Europe, where are we and where are we going?

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EURIC AT A GLANCE

The European Recycling Industries' Confederation
brings together recycling federations from 20 EU and EFTA Member States
and represents:

- 6,000+ companies including small and medium-sized entreprises
- 300,000 local jobs
- Millions of tons of waste recycling every year (metals, paper, plastics, glass etc.)
- An annual turnover of about €95 billion

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STREAMS COVERED

Ferrous and non ferrous metals (e.g., steel, aluminium, copper, etc.)

Plastics (e.g., packaging, construction, engineering plastics, etc.)

Paper

Textiles

Tyres

End of life vehicles

Electrical and electronic waste

Batteries recovery & fire prevention

The European Green Deal | 11 December 2019

A (Green) Regulatory Tsunami

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The new Circular Economy Action Plan | 11 March 2020

Circular Economy Action Plan

Main priorities within the new CEAP for the recycling industry

Recycled content targets clearly an EU-wide objective

EU market for secondary raw materials

Key product value chains incl.:

- Electronics and ICT
- Batteries and vehicles
- Packaging
- Plastics
- Textiles
- Construction & building

Simplify waste shipment procedures for intra-EU trade

Strong focus on product policy (eco-design for repair & recycling)

These points are in line with

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Draft revised Waste Shipment Regulation | 17 November 2021

Intra-EU shipments

+ Electronic procedures
+ Pre-consented facilities (7y)
- Financial Guarantees
- Disagreement on Classification

Extra- EU shipments

- OECD countries: Monitoring and possible bans
- Non-OECD countries: Lists and audits

Illegal Shipments

- Effective and proportionate penalties

Transition periods need to be adjusted

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Recycling – Turning waste into resources

Waste = a resource (if recycled)

Recycling

(Innovative industrial processes to dismantle / depollute, separate and recover materials)

Raw Materials from Recycling (RMR) meeting quality specifications

(substituting primary raw materials)

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