



Circular Economy

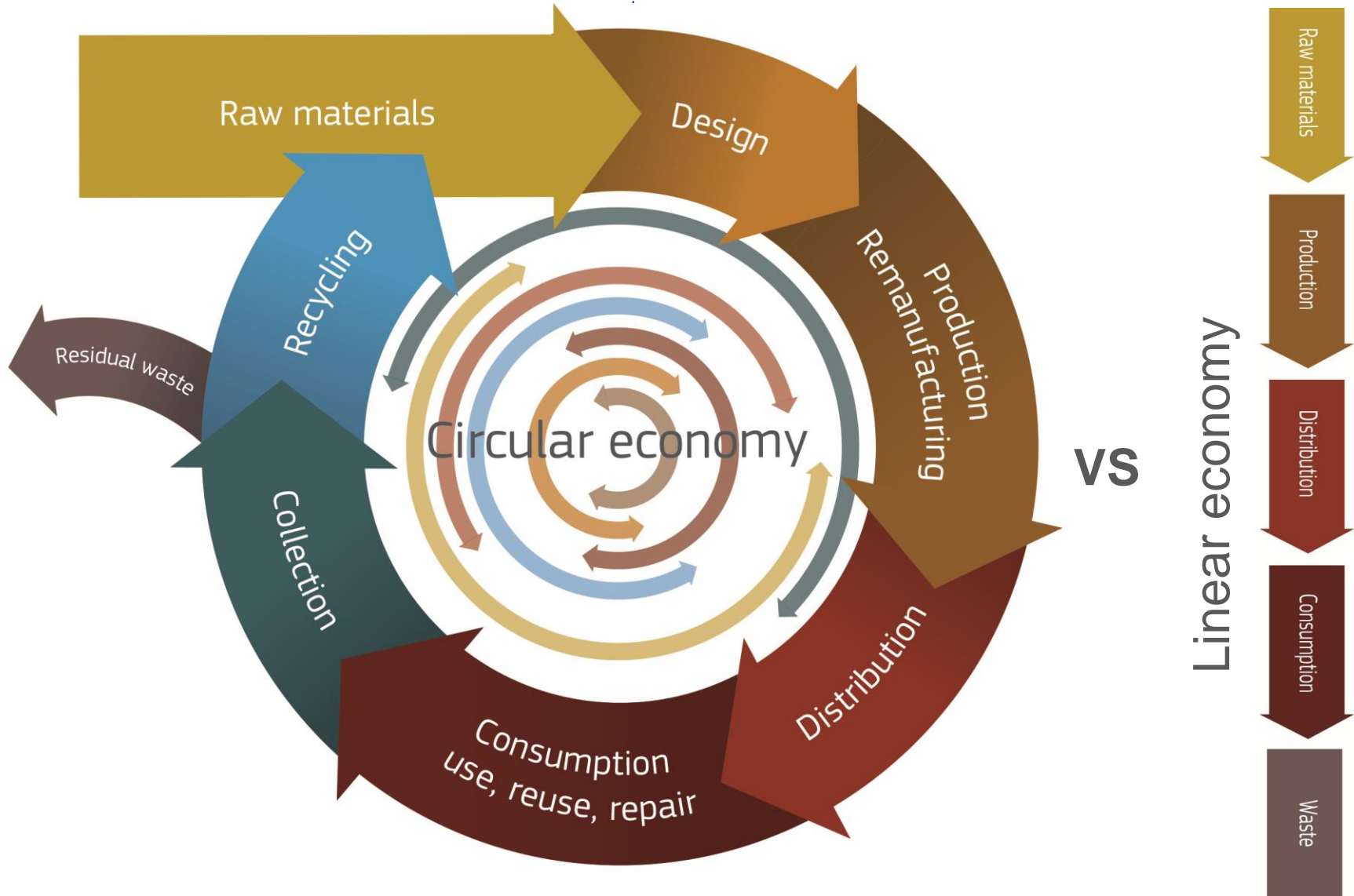
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- Context: why do we need circular economy?
- Previous package on circular economy
- New package – approach taken
- Forest-based sector
- Next steps

Concept



Why is it needed?



