



# Municipal Waste Europe

presents tonight's issues...

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## The discussions this evening:

- The role of the municipalities in the context of producer's responsibilities, especially in the context of the recast WEEE-directive.
- The contributions of the waste management industry in reducing the climate change.
- Local and public sector contributions to sustainable waste management services.
- European Municipal Waste Management in the future.

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# Municipal Waste Europe

- Represent municipalities responsible for waste management and their publicly owned waste management companies.
- Members are national municipal waste associations and related organisations
- Austria, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Belgium (Flanders), Iceland. More coming.
- Complementing discussions on waste management and public services

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# What does Municipal Waste Europe do?

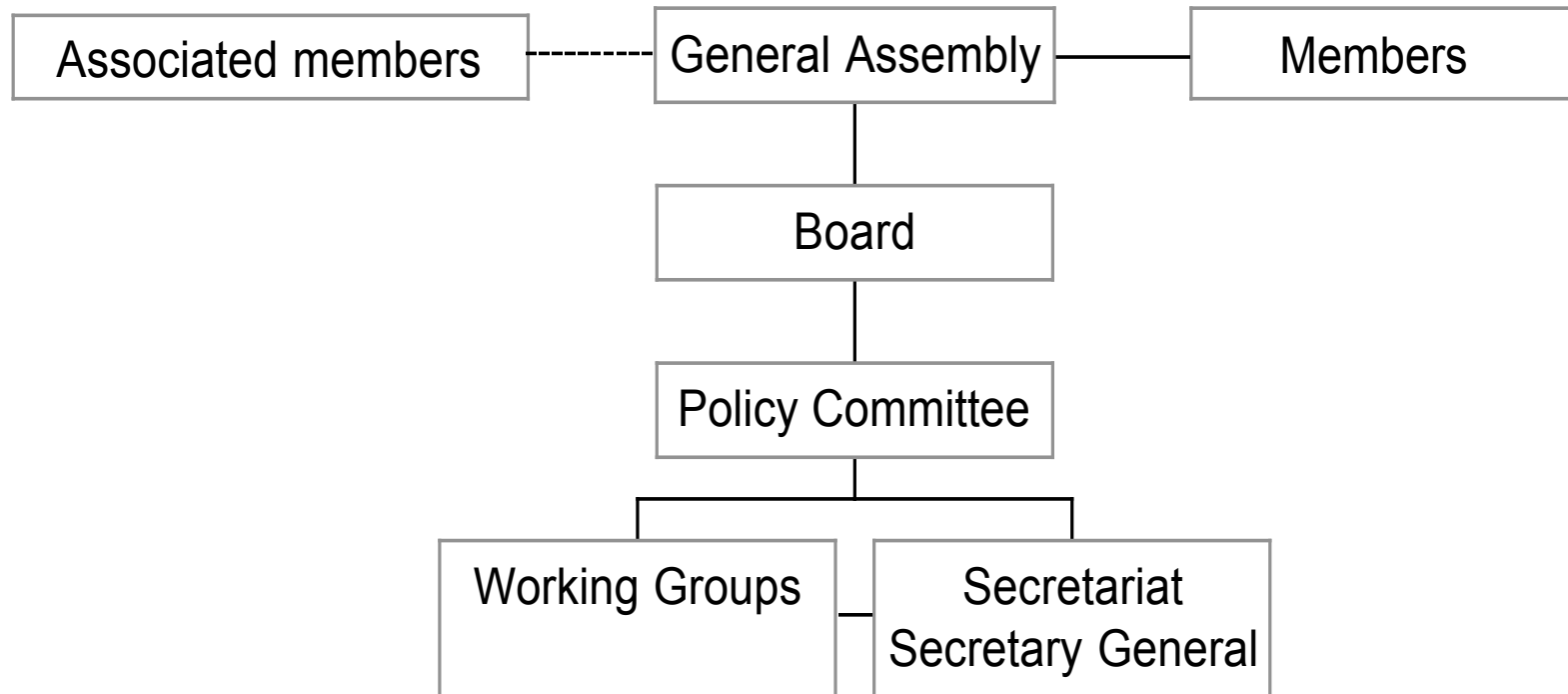
- Promoting the public responsibility for waste management.
- Safeguard the interest of municipalities and public entities responsible for policy and operation in the field of waste management
- Gathering and circulation of information
- Organizing exchange of experience amongst members and others
- Raising awareness and opinions, influencing decision makers and to take actions on issues regarding the area as stated in the objective

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# AISBL (International non-profit organisation)





# Producers responsibilities

- Principle of producer's responsibility
- Based on environmental assessments?
- When cross-sectioning municipal waste - two responsibilities
- Risk for parallel infrastructure and double cost
- Risk for unidentified responsibility for the municipalities

## Proposal:

- Full cost coverage by producers
- Fully transparent cost- and operations systems
- Avoid parallel systems, use existing habits and infrastructure

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# Producers' responsibility for WEEE

- Full cost coverage for all collecting eee (electric and electronic equipment) as weee, especially when mandatory to do so
- Only if agreement under cost coverage, will the municipalities hand over collected weee to producers and include it towards their targets.
- If no agreement for full cost coverage, municipal waste including electrical waste will be handled with full environmental concern. No waste handed over to producers and no statistics towards producers targets.

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# Reduce climate change

- Limit emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and greenhouse gases
- Primary waste action for EU-27 in climate aspect is to reduce landfilling and especially of organic waste
- Develop waste management in line with waste hierarchy
- Develop collection infrastructure, concentrating on hazardous and dangerous substances
- Result of waste management must be suited to the needs of the region

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# Waste management services

- Municipalities or regions with obligation to ensure waste management services are present for all
- Acting from a responsibility for environment and human health
- There is freedom of choice concerning organizational and financial structure for local and regional waste management responsibility.
- Local and public sector contributes to sustainable waste management services.
- All operators must operate with competence, technical equipment and in line with legislation

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# Obligation to provide waste management

- This is a part of Member State responsibility
- It can be delegated by law to municipalities/regions
- It is a service of general interest
- It can be executed through municipal in-house operations
- EU-Concession, public-private partnerships are possible
- “Out-house” operations only after public procurement
- All other cases - public procurement
  
- National legislation define closer!

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# Waste management in the future

- Waste management by obligation (ensured by legislation) is essential to public health and environment.
- The public waste management can not be expected to provide services and infrastructure for private sector - including producers. Not without full cost coverage.
- Waste management can not be divided between momentarily profitable actions and all the long-term or unprofitable actions.
- Waste management must be seen as the complete, complex, interactive sector it is.

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Thank you for tonight.

Please join us afterwards for drinks!

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