Mr. Karl-H. Foerster





Education

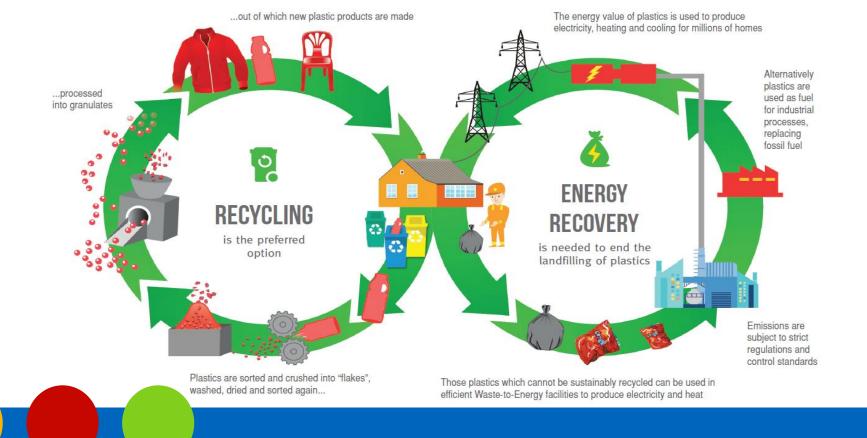
 Economics Graduate from the University of Wuerzburg, Germany with an MBA from the University of Rhode Island, USA

Work Experience

 For nearly 30 years, Mr. Karl-H. Foerster has been working in the chemical and plastics industry. Before joining Neochimiki 7 years ago, he served as Vice President at PolymerLatex and held various executive management positions during his 20 years at BASF. He has been working in 9 countries in Europe, Asia, and North America

Current Position

Executive Director of PlasticsEurope



TOWARDS ZERO LANDFILL BY 2025

Karl-H. Foerster, Executive Director, PlasticsEurope

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Background



- Plastic Waste = Growing Problem
- > Threat for License to Operate

Approach



Turn Problem into Opportunity

Plastic Waste = Valuable Resource

Action



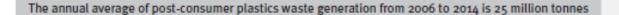
Target 100% Collection

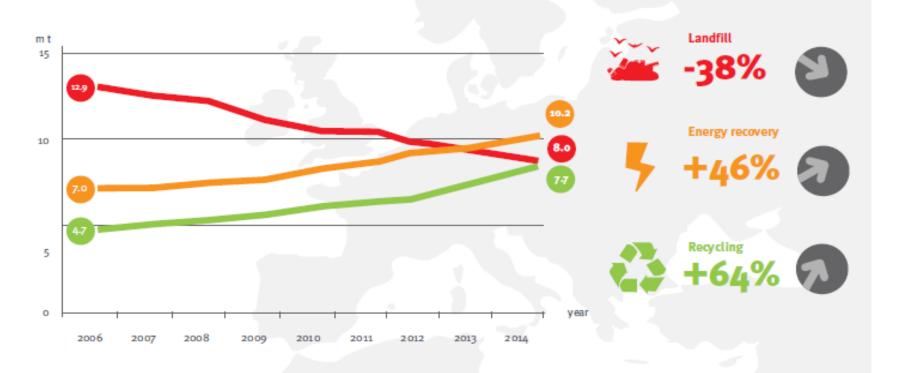
Recycling (Mechanical and Energy)

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Europe: Positive Trend – But Significant Potential Untapped





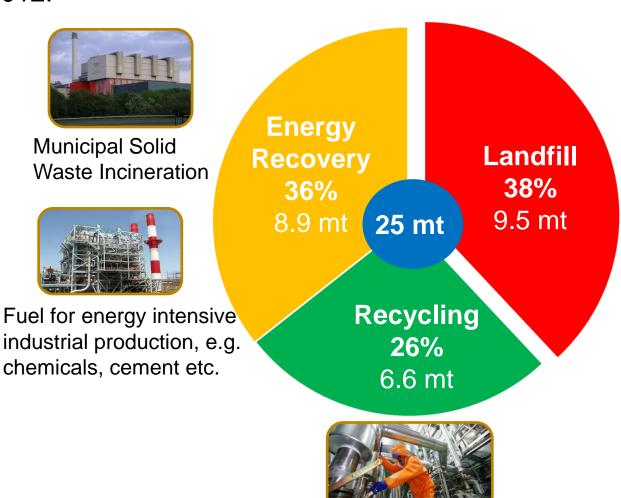


Total plastics waste recycling and energy recovery from 2006 to 2014 Source: Consultic

