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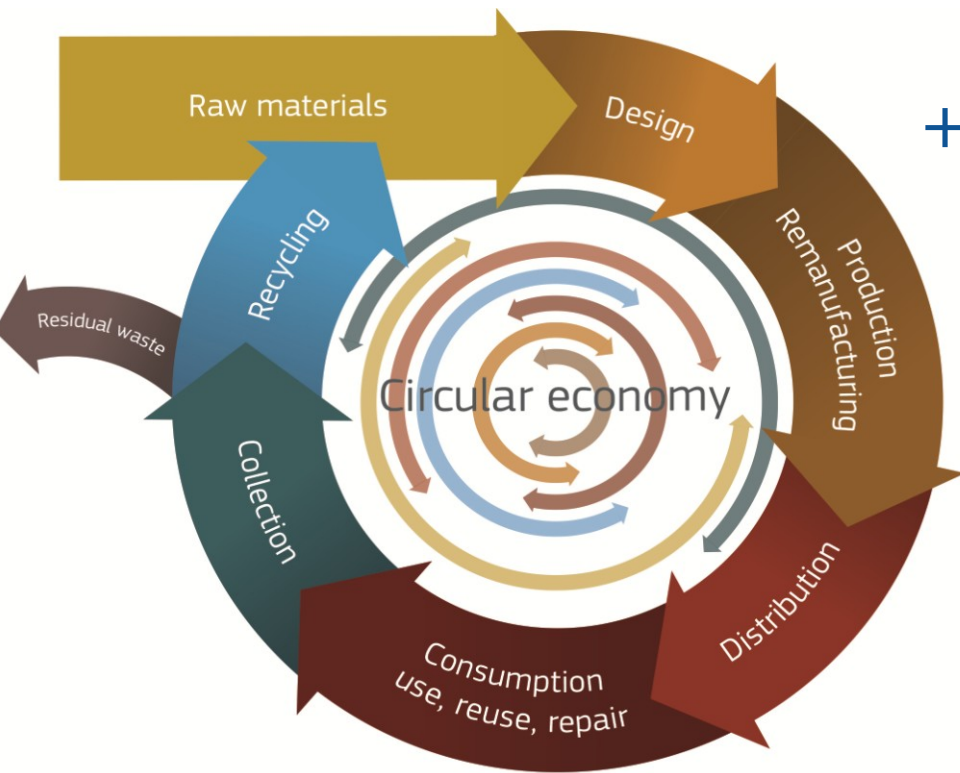
*Results from the resource efficiency  
policy mix assessment: grand challenges  
for implementation*

**Flash input from policymaking**

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# A new Circular Economy Strategy



A revised **legislative proposal** on waste + a Communication setting out an **action plan**

- ✓ The whole value chain: 'other part of the circle'
- ✓ Concrete measures with clear EU added value
- ✓ Fully compatible with the jobs and growth agenda



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# What is the EU up to?



- **Waste policy:** Driving real change on the ground
- **'Closing the loop':** Exploiting synergies and overcoming barriers across the whole value chain
- **Cross-cutting priority:** multi-aspect problem requiring a mix of different instruments
- **Focus on actions** that can be implemented / adopted during the mandate of this Commission



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# **Stakeholder consultation (1): *preliminary results***

- **Stakeholder conference on June 25**
- **Stakeholder consultation (28.05 → 20.08)**
  - **~1500 replies:**
    - 45% private sector
    - 25% individuals
    - 10% civil society
    - 6% public authorities



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# Stakeholder consultation (2)

Questionnaire covered five sections related to:

- 1. Production phase**
- 2. Consumption phase**
- 3. Markets for secondary raw materials**
- 4. Sectoral measures**
- 5. Enabling factors for the Circular Economy**

→ in total 24 questions (to tick predefined answers and with open answer possibilities)

→ Possibility to upload additional documents



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## Stakeholder consultation (3)

- **88% very well or fairly well informed about Circular Economy**
- **Priority sectors:** electronics, food, packaging, construction and demolition
- **Key secondary raw materials/waste streams:** bio-nutrients, plastics, critical raw materials, construction aggregates
- **Main barriers:** lack of quality standards, lack of cooperation down the value chain, lack of data on material flows



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## Stakeholder consultation (4)

