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An approach to islands' self-contained waste management system with the goal of maximizing the recovery while limiting transportation costs



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Waste management approach in each country of Europe



Waste management approach in regions of Italy



Landfills in in use Sicily before the state of emergency was declared in 1999



Landfills in use in 2002



Many of these landfill are almost full



Large mechanical/biological waste treatment plants







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Poor results from mechanical separation



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The current opinion of regional government:shipping the waste abroad



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Trash from the Italian island of Sicily will next year be processed at special treatment plants in Austria.

After years of problems with waste disposal, the Italian island of Sicily has signed a deal to send a significant portion of its increasing piles of trash to Austria for processing.

Sicilian media reported that hundreds of tonnes of garbage will be transferred by ship and train to Austria during 2015, for disposal by specialized waste treatment plants in the central-European country.

The Sicilian Regional Assembly received the green light from Rome for this option, despite criticism by local media for the expected tax hikes required to pay for the transport and processing.

Rosario Crocetta, the former communist and openly-gay president of the regional assembly of Sicily, pushed through the proposals in the face of opposition from the leftist SEL party, which accused the president of failing to properly address the island's mounting environmental problems.

Crocetta became president after achieving a strong anti-Mafia reputation, and has persevered in driving an anticorruption program, despite several attempts on his life.

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....and of course going on with landfill disposal



The national government VS the regional government:

Sicily must increase recovery and have 2 WTE plants, one in Catania and one in Palermo

5 or 6 "small" gasification plants close to the existing landfills to reduce transportation costs and impact on the traffic





Goals



Starting from these data

- Area = 25,711 km²
- Population = **5,045,176** inhabitants
- Density = 196.23 inh/km²
- MSW production = about **2**,**727**,**570** t/year
- MSW production per capita = 520 kg/capita/year

Dominant solution for MSW disposal

Distribution sicilian population

METHODOLOGY Hypothesis for the integrated waste management scenarios in Sicily

Main cities

<u>Palermo</u> - <u>Catania</u> - <u>Messina</u>

Popoulation 1,315,000 inhabitants Waste 710,250 tons/y

Small towns

Popoulation 3,736,000 inhabitants

Waste 2,017,320 tons/y

METHODOLOGY Hypothesis for the integrated waste management scenarios in Sicily

Percentage of recovery for waste category in large cities and small towns.

		Large Cities	Small cities and village	Sicily
Inl	nabitants	1,315,000 (26%)	3,736,000 (74%)	5,051,000 (100%)
То	tal waste produced (tons/y)	710,250 (26%)	2,017,320 (74%)	2,727,570 (100%)
Was	ste components			
_	Compost	24,149 (0.9%)	484,158 (17.8%)	508,307(19%)
	Secondary Raw Materials	122,909 (4,5%)	560,918 (20.6%)	683,827 (25%)
v/suc	Refuse Derived Fuel	214,284 (7.9%)	344,358 (12.6%)	558,642 (20%)
t t	Total recovered waste	361,342 (13.2%)	1,389,434 (50.9%)	1,750,776 (64%)
	Waste disposed to landfill	348,908 (12.8%)	627,886(23.0%)	976,794 (36%)

METHODOLOGY Hypothesis for the integrated waste management scenarios in Sicily

Five scenarios

for waste management in the region were proposed in order to investigate the related environmental and economic transportation costs.

A recovery rate equal to <u>50% of the total waste produced (50%MSW)</u> in Sicily (about 1,300,000 tons/y) was considered for all the scenarios, in an optimistic management prospective characterized by high rates of waste collection in the small towns.

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The unbelievable transport model

METHODOLOGY Hypothesis of integrated waste management in Sicily

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METHODOLOGY

The procedure is based on a mathematical model running within a **<u>GIS software</u> <u>platform</u>**, able to include all relevant socio-economic and territorial data.

TransCad was used to develop a model that:

- combines <u>GIS</u> and <u>transportation modeling</u> capabilities in a single integrated platform;
- can create and customize maps, build and maintain geographic data sets, and perform many different types of spatial analysis.

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"Facility location"

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METHODOLOGY Definition of transportation cost

 $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{Tr}} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{f}} + \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{t}} + \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{pt}} + \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{tm}}$

C_{Tr} = Cost of transportation C_f = Fuel Cost C_t = Tires Cost C_{pt} = Property Tax C_{tm} = Truck Maintenance Costs

Using the above specific costs and assuming and <u>average speeds</u> of 30 km/h in the urban road network and 55 km/h in the extra-urban road network, a <u>unit</u> <u>transportation cost</u> of $0.11 \notin$ /ton-km was estimated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Scenario 1

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Scenario 2

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Scenario 3a (1/2)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Scenario 3b (2/2)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Scenario 4a (1/2)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Scenario 4b (2/2)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Scenario 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Three critical sections of the road network in Sicily

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Comparison of the number of truck/day due to the waste transportation in three critical sections of road network in Sicily for all the investigated scenarios

	Highway A19 – Catania	Highway A19 – Palermo	Highway A18 – Messina
	(truck/day)	(truck/day)	(truck/day)
Scenario 1	17	34	12
Scenario 2	30	39	8
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Scenario 1: <u>63 truck/day</u>

lower number of "truck per day"

less impacting on traffic

do not fulfill European Union guidelines

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Scenario 2: <u>77 truck/day</u>

low impact on traffic flow

not accepted by public opinion

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Scenario 3: <u>112 truck/day</u>

the higher impact on traffic flow

the more cost-effective than the other scenarios

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Scenario 4: **<u>86 truck/day</u>**

the impact on traffic flow drops considerably

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Scenario 5: <u>103 truck/day</u>

Traffic flows moderately high

SOME CONCLUSIONS

To eliminate the costs to build up incinerators (scenarios 2 and 5), scenarios 3 and 4 are the more suitable. In particular <u>scenario 4</u>, consisting into addressing and treating the remaining 50% of MSW in five MBT plants and the RDF, here produced, then disposed to the existing cement plants in Sicily and in three gasifier (located in Palermo, Catania and Milazzo), is the least impacting on the road traffic.

However transportation costs and impacts issues appears to be less important if other factors (energy efficiency, emissions, overall costs) are included in a holistic evaluation of the future waste management in Sicily. <u>Scenario 5</u> gain importance.

Transportation issues are not so critical compared to treatment and disposal issues

Last news from Italy

The Italian political landscape was reshaped this month as two candidates from the anti-establishment Five Star Movement (M5S) were elected to lead the cities of Rome and Turin, presenting a direct challenge to the centre-left prime minister, Matteo Renzi. The same happened in all the runoff ballots in Sicily Italy's Five Star Movement now has to translate protest into problem-solving

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