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Recycling in the Circular Economy

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Circular Economy Package

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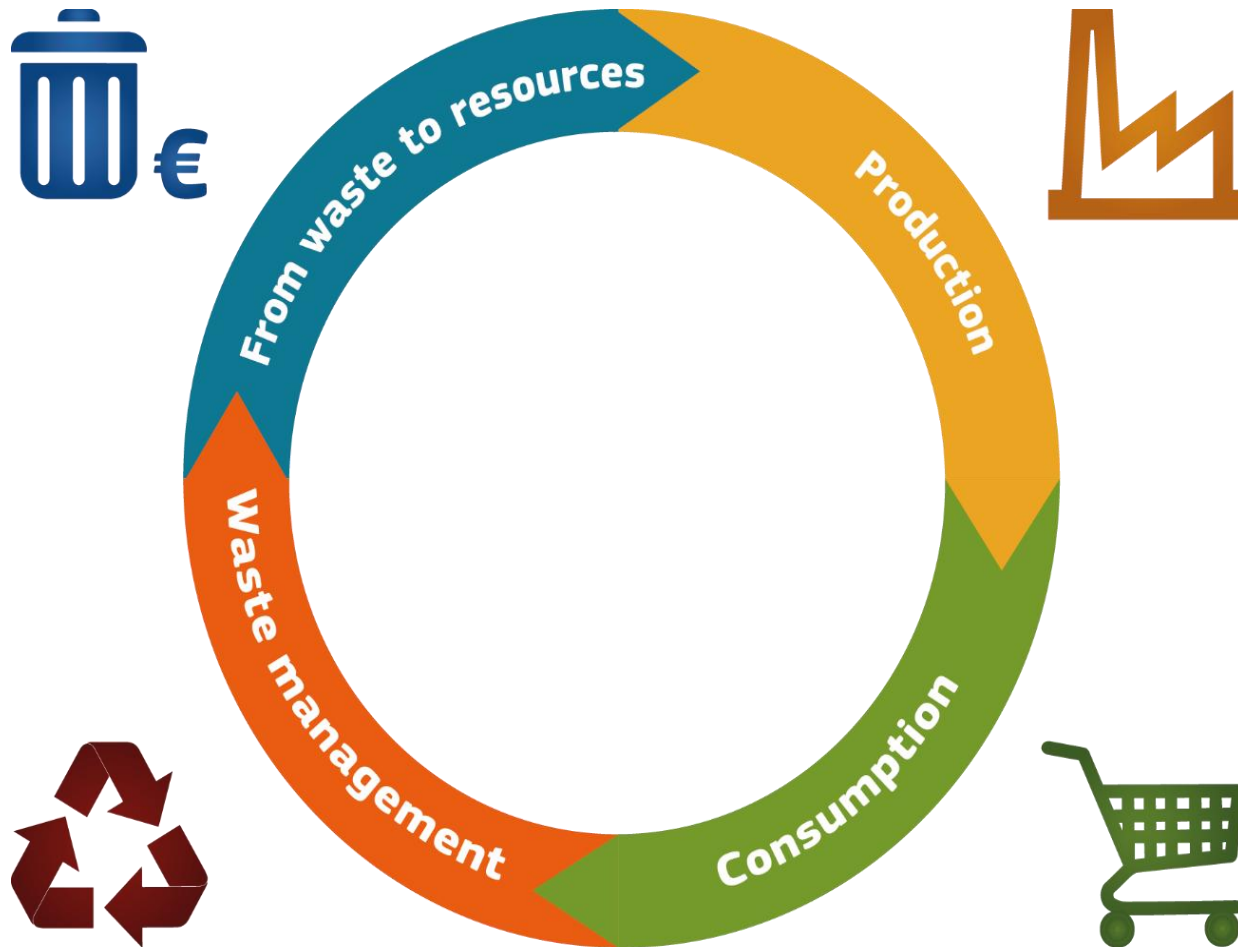


List of Follow-up
Initiatives (Annex)

