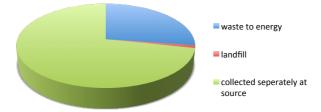


Flanders



- · Own government, own waste and environment policy
- Best waste prevention results in Europe, lowest residuals/capita
 - 71% of household waste collected separately at source
 - 27% incinerated in w-t-e
 - Less than 1% of household waste to landfill





Order out of Chaos

- 1981: First Waste Decree development of regional waste plans
- 1986-1990: First Waste Plan, long before Europe

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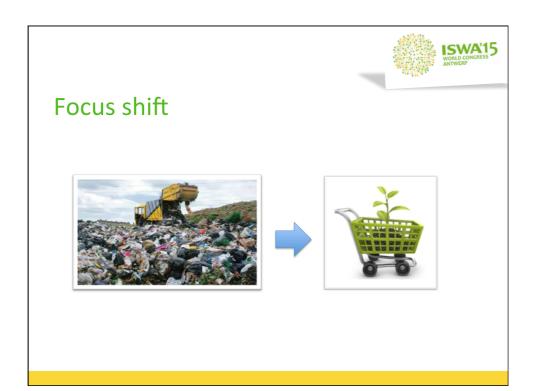
- Public Waste Agency of Flanders:
 - Established in 1981
 - Since 1998 mandatory selective collection of waste
 - Covenants and grants
 - Checks, sanctions, awareness campaigns
 - 308 municipalities, organised in 27 inter-municipal waste management organisations





Policy instruments

- Legal instruments: bylaws that make sorting obligatory
- Economical instruments: pay-as-you throw schemes combined with financial incentives
- Social instruments: communication campaigns, raising public awareness





Transition towards sustainable materials management

- Produce and consume in sustainable way
- Close the loop





EU Regulations

- Ensure same framework in every single EU Country
- Increase prevention and re-use
- Better measuring procedures





Circular Economy

- First step...
- Accompanied by product legislation
- Give real responsibility to producers





Role of municipalities

- Proven track record, key to success!!
- Integrate collection and recycling in local infrastructure, make sorting easy and convenient
- Municipalities best placed to communicate with citizens
- Avoid cherry picking





Let's be more ambitious

- Material specific targets
- Stepwise implementation
- · Control and feed-back mechanisms
- Ban on landfill of recyclable waste





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- Focus on "international", real world congress
- Waste in broader perspective
- Technology and policy