Climate

Environment

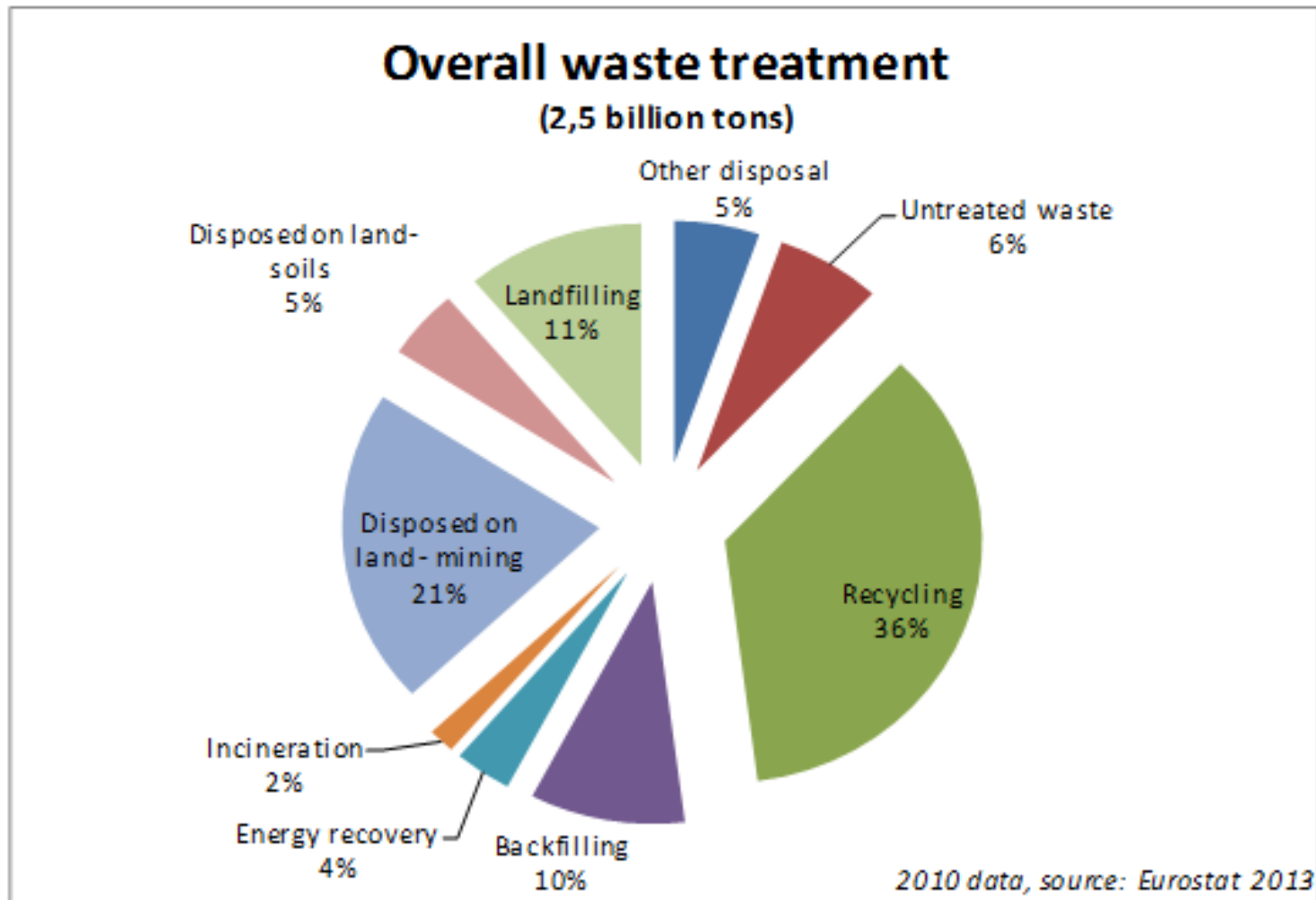
Access to
raw
materials

Job
creation

Societal
pressures

Competitiveness
&
reindustrialization

"Loss of valuable materials due to improper waste management"





The 7th Environment Action Programme (EAP):

- Guiding European environment policy until 2020 & setting out a vision for 2050
- Priority Objective 2: *to turn the Union into a resource-efficient, green, and competitive low-carbon economy*
- Sets out the conditions that will help transform the EU into a resource-efficient, low-carbon economy:
 - *"ensure that biomass in all its forms is produced and used sustainably and efficiently over its whole life cycle"*

Industrial Renaissance – raw material access:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:52014DC0014>



Previous package adopted in July 2014 including:

- a Communication
 - Specific challenges
 - Waste target review
 - Enabling framework
 - Resource efficiency target

- a Legislative proposal on waste targets
 - Answering to review clauses in 3 Directives by 2014



Between July 2014 and January 2015:

- 8 meetings with Working Parties at Council, 1 orientation debate
- New Commission, new work program

