

# **Waste Sector's Contribution to reducing GHG emissions**

**in Germany and the European Union**

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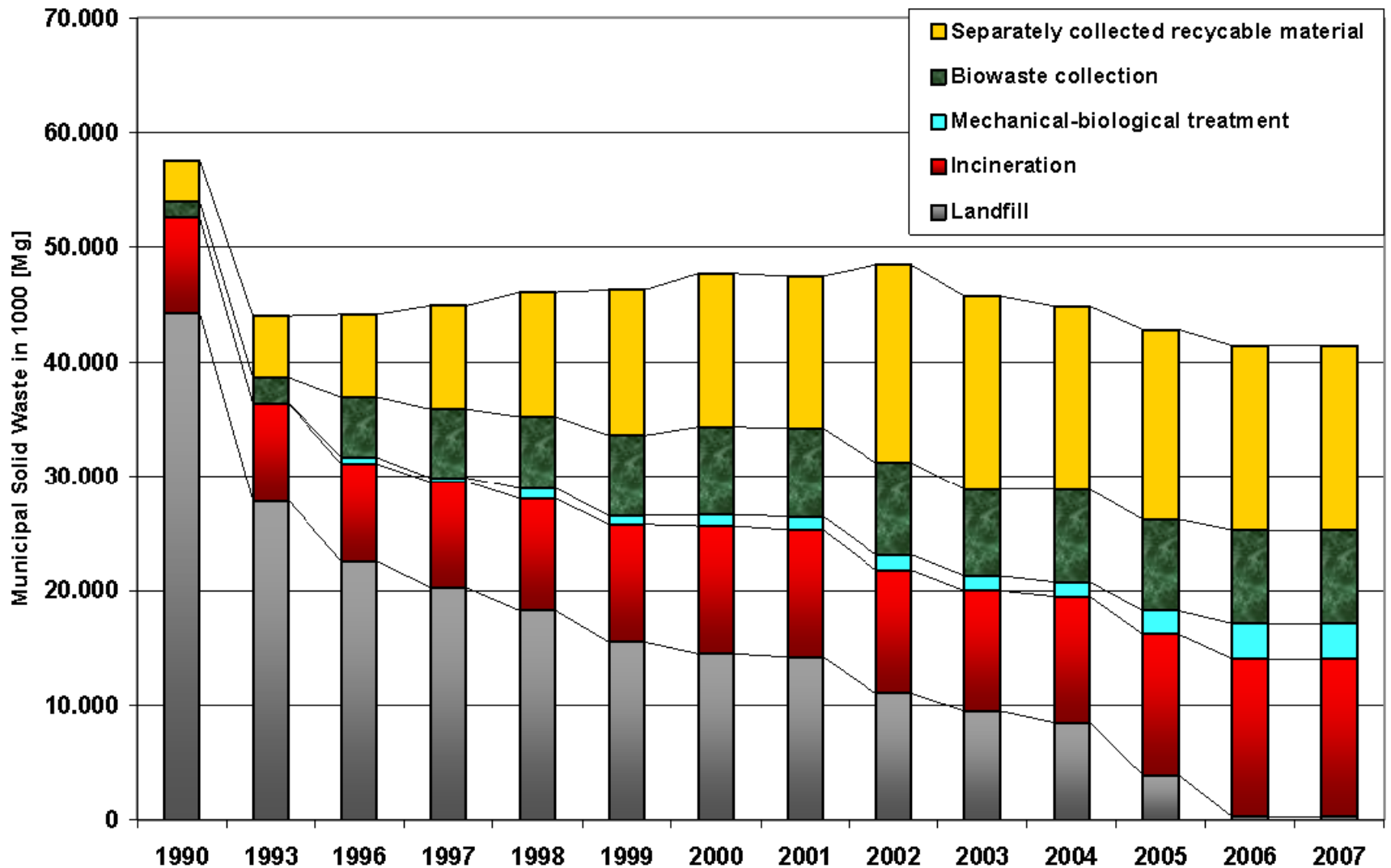
Focus on the linkage  
of waste management and  
greenhouse gas emission



## Overview:

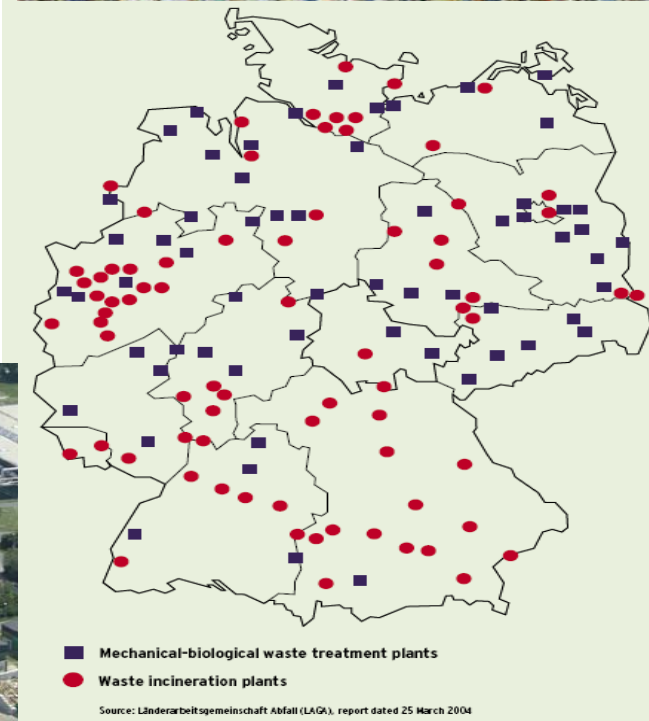
- Climate-relevant impacts of the waste sector
- Successful measures to reduce GHG emissions in the waste sector in Germany
- Potential for GHG emission reduction in the waste sector in the European Union

