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## ***Energy from Waste***

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# Content

- 1. Waste Management and potential of EfW**
- 2. Present Situation in World, EU, NL**
- 3. Technologies**
- 4. Policy Suggestions**

# Definitions

- *Waste Management:*
  - *Treatment of waste to achieve good conditions*
- *Waste: Something a person has to get rid off*
  - *Municipal Solid Waste*
  - *Industrial Wastes*
  - *Waste Water (Sewage systems)*
- *Residues: Left overs from Agriculture/Forestry*
- *Energy from Waste: Conversion to Energy from Waste*
- *Bioenergy: Energy from Biomass (Renewable Energy)*
  - *About 50% of the Municipal waste is Biomass (Renewable)*

## Energy from Waste could grow

- *World Bank (2012) What a Waste, and own estimates*

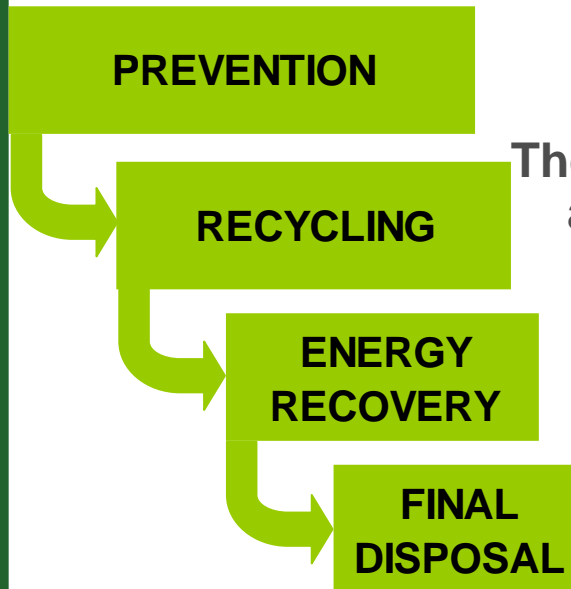
| Urban Waste                  | 2000 | 2010 | 2025 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Waste/capita (kg/day)        | 0,64 | 1,2  | 1,4  |
| Population (billion)         | 2,9  | 3,0  | 4.3  |
| Total Waste (Billion Tonnes) | 0.68 | 1,3  | 2,2  |
| Energy Content (GJ/ton)      | 10   | 10   | 10   |
| Potential Energy [EJ]        | 6,8  | 13   | 22   |

# Why Waste Management?

- *Health Risks/*
  - *Factor 2 more diarrhoea*
  - *Factor 6 acute respiratory infections*
  - *Flooding -> Drinking Water*
- *Environment*
  - *Water pollution*
  - *Green House gas emissions*
- *Availability of Land*
- *Safety*
  - *Landfill gas can lead to burning*

# Waste Hierarchy Approach

the integrated solid waste management approach



There are enormous differences in the World and EU WID directive implementation



Which policy measures are the most effective in a country in order to improve the energy production from non-recyclable waste?

## 2. Waste Collection

High Income:

Good Collection

Sometimes Energy from Waste

Low Income:

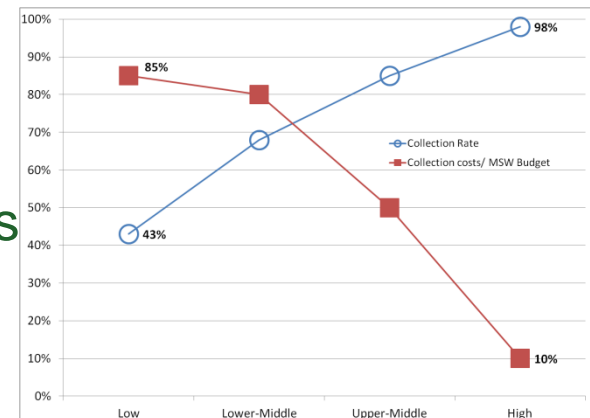
No collection, no reuse, EfW



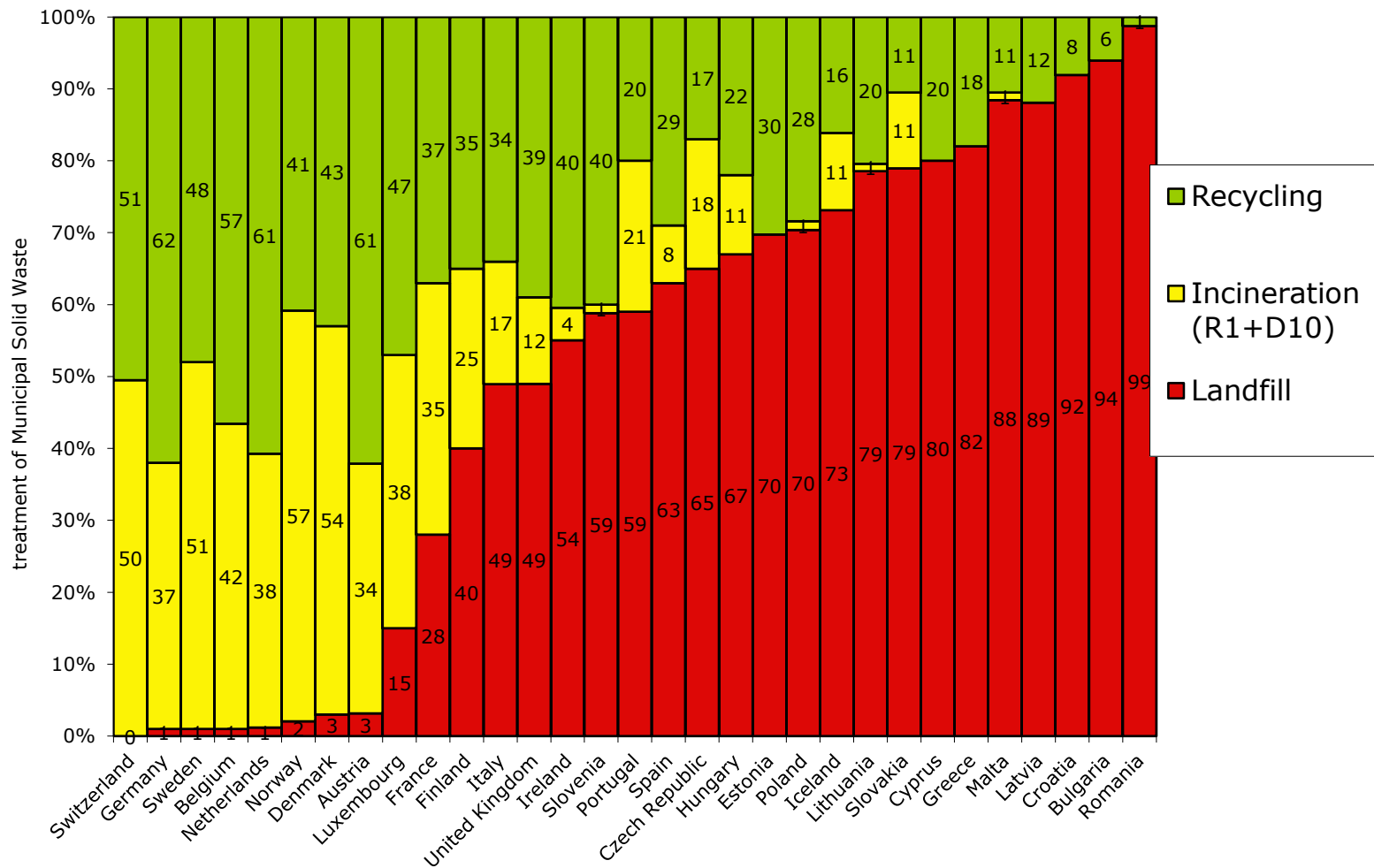
### Improvements possible:

- Involve waste producer (awareness)
- Integrate Informal sector to improve recycling and create business and jobs

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# Waste Treatment in Europe (2011)





# Energy from Waste in Europe

## Waste-to-Energy in Europe in 2010

