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REPRESENTING AN INTEGRATED AND BALANCED APPROACH
TO WASTE MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE



Who we are:

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FEAD is the European federation which represents the European waste management industry. Our members are national waste management associations, whose members together have an approximate 70% share in the household waste market and handle more than 75% of industrial waste in Europe, with an annual turnover of 50 billion euro.

With 20 members from 19 EU Member States and Norway, **FEAD** represents more than 4 000 companies with activities in all forms of waste management. These companies employ more than 350 000 people throughout Europe who operate about 2 200 controlled landfills, 2 000 recycling and sorting centers, 1 700 composting sites and 400 waste-to-energy plants. 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.

In order to achieve its far-reaching goals, **FEAD** works with a broad network of similar sectoral organisations in Brussels, ensuring that opinions are not formed in isolation, and widespread approval is obtained for a given policy position or direction.



Legislation, Implementation and the Im

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European legislation has shown a distinct move towards waste management options that are believed to be the better environmental option. Although true care must be taken to ensure that any evaluation of a waste management option is rigorous. Recycling makes no sense

when the resources it consumes outweigh the resulting product! Consideration of other aspects, including geography and ultimate end-use, can often minimise transport and optimise recovery. These are therefore crucial elements to be considered during the implementation process for waste legislation or strategies.

FEAD's mission is to ensure that:

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

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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 also contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. Some wastes are processed into a substitute for fossil fuels, completing the carbon cycle; this contributes to the attainment of the goals set by the European Commission in its Climate Change Package. Other materials are recycled, making optimal use of resources and reducing energy use in the extraction of virgin materials. Composted bio-wastes also provide a solution

to soil erosion, which is particularly acute in Southern Europe, contributing to the fight against desertification.

Our society is a voracious consumer, and it is the duty of the waste management industry to ensure that resources that become waste are 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 a great many years and have witnessed great change. Municipal solid waste for example, has moved from being a public service run by public authorities, with the simple aim of removing waste from households and industry for reasons of hygiene, to a service provided by a mix of public and private companies, whose overall aim is to reduce the impact of the increasing quantities and types of waste on the environment. A great deal of expertise has been gathered over time and many innovative ideas have emerged to decrease the polluting effects of waste.



Importance of Dialogue:



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 balanced and acceptable environmental solutions.

In order to achieve such goals and to safeguard the competitiveness of European industry, it is necessary to create a European legislative framework within which local decisions can be taken, without being overly restrictive or prescriptive.

**REGULATION AND ITS ENFORCEMENT
SUSTAINABILITY IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET.**