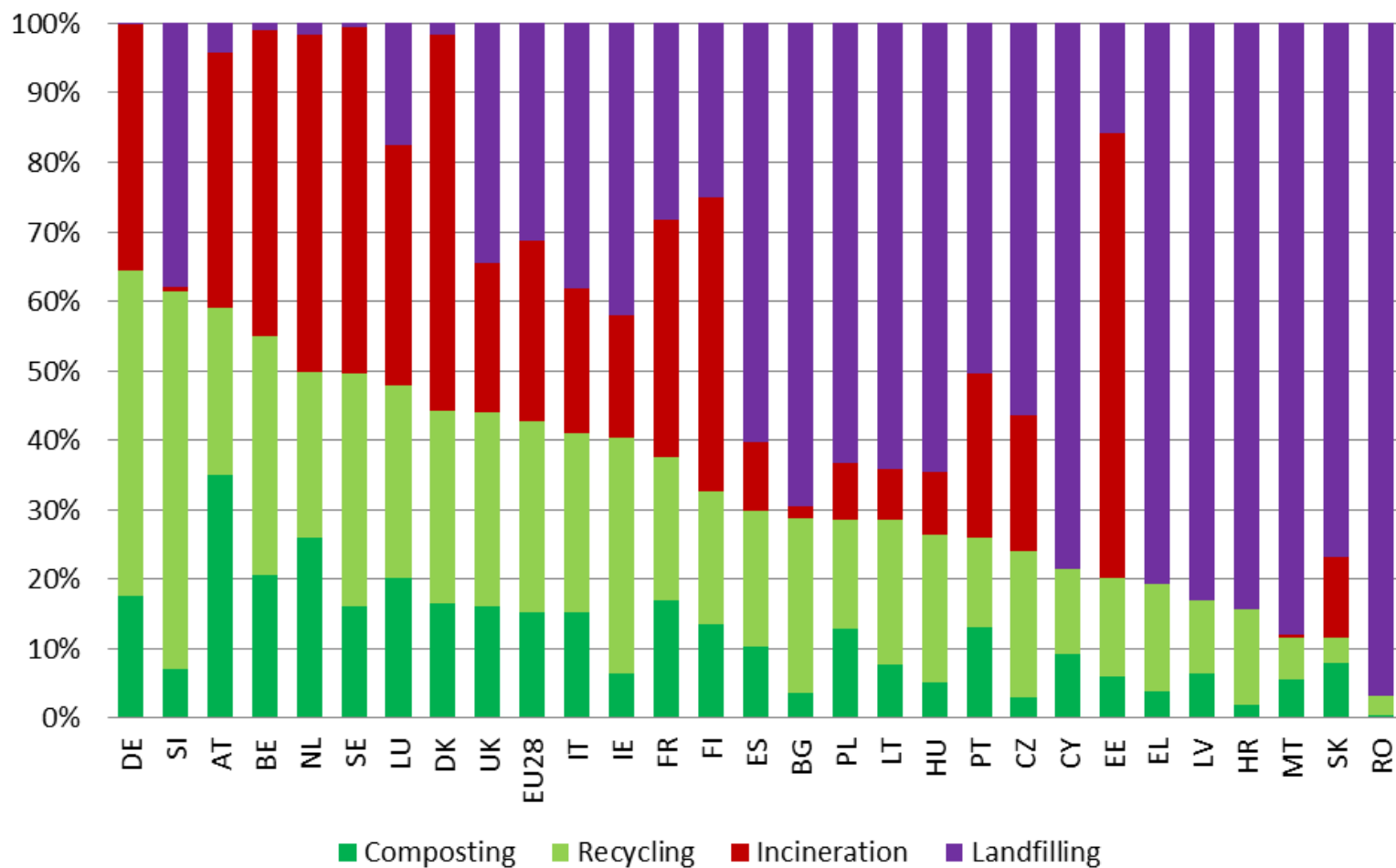
New revisited package on circular economy with a more ambitious approach:

- Not focusing only on waste management
- Less prescriptive
- Better take into account the situation of each MS

Challenge



Municipal waste per treatment 2013





Two main components:

- Revised legislative proposal on waste
- Action Plan with a more comprehensive approach
- DG ENV and DG GROW co leaders, SG as coordinator
- Circular Economy Roadmap: http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/impact/planned_ia/docs/2015_env_065_env+032_circular_economy_en.pdf
- At the consultation and reflection stage



- **EU Forest Strategy guiding principles:**
 - *"Resource efficiency, optimising the contribution of forests and the forest sector to rural development, growth and job creation."*
- **Blueprint for Forest-based Industries:**
 - Resource efficiency as one of the challenge areas (wood and paper recycling)
- **Bioeconomy strategy:** enhancement of markets and competitiveness in bioeconomy
 - Improved resource efficiency contributing to the long-term competitiveness of bioeconomy sectors.
- **European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials**



- Stakeholders' conference: 25 June 2015
- Public stakeholder consultation: 28 May – 20 August 2015:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/closing_the_loop_en.htm
- New package to be delivered by autumn 2015