- Waste-to-Energy Plants operating in Europe (not including hazardous waste incineration plants)
- Waste thermally treated in Waste-to-Energy plants in million tonnes

Data supplied by CEWEP members unless specified otherwise

\* From Eurostat

\*\* Includes plant in Andorra



## Example: The Netherlands

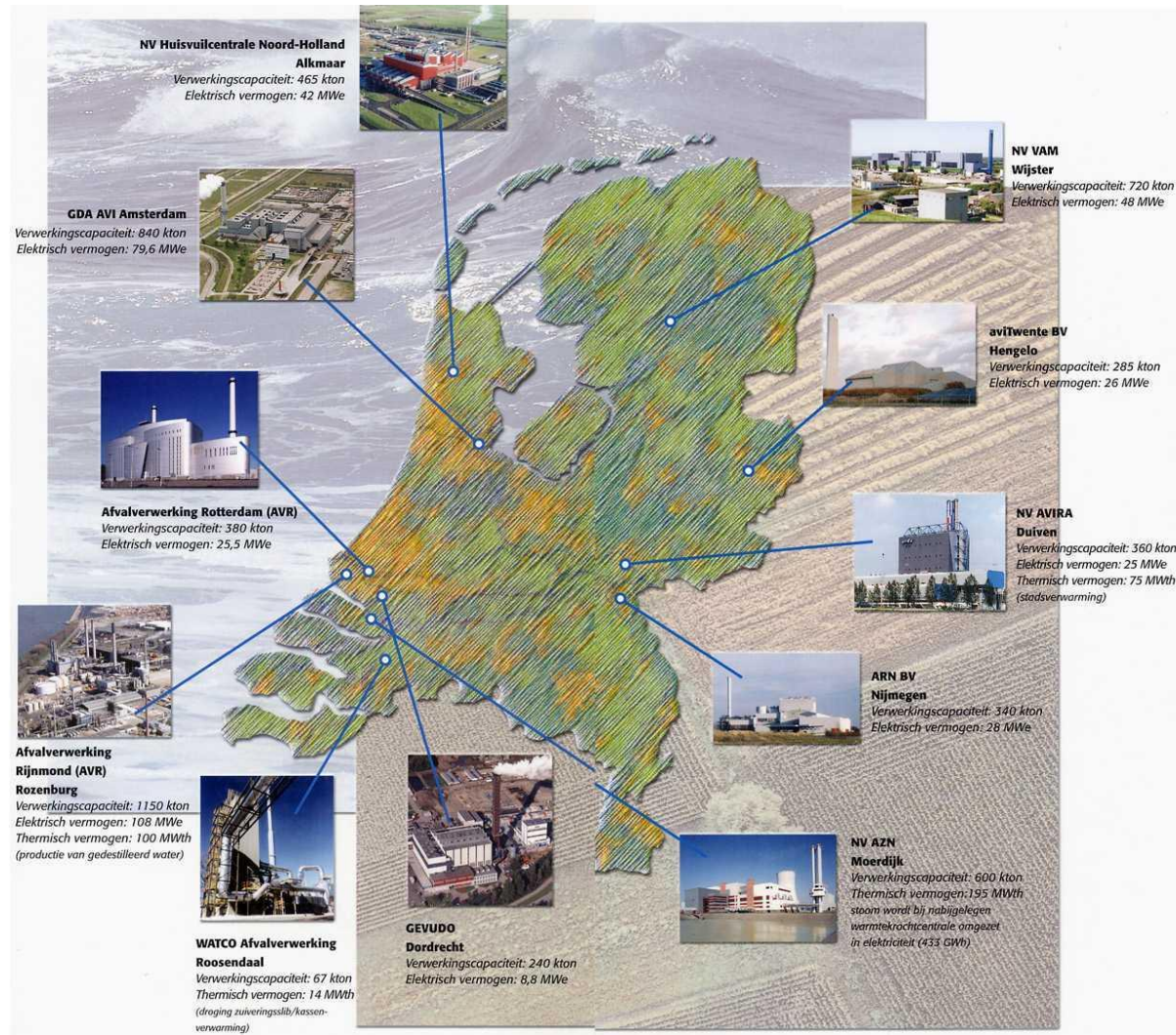
11 Waste incinerators with Energy Recovery  
for 5.5 Mton/year Municipal Solid Waste

