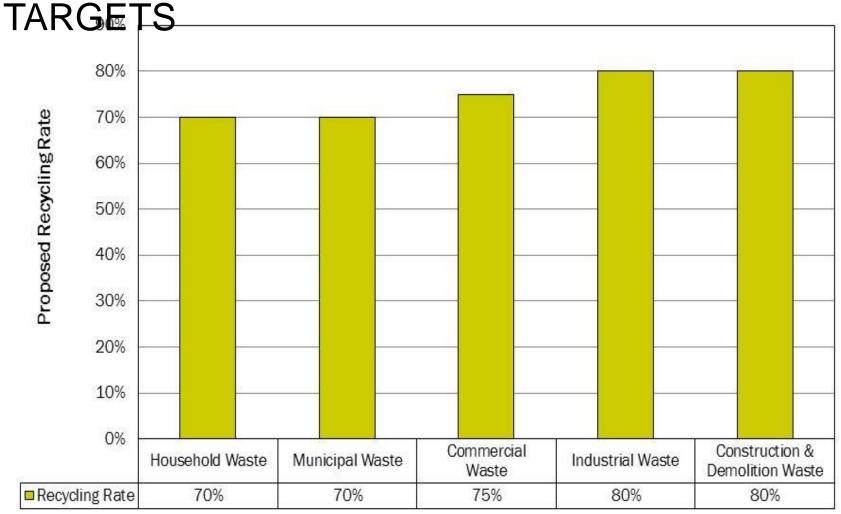
Key Materials for Prevention

| Industry, NGOs, Academics | Public Authorities | Citizens | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Hazardous Waste (| Food | Packaging | | |
| Residual Waste | WEEE | Hazardous Waste | | |
| Industrial Waste | Packaging | Biowastes | | |
| Food | Biowastes | Plastics | | |
| Biowastes | Textiles | Metals | | |
| Plastics | Metals | | | |
| Packaging | Plastics | | | |



WFD / Roadmap – Recycling Rates

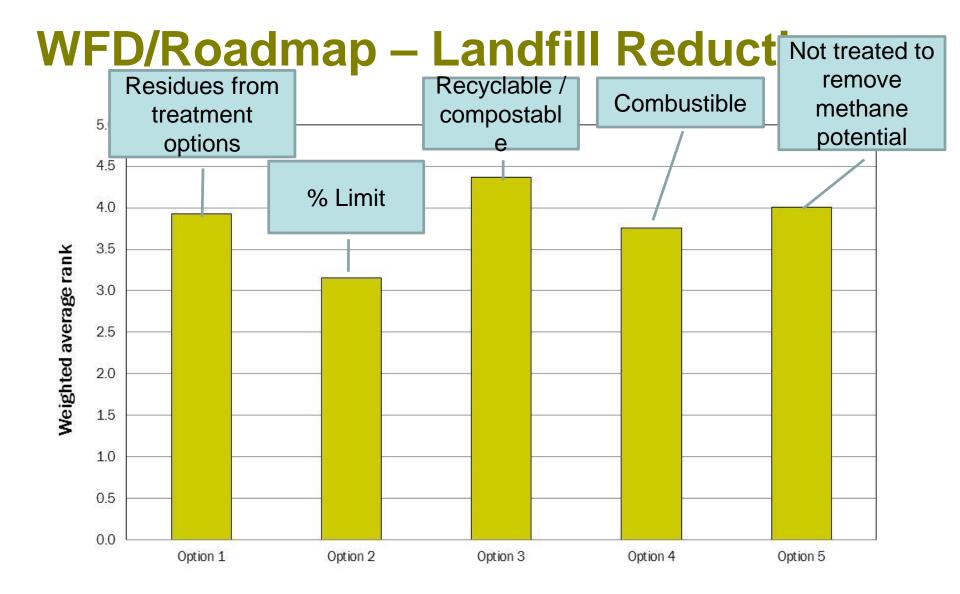
84% SAY INCREASE / EXPAND RECYCLING





WFD / Roadmap – Limits on Incineration – 57% for, 43% Against

| | All Stakeholders | Stakeholder Group | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Waste Stream | | Industry Trade Bodies | Industry Representatives | Not-for-Profit Organisations | Academic Institutions | Other Organisations | Public Authorities | European Citizens |
| Household/Municipal Waste | 21% | 28% | 23% | 14% | 23% | 32% | 23% | 23% |
| Commercial Waste | 21% | 27% | 25% | 12% | 23% | 30% | 23% | 23% |
| Industrial Waste | 19% | 24% | 23% | 12% | 20% | 29% | 23% | 20% |
| Construction & Demolition Waste | 20% | 20% | 28% | 14% | 25% | 15% | 25% | 20% |

