

EU legislation for 21st Century?

Waste Framework Directive

Positive

- prevention targets (stabilisation by 2012 and further reduction later on).
- recycling targets (50% households and similar, 70% industrial, manufacturing construction and demolition waste)
- Member States will have to develop separate collection of priority waste streams by 2015.
- preference for the regeneration of waste oils
- deletion of the whole article on by-products

Negative news

- re-classification of “efficient” incinerators as a energy recovery.
- waste hierarchy: the hierarchy will be a general rule but deviation from the hierarchy would be made possible on the basis of "life cycle thinking“.

Problem with reclassification

- There is no serious impact assessment done on the impact of the reclassification
- Bizarre formula – blind to waste input
- Influence on other directives – WID and Waste Shipment
- Proximity principle?

Message from WFD

- Tools for next 20 or 30 years of waste management in Europe: recycling, composting, separate collection and incineration.
- Does the EU have an ambitious vision regarding waste?

Other upcoming legislation

- WFD 2nd reading vote
- IPPC –merging WID-
- WEEE revision starting
September/October 2008

How do we move towards zero waste in Europe?

- Fighting small battles
- Changing local legislation
- Spreading the word and attracting the media

Tools

- Need documented evidence of functioning systems of Zero Waste
- Activists and pool of speakers
- Pool of experts/consultants in Europe that we can send to places where advice is needed
- We need coordinated campaigns to push at European and local level

First stone in Capannori

- Start working on compiling best European practices
- Event in Brussels with presentation of “On the road to Zero Waste Europe”