Afvalverbrandingsinstallaties  
in Nederland

Waste to Energy Plants  
in the Netherlands

Elektrisch vermogen =  
Electric Power in MWe

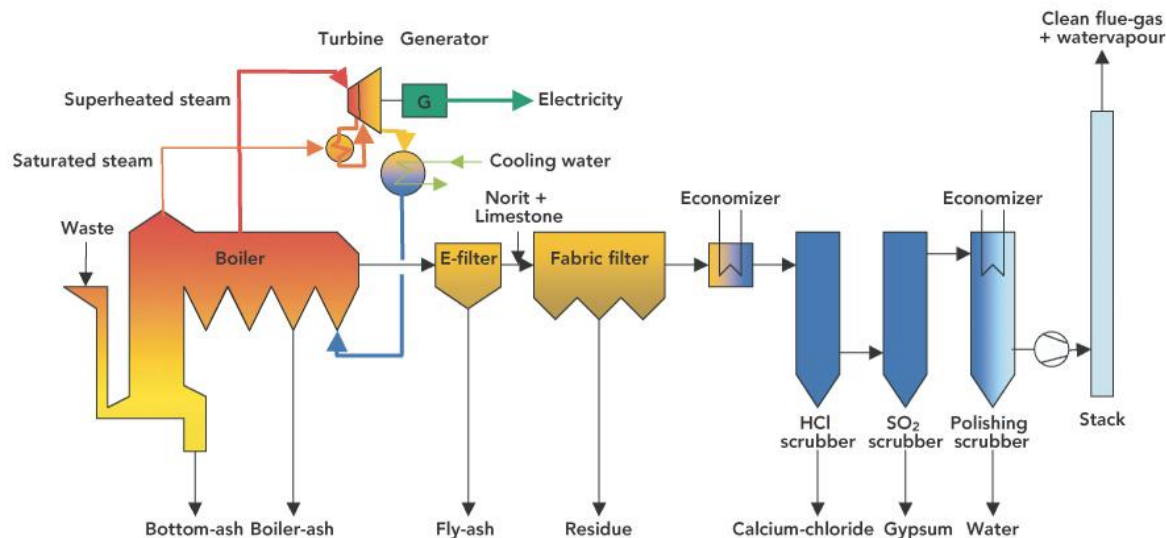
Verwerkingscapaciteit =  
Waste capacity in kTon/a





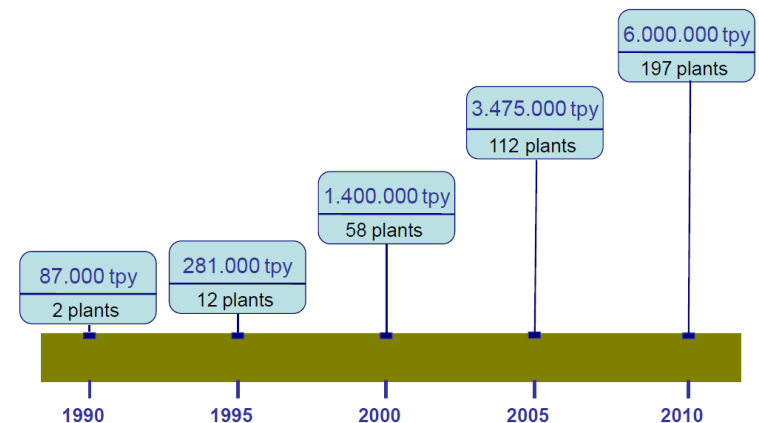
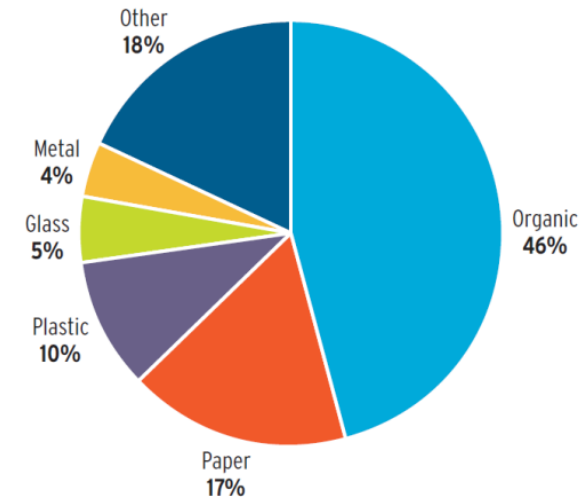
### 3. Waste Incineration Amsterdam

