

European Environment Agency

**Waste Prevention Programmes in the EU -
Overview**



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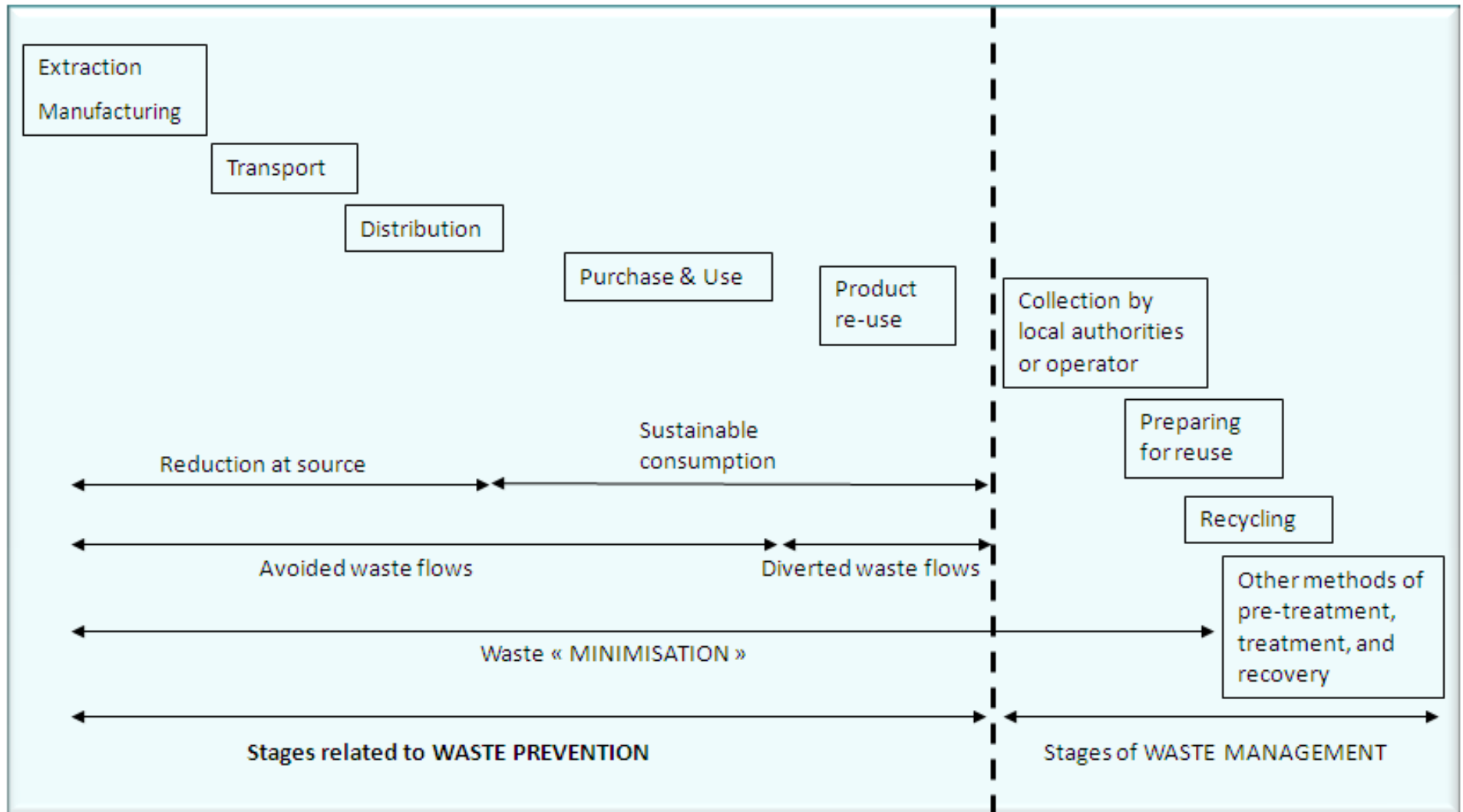
Waste prevention definition

“Measures taken *before* a substance, material or product has become waste that reduce:

- *the quantity of waste, including through the reuse of products or the extension of life span of products;*
- *the adverse impacts of the generated waste on the environment and human health; or*
- *the content of harmful substances in materials and products”*



(Article 3 Paragraph 12)



Background for the EEA activities in Waste Prevention

1. *“The EEA is invited to [...] review the progress in the completion and implementation of waste prevention programmes”*

(WFD article 30 (2))

2. Member countries are very interested in the exchange of information and experiences on waste prevention.



EEA activities on WP



1. English abstracts of national waste prevention programmes, 10 abstracts uploaded
<http://scp.eionet.europa.eu/facts/WPP>
2. Information hub on waste prevention. More than 100 reports
http://scp.eionet.europa.eu/themes/waste_prevention
3. Review the programmes published by 31 December 2013 in the spring 2014



