How will you make sure to reach the new EU targets?

The latest revision of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) introduced very ambitious quantitative targets when it comes to municipal waste recycling. These new targets came with a new measurement method, which shifted the focus from collected to recycled quantities.

Reaching these targets will require significant efforts both on collected quantities and quality of the sorted waste. In particular, territories lagging behind – such as dense urban centres – will have to significantly improve their performances.

Achieving 65% of recycling will force cities to generalize and generally improve food waste collection, and to seriously consider strong incentives such as pay-as-you-throw. Cities will also have to investigate the potential of currently untapped sources of recyclable waste, such as out-of-home consumption.

Do you know that the upcoming revision of the WFD might introduce re-use targets? Collection systems will need to be reshaped to maximise the streams oriented toward re-use and preparation for re-use, and to better associate the re-use sector in general.

Guidelines and tools

- Understand which conditions can facilitate the design and implementation of PAYT schemes in your territory
  - LIFE REthinkWASTE self-assessment toolkit

- Learn from experiences of municipalities implementing PAYT/KAYT schemes
  - LIFE REthinkWASTE documentation

- Access examples of successful waste management in heritage cities
  - INOTHERWASTE database of case studies

- Browse good practices fostering innovation in waste management
  - WINPOL Good Practices Guide and SMART WASTE Good Practices

Comparisons and case studies

- Learn how other public authorities reacted and adapted their waste management systems to the COVID crisis
  - The report «The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on municipal waste management systems»

- Follow how some public authorities evaluated the specific support to innovation given by their waste policy instruments
  - SMART WASTE local evaluations

- Assess your situation and improve your waste collection performances
  - COLLECTORS Guidelines for implementation

- Learn more about how to facilitate the shift of municipal waste management systems towards a circular economy
  - COLLECTORS policy recommendations and its synthetic infographic

- Select a waste collection system among 242 in Europe and consult the associated data on contexts, collect, and performance
  - COLLECTORS Database of Waste Collection Systems

- Explore local approaches to glass collection in Europe
  - The report «Opportunities for municipalities in glass packaging collection»