- *High electric efficiency*
- *Utilisation of heat in Waste water purification plant*
- *Low emissions, no dioxins*



# Anaerobic Digestion

- *Organic Fraction about 50%*
- *Waste separation*
  - *At Source (house, NL)*
  - *Treatment plant (MBT)*
- *In NL Source separation preferred because better quality of compost*
- *Wet digestion*
  - *Continuous*
- *Dry Digestion*
  - *Batches (Orgaworld)*



MSW Digestion in EU

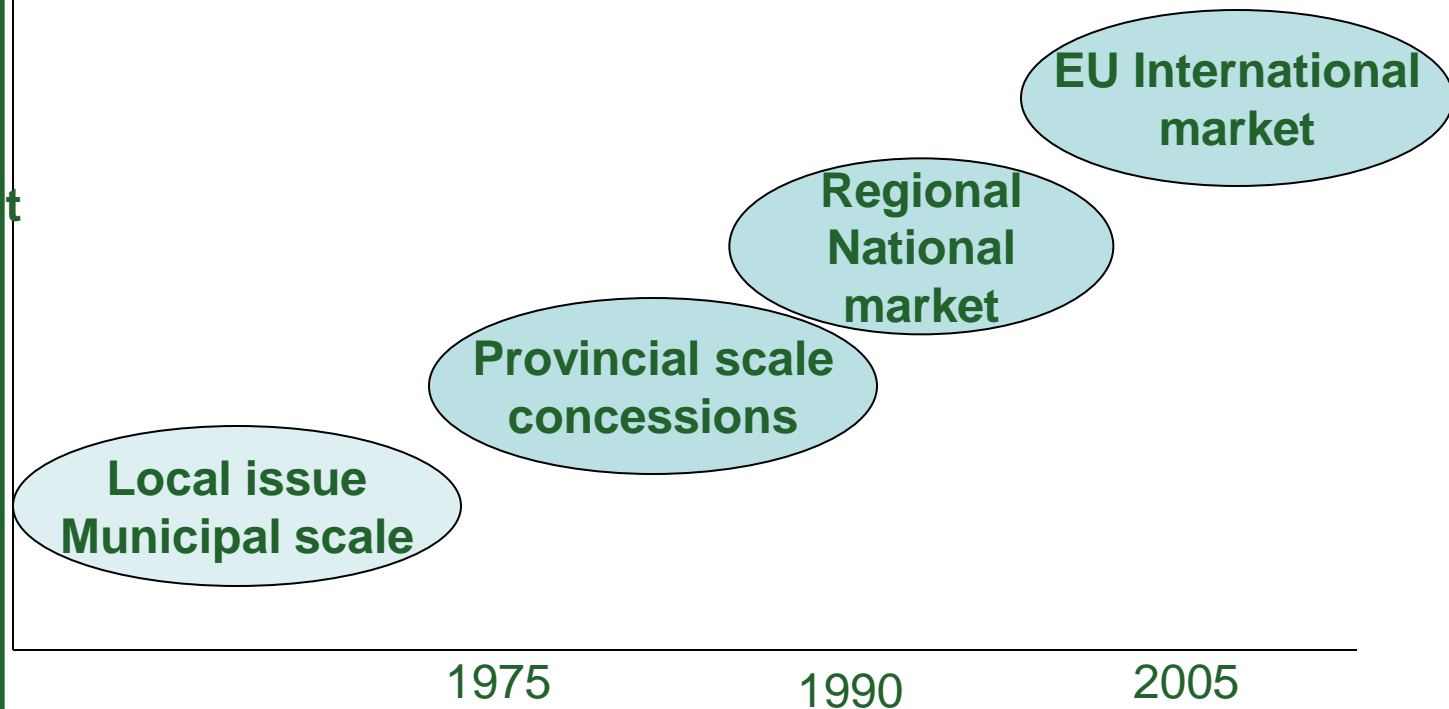
## 4. Waste policy

### Example: Netherlands

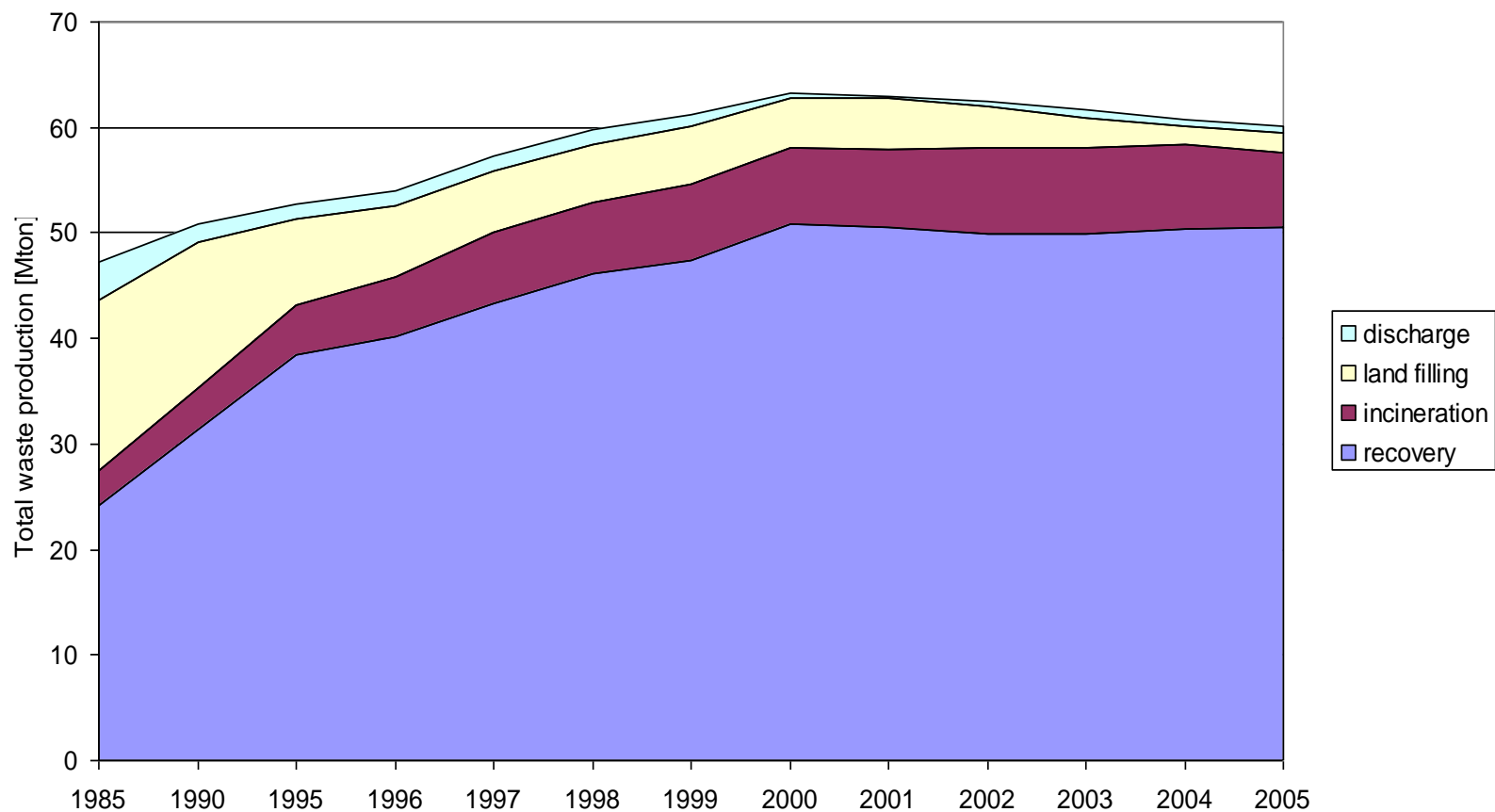


- **Waste hierarchy:** prevention, re-use, material recycling, energy-recovery, incineration, land filling
- **Stringent standards** for disposal: decrees on landfill and incineration, standards for building materials, organic fertilizers, ban on landfill
- **Planning at National level:** from separate panning systems for hazardous and non-hazardous waste towards one integral national waste plan
- **Producers responsibility:** legal as well as non legal systems for car tyres, batteries, Weee, ELV, packaging, plastic window frames and pvc-pipings
- **Notification and registration** of waste transports: from separate to one integral system of registration and notification of waste transports