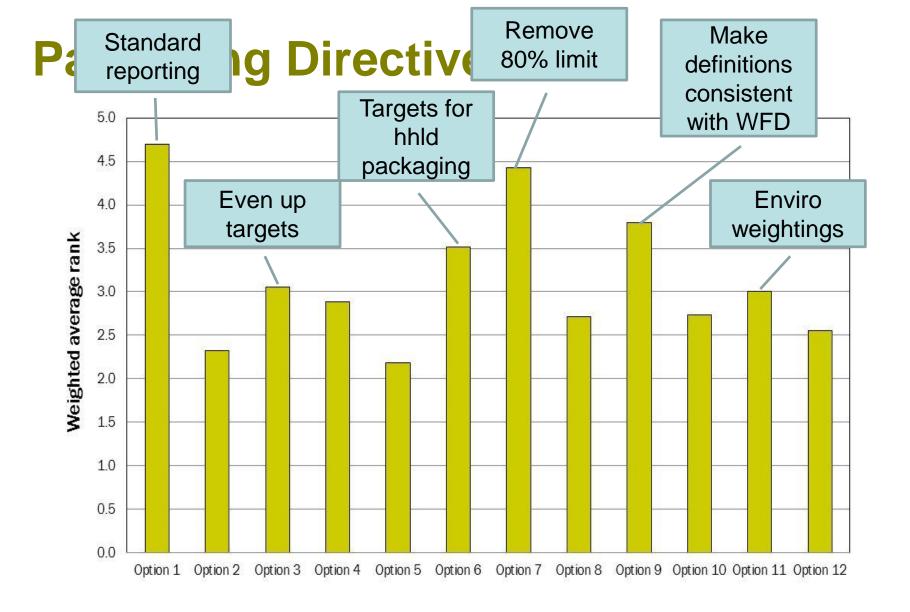


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Material-specific Bans

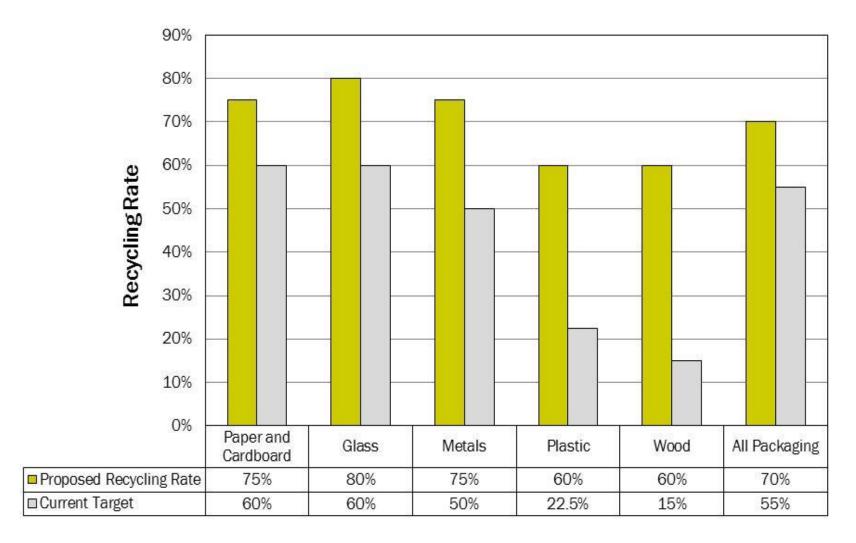
- Speaking personally
 - > Extremely difficult to introduce
 - 'You can look at the waste and use a de minimis threshold' (Massachusetts)
 - > **But....**
 - What if I recycle 70% of everything?
 - What if the thing I want to ban is recycled less well than everything else?
- Most people who speak of banning specific materials from landfill are speaking about getting them recycled
 - > So get them recycled.....
- Otherwise, ban tends to lead to incineration
 - Economically inefficient





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Packaging Directive





Work in Progress

- Confirmation of options to be carried forward to Phase 2
- Subject options to analysis consistent with IA Guidelines
- Basis for drafting of IA to accompany legislative proposal
- > Timing uncertain
- Watch this space....?



