

A futureproof EU Waste Framework Directive

“Waste hierarchy: in need of revival?”

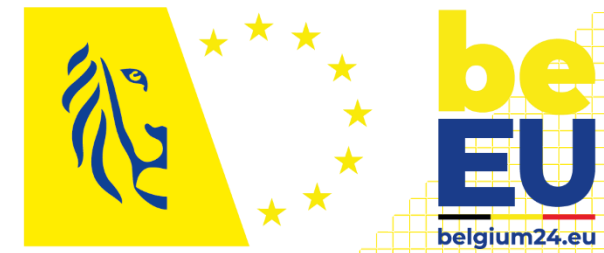
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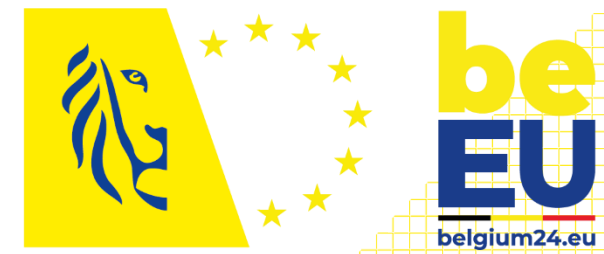
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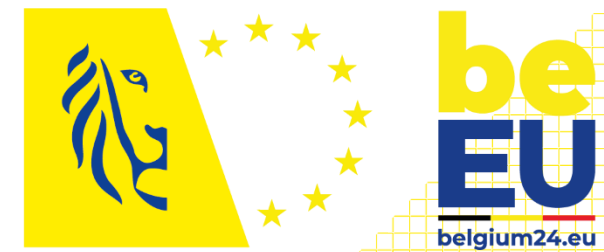
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Statement 1 : “New (r)evolutions force us to rethink the waste hierarchy”		
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Statement 2 : “It’s not the waste hierarchy but its implementation that is in need of revival”		
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Statement 1: “New (r)evolutions force us to rethink the waste hierarchy”

- Should specific prevention strategies such as the leasing/sharing economy and concepts like ‘products as a service’ be mentioned more explicitly in the waste hierarchy ?
- Should we refine the recycling step in the waste hierarchy ? Should we differentiate between open vs closed loop recycling ? Between up- and downcycling ? Or take into account the number of times a product/material can be recycled ? And do we need to position chemical recycling in the waste hierarchy ? Should it be on equal footing with mechanical recycling ? Or lower in the hierarchy ? Or maybe higher ?
- Should the waste hierarchy be linked more explicitly with product policy ? How could product evolutions such as ecodesign principles or lightweight materials affect the waste hierarchy ?
- Do we still need a traditional waste hierarchy based upon treatment options at all? Or has it become obsolete in an evolution towards resource thinking and is an EU Resources Law the way to go?



Statement 2: “It’s not the waste hierarchy but its implementation that is in need of revival”

- How can we shift the implementation to the top of the hierarchy?
- Are there inconsistencies to be found in the Waste Framework Directive itself that form a barrier for proper implementation of the waste hierarchy?
- Do waste prevention programs need to be more stringent (see article 29 of the Waste Framework Directive)?
- Could binding prevention targets in the Waste Framework Directive benefit the implementation of the waste hierarchy? Should these targets be met by producers or Member States? Or is this dependent on the waste stream?
- How can we tackle the mismatch between the waste hierarchy and EU policies, instruments and initiatives? What policies, instruments or initiatives could help the implementation of the waste hierarchy?