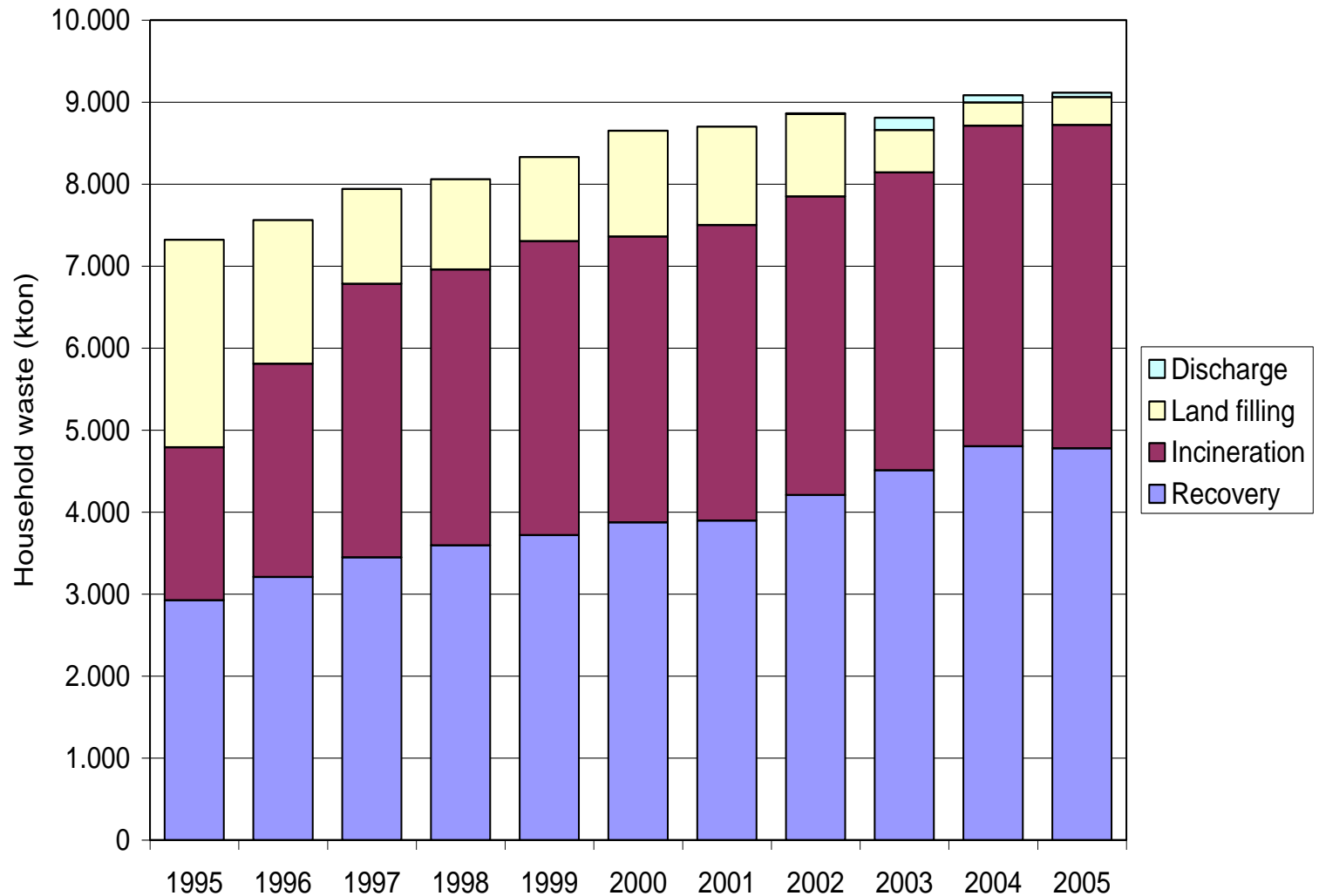
## Waste management development stages and scale of government



