



# “Waste/non-waste: how to address challenges?”

“A futureproof EU Waste Framework Directive” workshop  
13:30 - 14:45 Breakout session

Whether certain waste streams receive the “end of waste” label, or not, has significant implications, including potential exports, monitoring of processing, administrative burdens, and more. Europe has established rules for certain specified wastes, but many others remain unregulated. This breakout session aims to provide solutions to address these issues.

## Challenge I: Closing the end-of-waste backdoor to evade export and import bans

In this first part of the breakout, we focus on the challenge that companies are using end-of-waste status to evade the export bans of the EU and import bans of other countries on certain types of waste. Therefore we will ask the group which of the below given statements they agree the most with:

**Statement 1:** “The opinion of the country of destination is not required if a material is considered EoW in a MS.”

**Statement 2:** “The opinion of the competent authority in the country of destination is required even if a material is considered EoW in a MS. The stricter interpretation applies.”

**Statement 3:** “An end-of-waste status is only valid within the OECD; outside the OECD, the material must always be considered/transported/processed as waste.”

## Challenge II: Cooperation on national end-of-waste criteria

Specific end-of-waste criteria are useful because they give certainty for companies and regulators on how to comply with the end-of-waste rules. At the EU level only a few exist (iron, steel and aluminium scrap, glass cullet, copper scap and fertilising products). At the national level member states can develop their own specific criteria for other types of waste. However, as far as we know, there is no single overview of which national end-of-waste criteria are already in effect, in development or on the wish list. If this overview would be available, member states would be able to cooperate resulting in fewer costs and harmonized criteria.

**Please prepare an argument** that falls in one of the following categories:

- Yes, we are in favor for cooperation on national end-of-waste criteria because... and we would like to cooperate by... (e.g. overview, notifying each other)
- No, we are not in favor for cooperation on national end-of-waste criteria because...

We created a first overview of national end-of-waste criteria based on online search and the TRIS database.

**Please check if the [overview](#) is complete and correct for your MS.**

Adjust the overview for your MS if needed.