Landfilling is still the most common waste treatment option for Plastics



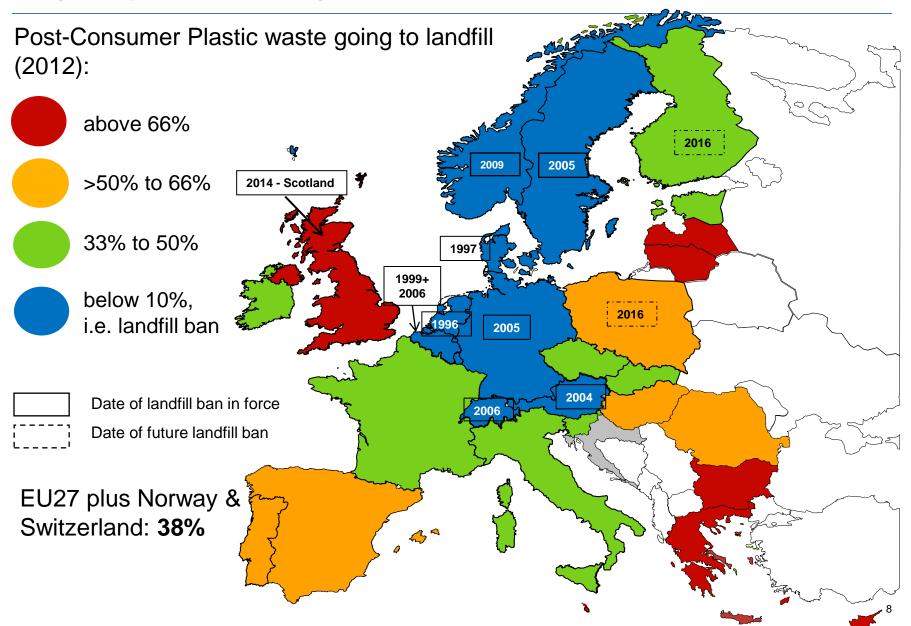
Treatment of post-Consumer Plastic Waste in Europe in 2012:





Landfilling of plastic waste is still a major option in many countries





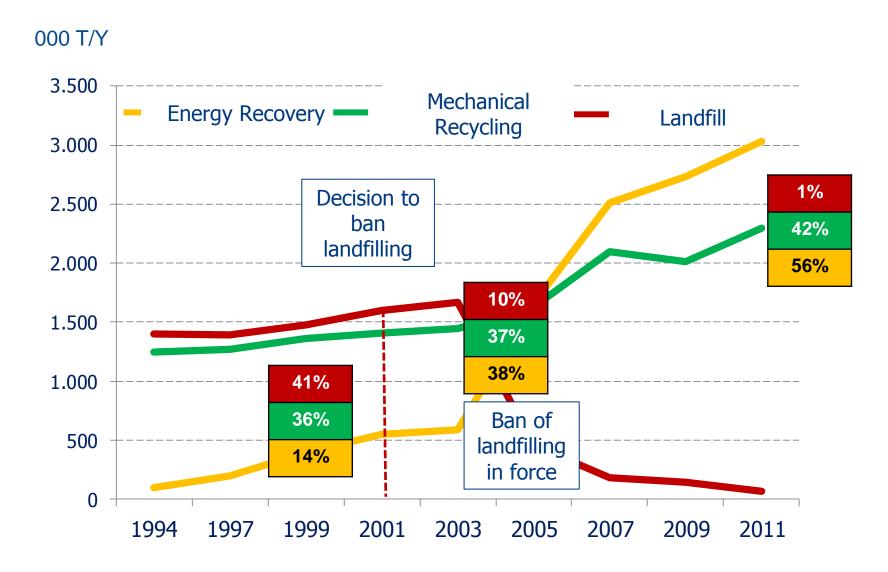
Zero Plastics to Landfill



- Landfill Ban = Most Effective to Increase Recycling and Energy Recovery
- Secure broad Acceptance of Plastic Products and Industry

The Case of Germany





Source: Consultic, "Produktion, Verarbeitung und Verwertung von Kunststoffen in Deutschland", 2011

Lessons Learned



- Landfilling remains the most used waste treatment option for plastics as long it is the cheapest option
- Countries which have banned the landfilling of plastics achieve generally the highest recycling and energy recovery rates
- Eliminating the landfilling has potential to increase reputation of plastics since it is seen as a valuable resource after use-phase
- Significant investments in recycling and energy recovery plants are necessary, therefore legal certainty is needed.
- Landfill bans (e.g. no material with a calorific value of more than 6 MJ/kg is allowed in landfills) or accelerating landfill taxes are able to provide this certainty

Towards Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency



- Improve Collection
- Increase Consumers Awareness
- Ban Landfill



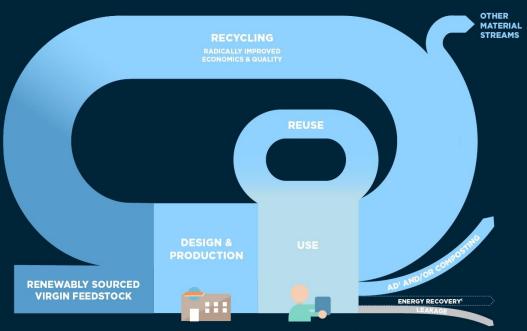






THE NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY

CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AFTER-USE PLASTICS ECONOMY



J DECOUPLE PLASTICS FROM FOSSIL FEEDSTOCKS

2 DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE LEAKAGE OF PLASTICS INTO NATURAL SYSTEMS & OTHER NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, ELLEN MACARTHUR FOUNDATION, MCKINSEY & COMPANY, A NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY: RETHINKING THE FUTURE OF PLASTICS (2016) WWW.ELLENMACARTHURFOUNDATION.ORG/PUBLICATIONS

1 Anaerobic digestion 2 The role of, and boundary conditions for, energy recovery in the New Plastics Economy needs to be further investigated. Source: Project Mainstream analysis