## Results: Total waste production and treatment

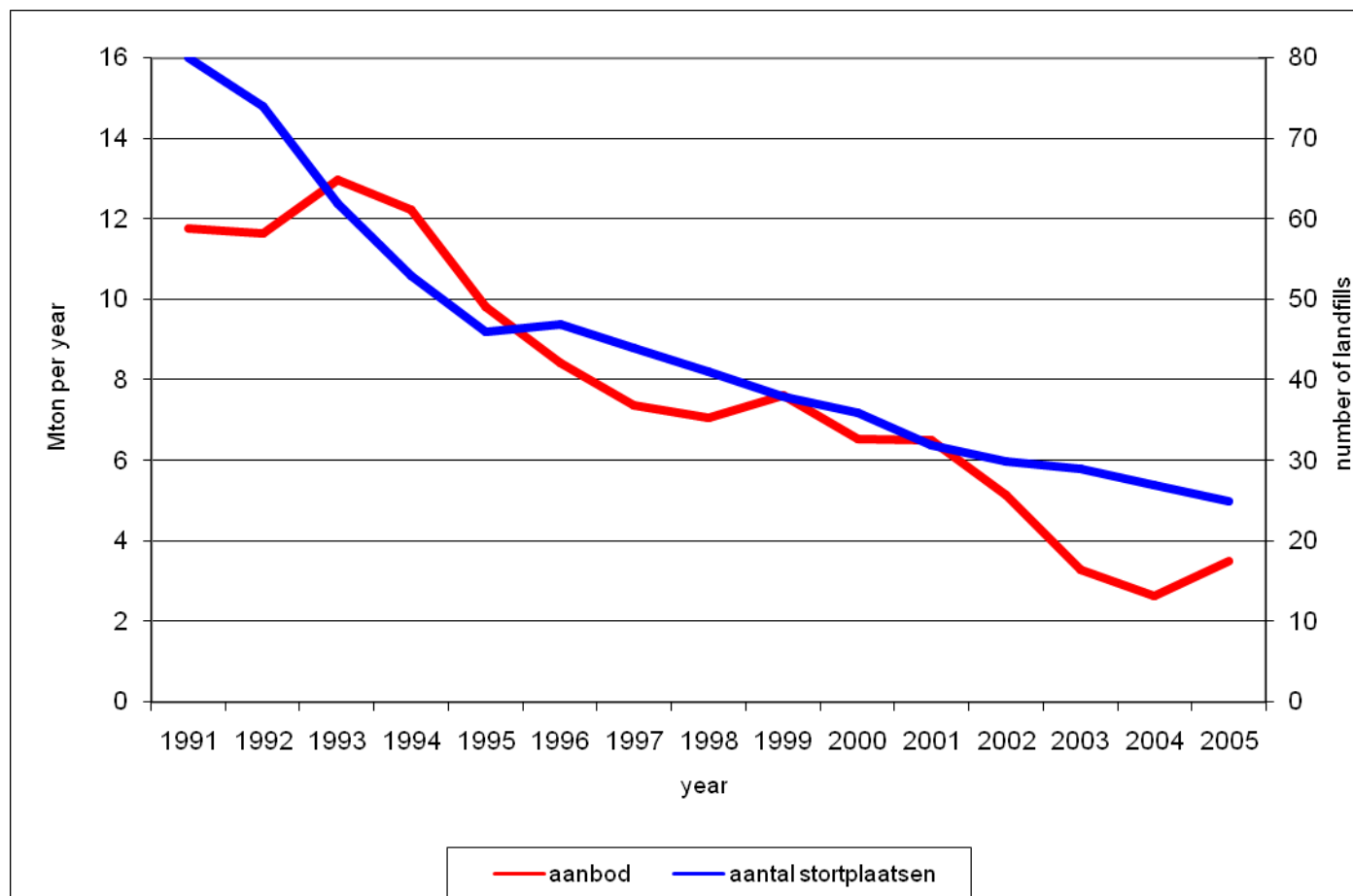


# Treatment household waste





## Number of land fills and yearly amount land filled in the Netherlands



**Waste management  
department**

## Economic and financial instruments for steering waste

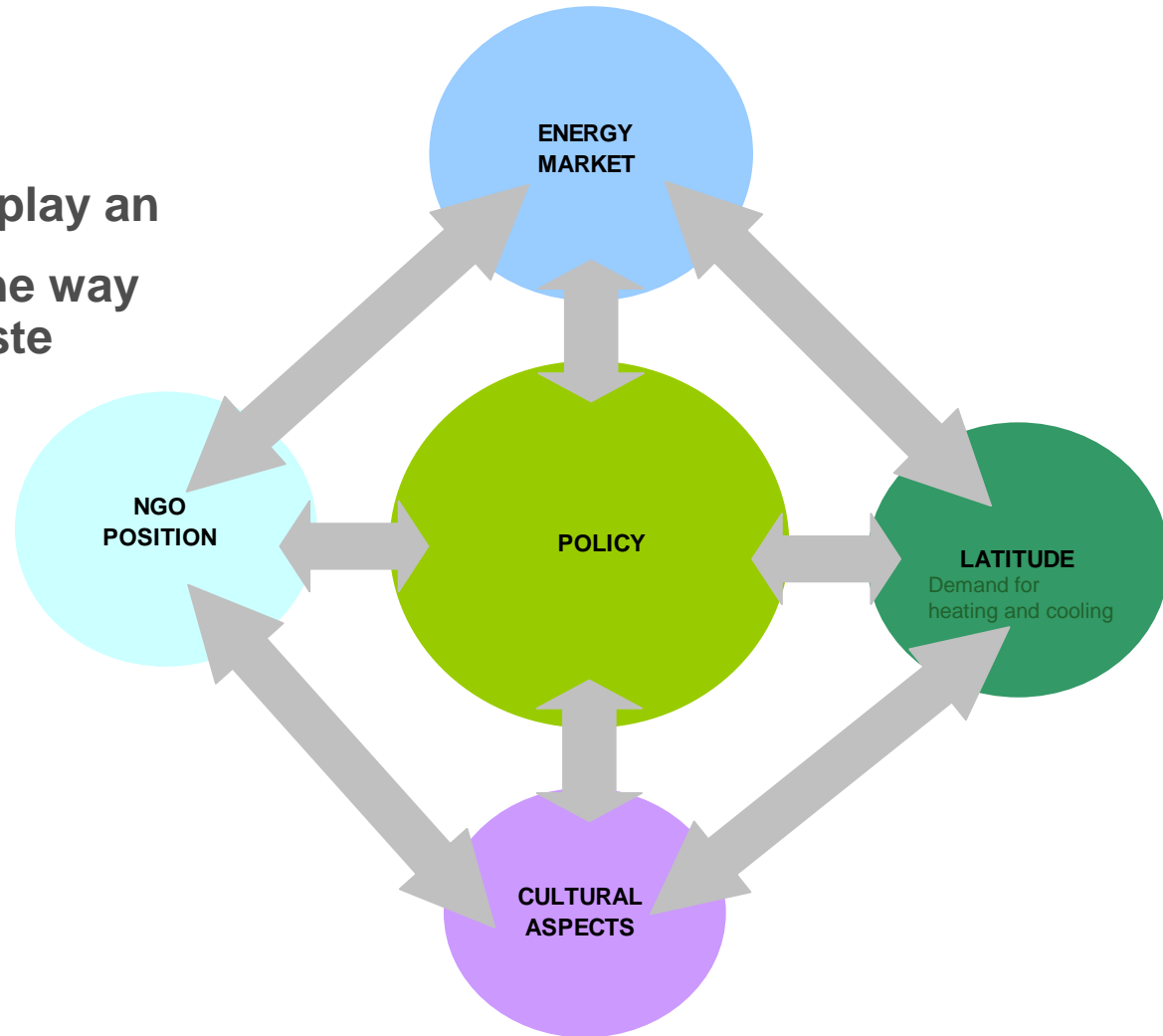
- Instruments to restrict and discourage land filling
  - Landfill decree (technical requirements and standards; financial covering of post-closure costs)
  - Landfill ban: (35 waste streams)
  - Landfill tax (85 euro/ton): land filling more expensive than recycling and incineration
- Environmental taxes: tariffs in accordance with waste hierarchy
- Economic incentives: Power from MSW as a Renewable Energy Resource



