



Fédération Européenne des Activités de la Dépollution et de l'Environnement
European Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services
Europäische Föderation der Entsorgungswirtschaft



REPRESENTING
AN INTEGRATED
AND BALANCED APPROACH
TO WASTE MANAGEMENT
IN EUROPE



Who we are

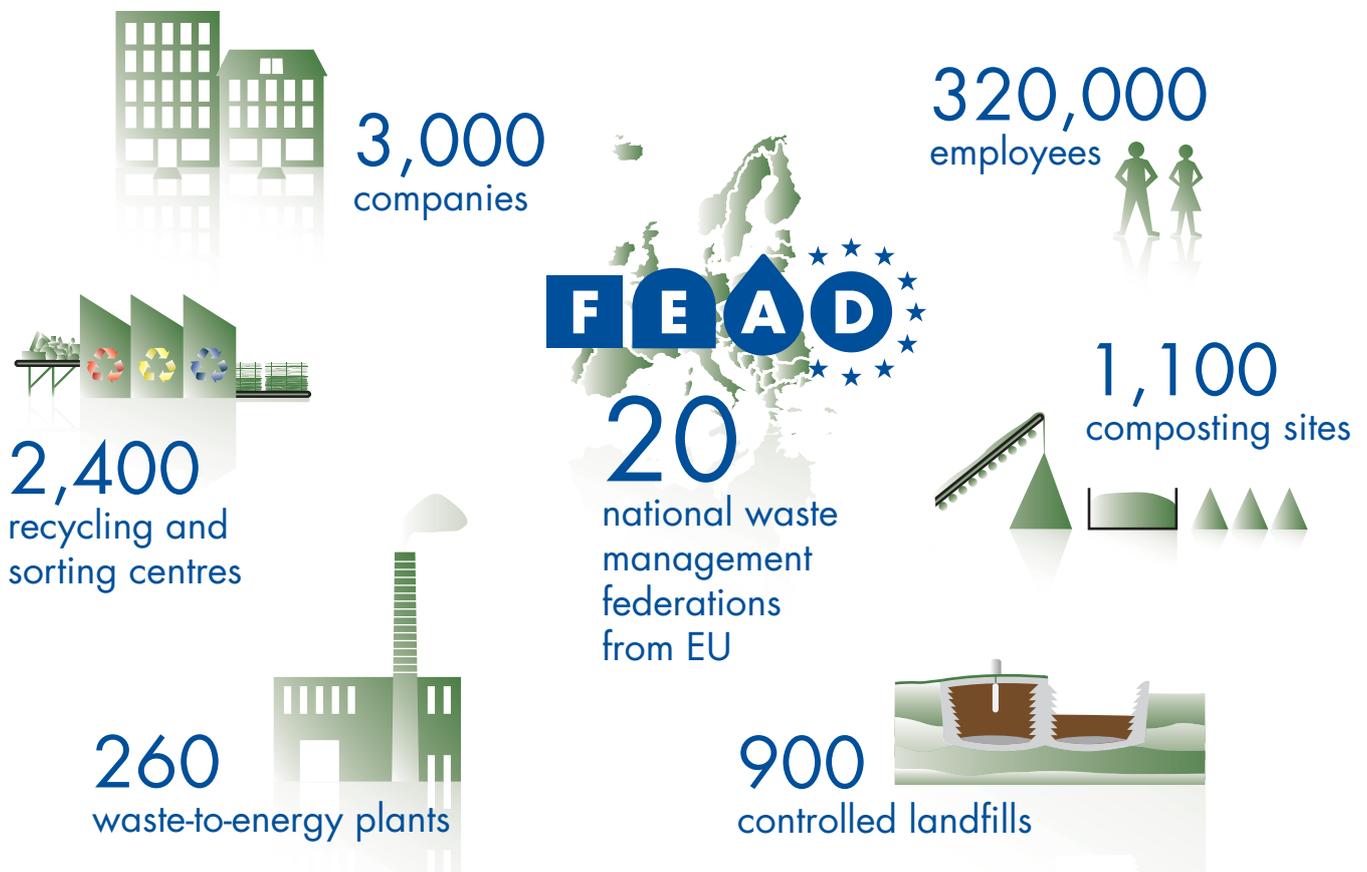
FEAD is the European federation which represents the European waste management industry.

FEAD's members are national waste management associations covering 20 Member States and Norway. They have an approximate 60% share in the household waste market and handle more than 75% of industrial and commercial waste in Europe. Their combined annual turnover is approximately € 75 billion.

FEAD represents about 3,000 companies with activities in all

forms of waste management. These companies employ over 320,000 people throughout Europe who operate around 2,400 recycling and sorting centers, 1,100 composting sites, 260 waste-to-energy plants and 900 controlled landfills. They play an important role in determining the best environmental option for waste management problems.

FEAD's role in Brussels is to gather expertise and up-to-date information from its members on the many subject areas covered, to compare experiences and to advise decision makers on the overall situation in Europe. Lessons learnt in practice should lead us to better, more effective legislation, and therefore better environmental and economic performance.



FEAD's mission is to ensure that:

**EFFECTIVE, PRACTICAL LEGISLATION
LEAD TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**



Prime Objectives and Focus

FEAD members are dedicated to playing a central role in the improvement of the European environment, both at the legislative level and in practice. The services they provide diminish possible harm to the environment and human health.

The principal options for the management of waste today are recycling, composting, digestion, heat and power generation via incineration or other forms of thermal treatment, and final disposal by landfilling. Prior to treatment all wastes are also collected and, where appropriate, pre-sorted.

FEAD members contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. Some waste materials are prepared for re-use or recycled, ensuring an efficient use of resources, reducing energy use compared with the extraction of virgin materials. Composted bio-wastes also provide a solution to soil demineralisation and erosion, a particularly acute problem in Southern Europe. Other wastes are processed into a substitute for fossil fuels or treated in energy efficient waste-to-energy plants. This contri-

butes to the attainment of the climate change goals set by the European Union.

The waste management sector in Europe not only plays a considerable role in climate protection through prevention of methane and CO₂ emissions, it is also a major and increasingly important supplier of raw materials to European industry.

Our society is a voracious consumer, and it is the duty of the waste management industry to ensure that resources that become waste are recycled and recovered where appropriate, thereby improving the environment in which we live. FEAD members accept this responsibility and strive continuously to improve their performance.

Many of the companies represented by FEAD have been in existence for many years and have witnessed great change. Waste management has become a modern business sector to which the fundamental European freedoms should apply, especially the freedom to provide services and the free movement of goods, and for which a market based on fair competition has to be guaranteed. A great deal of expertise has been gathered over time and many innovative ideas have emerged to decrease the polluting effects of waste.



Legislation,

Implementation and the Importance of Dialogue

The five-stage waste hierarchy in the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC) sets out a ranking of treatment and lays the foundations for a European recycling society.

FEAD works at European level to ensure that the framework conditions for boosting recycling markets continue to be improved. In addition, it calls on the European Commission to live up to its role as guardian of the treaties and to work for uniform implementation

of the existing European legislation in the Member States.

FEAD members are committed to finding the best waste management solutions throughout Europe, taking into account local needs. In this spirit, open dialogue with all stakeholders offers the opportunity to find and deliver the best environmental solutions.

Competition is a key driver for developing innovative technologies and ensuring further progress towards a resource-efficient society. Hence, it is important to guarantee fair competition and ensure that the right economic and regulatory framework conditions are put in place.



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ESA
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