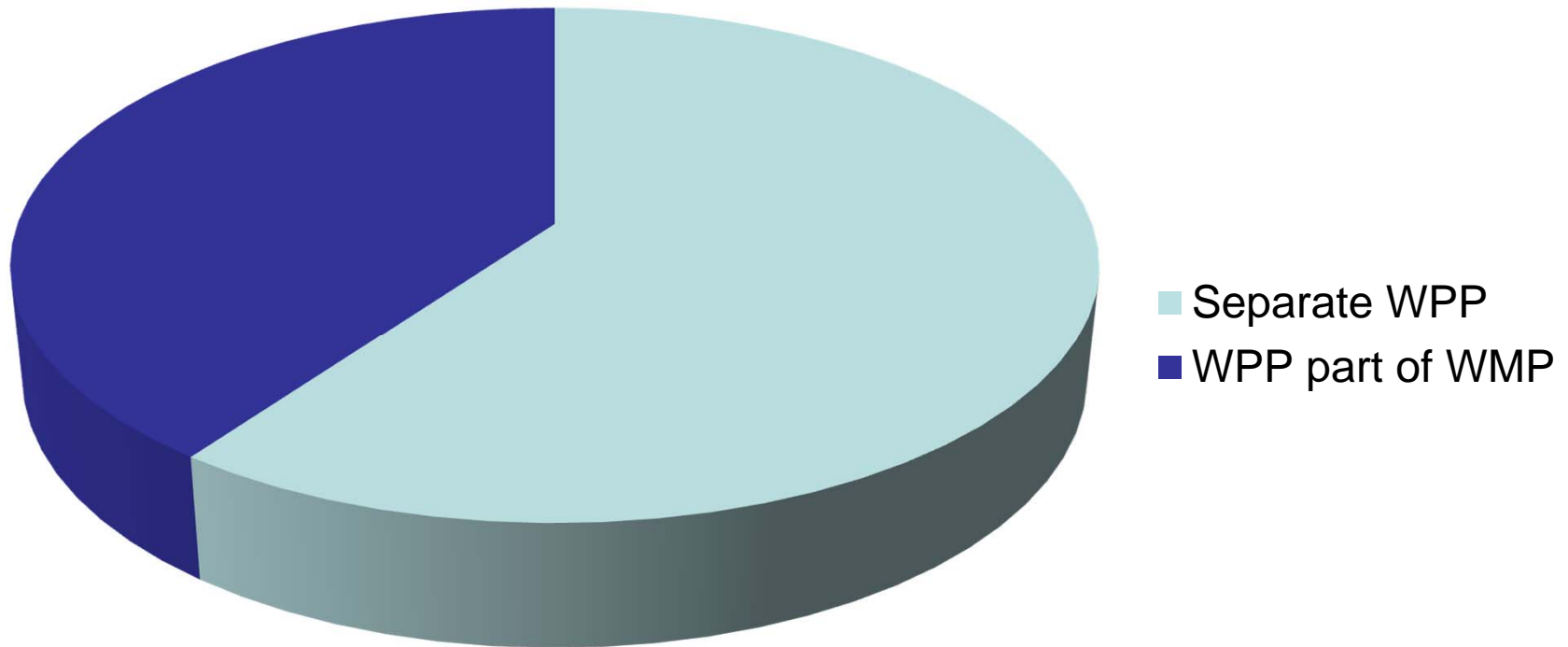
Status WPP - February 2014

- 20 WPP published:
Austria, Belgium (Brx),
England, Finland, Ger-
many, Hungary, Ireland,
Italy, Latvia, Lithuania,
Luxembourg, the
Netherlands, Norway,
Poland, Portugal,
Scotland, Slovakia,
Spain, Sweden, Wales



Type of programme

20 WPP



Sectors

	AT	BE BR	FI	GE	IE	LU	LV	NO	PL	PT
Agriculture										
Mining, raw material										
Construction and infrastru										
Manufacturing										
Sale, retail, transport										
Households										
Private services										
Public Services										

Waste types

	AT	BE BR	FI	GE	IE	LU	LV	NO	PL	PT
Food/organic										
C&D waste										
Hazardous waste										
Household/municipal waste										
Paper										
Packaging waste										
WEEE/batteries										
Manufacturing waste										
Bulky waste										
Other (textiles)										

Quantitative targets

- A number of WPP's with no quantitative targets
- Absolute reduction targets for total waste or specific streams (Spain, Scotland, Wales)
- Reduction targets per GDP (Italy)
- Status quo targets (Sweden)
- Maximum amounts (Latvia)



Type of instruments

- Mainly informative
- Some promotional
- Fewer administrative
- Few economic instruments



Stakeholder involvement

- The involvement of stakeholder differs in development and implementation
- Success of implementation depends on stakeholders



Cost and Cost savings

- Very little information
- Brussels has a budget in the programme, England announce the investments
- Ireland reports on cost savings in their annual report



Lessons learned



- The programmes differ substantially with regard to content, comprehensiveness and specificity.
- The experience on implementation limited.
- A lot of strong will – is that enough?

Thank you

More information

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Questions and feedback