## Policy Options depend on local situation:

Other factors may play an important role in the way energy from waste develops:

- Energy market
- Latitude
- Cultural aspects
- NGO position



## Energy potential

The energy recovery of the waste management system =

Energy produced : (electricity and/or heat)  
as percentage of the energy content of the input.

| Technology  | Potential energy recovery |
|---|---------------------------|
| Incineration (electricity)                              | 25%                       |
| Incineration (CHP)                                      | 40%-95%                   |
| MBT biodrying/separation                                | 15%-60%                   |
| MBT Anaerobic digestion/separation                      | 15%-30%                   |
| MBT Stabilisation for Landfill (limited RDF-production) | 8%-15%                    |
| Landfill  | 6%                        |

## **Energy from Waste, a stepwise approach**

**Stage 0 – No Dumping but Collection for Recycling and Sanitary Landfill**

**Stage 1 - Use of biogas from landfills**

**Stage 2 - Production of electricity by means of combustion or digestion**

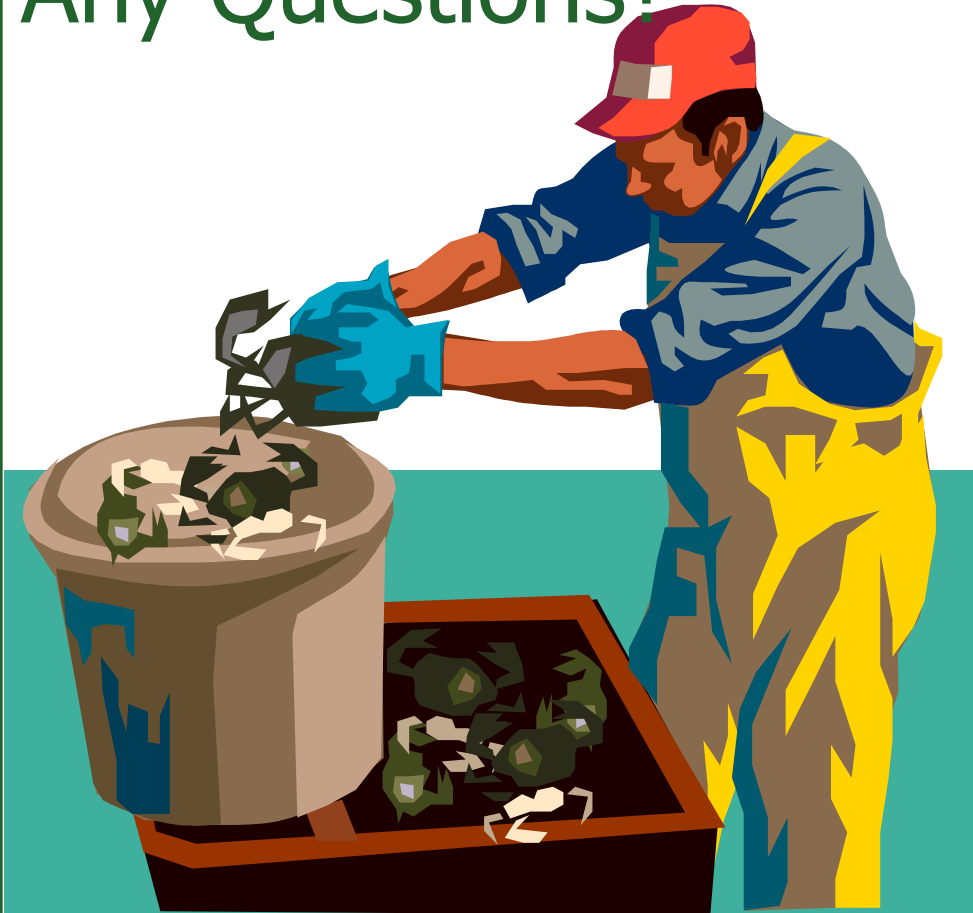
**Stage 3 - Integrated CHP approach**

**Stage 4 - Innovations, towards higher energy utilization rates**

## Regional addaptive approach

- *Stepwise Approach, Start Small and Effective*
  1. *Awareness (Public Health, Environment etc.)*
  2. *Governmental responsibility to collect waste*
  3. *Treatment of Waste*
    - *Involve informal sector in recycling/reuse*
    - *Remainders into Sanitary Landfills*
    - > *The Polluter Pays -> Realise a Budget to pay this*
  4. *Energy from Waste*
    - *Landfill Gas from Landfill sites for power/upgrading*
    - *Anaerobic Digestion or Incineration*
    - *Efficiency improvement*
    - > *Financed by the Renewable Energy Component*

Thank you for listening!  
Any Questions?



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