### Support for:

- Ecodesign → reparability, reuse
- EU standards for secondary raw materials
- Green Public Procurement (GPP)
- Labelling → info for consumers
- Waste prevention, esp. food waste
- VAT rebates on recycled materials, green products
- Financing innovation, skills and knowledge
- Action on chemicals: concerns on presence of toxins; interface between chemical – product – waste legislation



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# Member State consultation (1)

## Barriers to CE:

- Lack of harmonisation of rules at EU level
- Lack of internalisation of external costs
- Undeveloped secondary raw materials markets
- Lack of standards and certainty regarding the quality of recycled materials
- Lack of awareness among consumers





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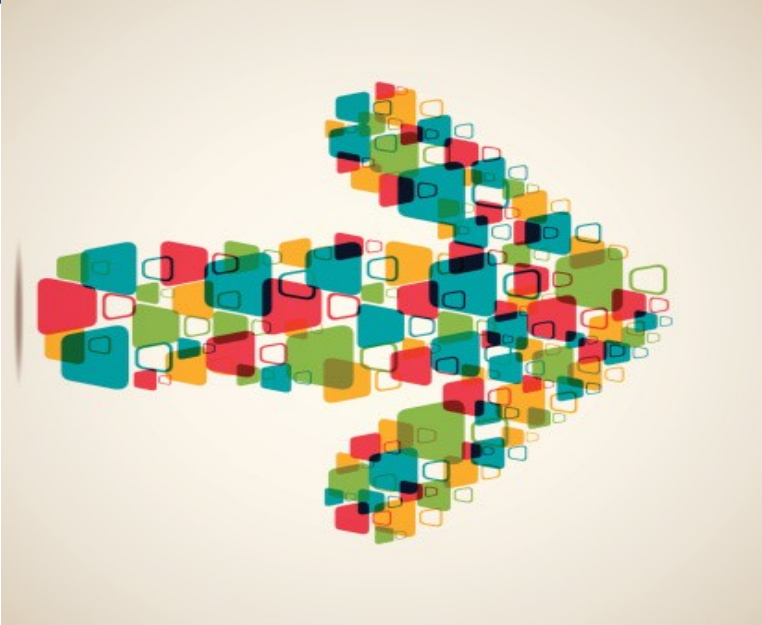
## Member State consultation (2)

### Most successful national measures:

- Legal obligations for separate (municipal) waste collection schemes
- Landfill bans on organic wastes and municipal solid waste
- Financial instruments such as landfill and incineration tax
- EPR schemes

# Way forward

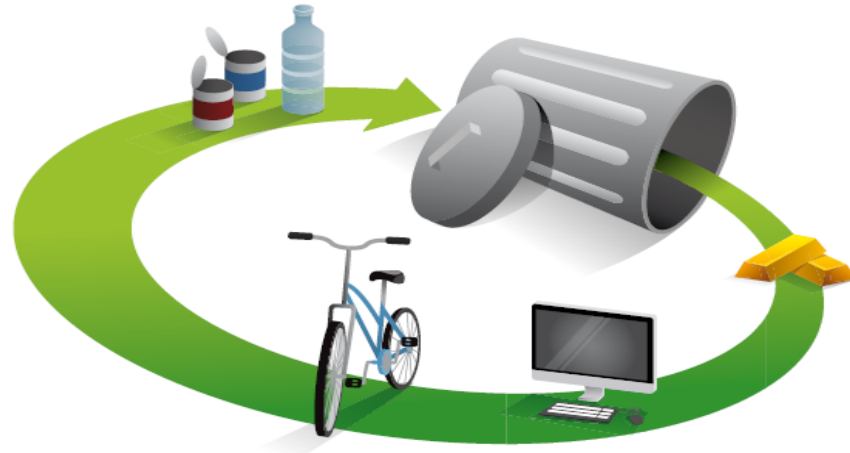
- New more ambitious **circular economy proposal**
- **Agenda 2030** – universal SDGs
- New Commission's work programme (**2016 CWP**):



*...a new approach to ensuring economic growth and social and environmental sustainability beyond the 2020 timeframe, taking into account the Europe 2020 review and the internal and external implementation of the United Nations SDGs.*



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**CIRCULAR ECONOMY**  
saving resources, creating jobs

**Thank you for your attention!**

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