

HUNGARY

Municipal waste generation and management: current situation and distance to target

Parameter	Value
Population 2013 (Eurostat)	
Total (inhabitants)	9.908.798
Waste generation 2013 (Eurostat)	
Total (thousand tons)	3.738
Total (kg/cap/y)	378
Waste management 2013 (Eurostat) (kg/cap/y)	
Total waste treatment	378
Recycling	81 (21%)
Composting	19 (5%)
Incinerated	34 (9%)
Landfill	244 (65%)
Balance (unaccounted)	0
Compliance with Targets	
Data on compliance with landfill directive targets, or distance to target remaining (if target not met) ¹	Data not available for 2013
Data on compliance with waste framework directive targets or distance to target remaining (if target not met)	Target 2020: 50% (calc. method 4) ² Performance 2013: 26%

Analysis

Statistics show that landfill rates in Hungary remain very high (65%) and recycling rates are still too low (26%) to comply with the waste hierarchy and with the 50% target set in the EU Waste Framework Directive (WFD) which has to be met by 2020.

¹ The Landfill Directive sets out specific targets regarding bio-waste and how it should be disposed of in landfills. Specifically, by 2006, biodegradable municipal waste going to landfill must have been reduced to 75 % of the total amount of biodegradable municipal waste (BMW) generated in 1995. This share is required to be further reduced to 50% and 35% by 2009 and 2016, respectively.

² According to Commission Decision 2011/753/EU of 18 November 2011 establishing rules and calculation methods for verifying compliance with the targets set in Article 11(2) of Directive 2008/98/EC.

Underlying problems

The underlying causes for the current distance to EU waste targets are:

- Lack of co-ordination between the different administrative levels;
- Insufficient (door-to-door) separate collection of waste;
- No developments in infrastructure and collection systems to divert biodegradable waste from landfilling;
- Lack of incentives to manage waste according to the waste hierarchy;
- Extended producer responsibility (EPR) systems could be improved.