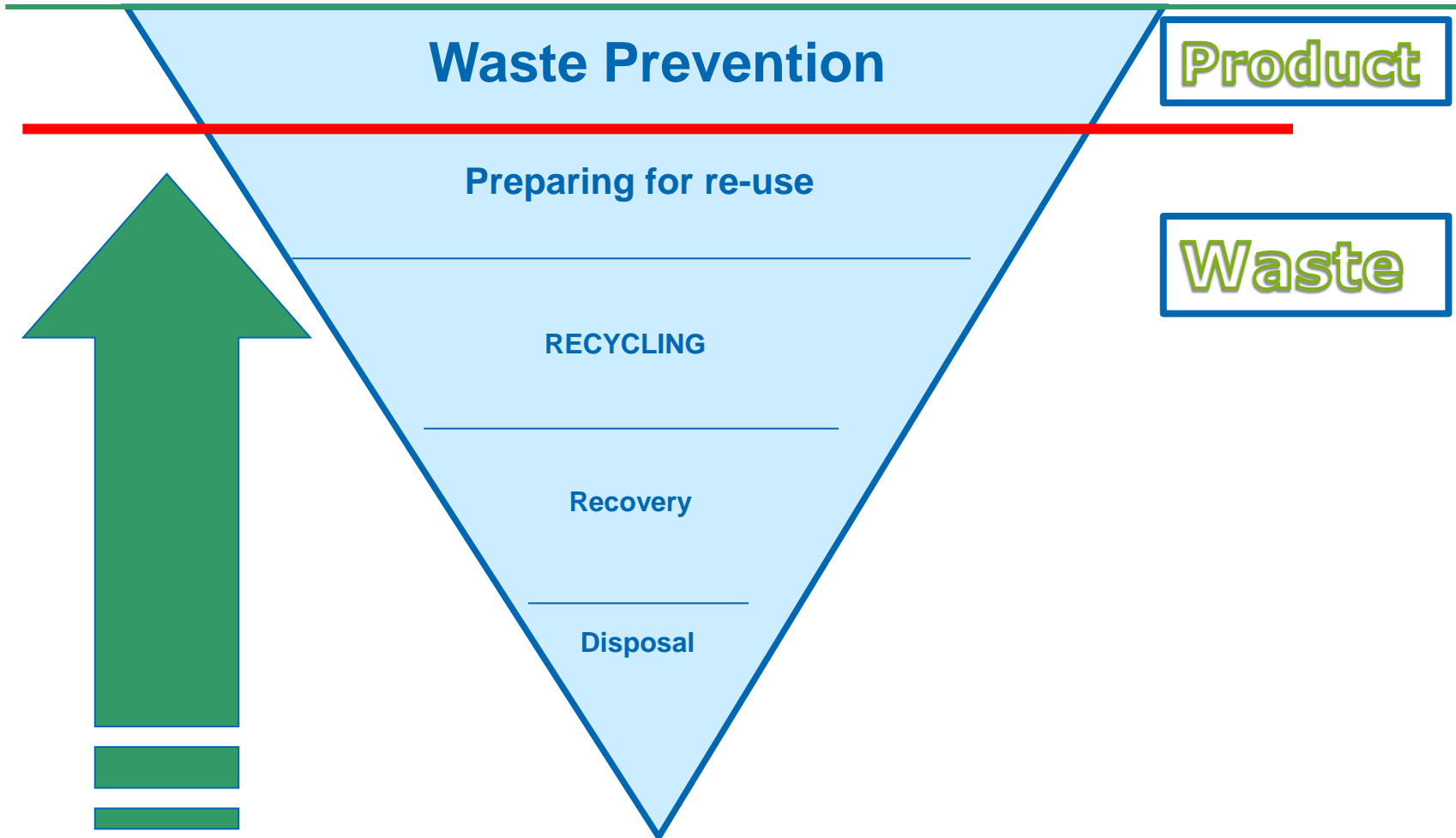


4 Legislative
proposals on waste

Towards a Circular Economy: reduce input, keep value, reduce 'leakage'



Circular economy and the waste hierarchy



So what is recycling?

- **Article 3 EU Waste Framework Directive:**
 - ‘recycling’ means any recovery operation by which **waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances** whether for the original or other purposes. It **includes the reprocessing of organic material** but does **not include energy recovery** and **the reprocessing into materials that are to be used as fuels or for backfilling operations;**
- **Article 2.6 of Commission Decision 2011/753:**
 - (...) **the input to (...) aerobic or anaerobic treatment may be counted as recycled where that treatment generates compost or digestate** which (...) is **used as a recycled product**, material or substance for land treatment resulting in benefit to agriculture or ecological improvement.

And what does the CE Package do to promote more *and* better recycling?

- **As part of the waste proposals:**
 - Ambitious recycling and landfill reduction targets (municipal & packaging waste)
 - Clearer and stricter calculation methods
 - Additional separate collection and sorting obligations (bio-waste, C&D waste)
 - Better use of economic instruments and extended producer responsibility
 - And ... better implementation of EU waste legislation by MS
- **As part of the wider Action Plan:**
 - Improve recyclability of products (Eco-design Directive, Strategies on Plastics & Waste/Chemicals interface)
 - Quality standards for secondary raw materials (Standardisation WP 2017)
 - Green Public Procurement (eg recent RC criteria for office buildings & roads)
 - Eco-labels (eg RC criteria for personal notebooks & tablets and textiles)
 - EU cohesion funding to focus on the higher tiers of the waste hierarchy



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Thank you for your attention!

Additional information:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/target_review.htm