### Changes in pathways for management of household waste



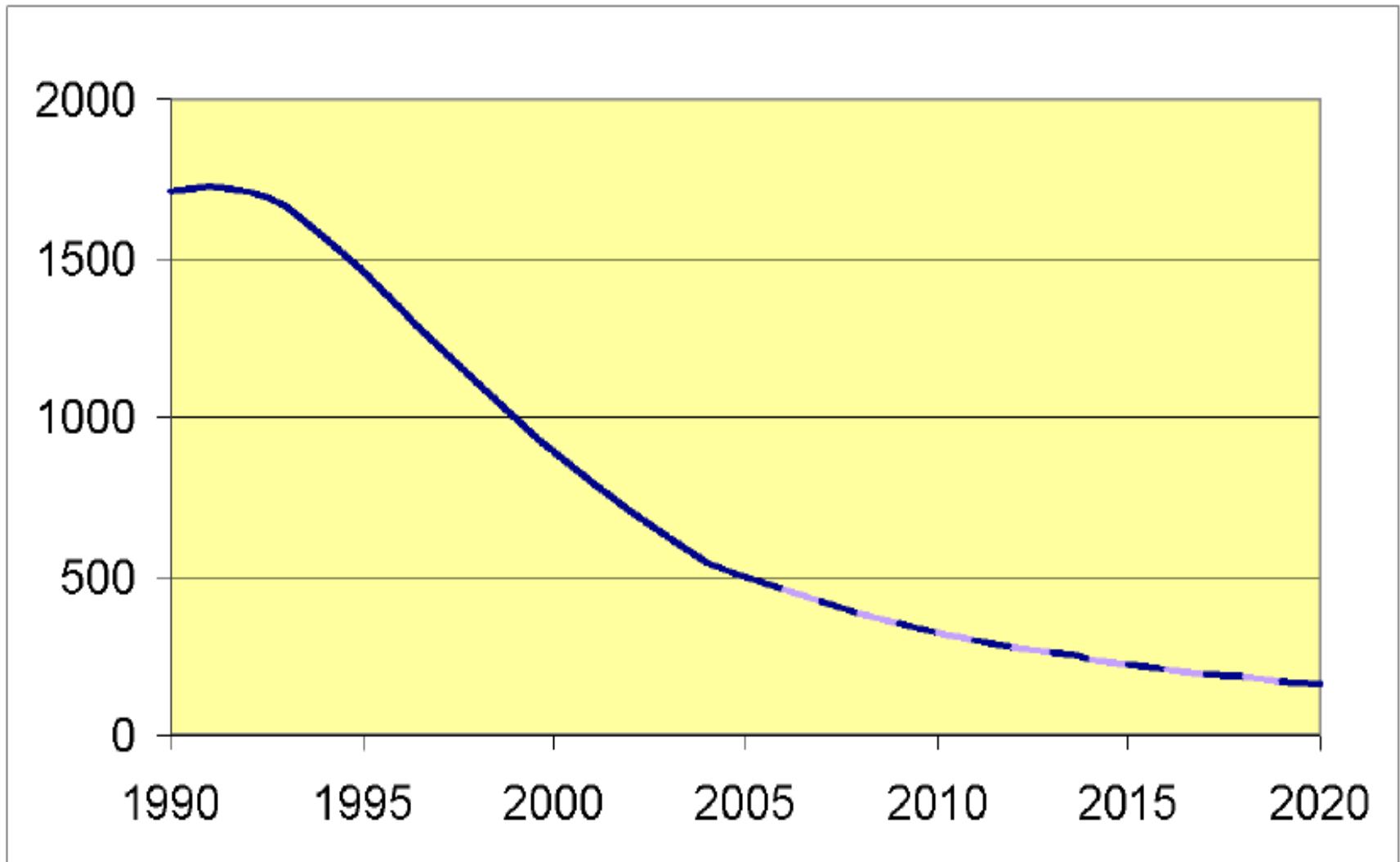
## Landfill ban for untreated waste

- Waste Storage Ordinance – June 2005: waste can no longer be landfilled without pre-treatment
- 70 WIP – 18.6 Mio. t. cap.
- 50 MBWTP – 7.0 Mio. t. cap.
- From 8000 landfill sites in 1990 to about 160 in 2005

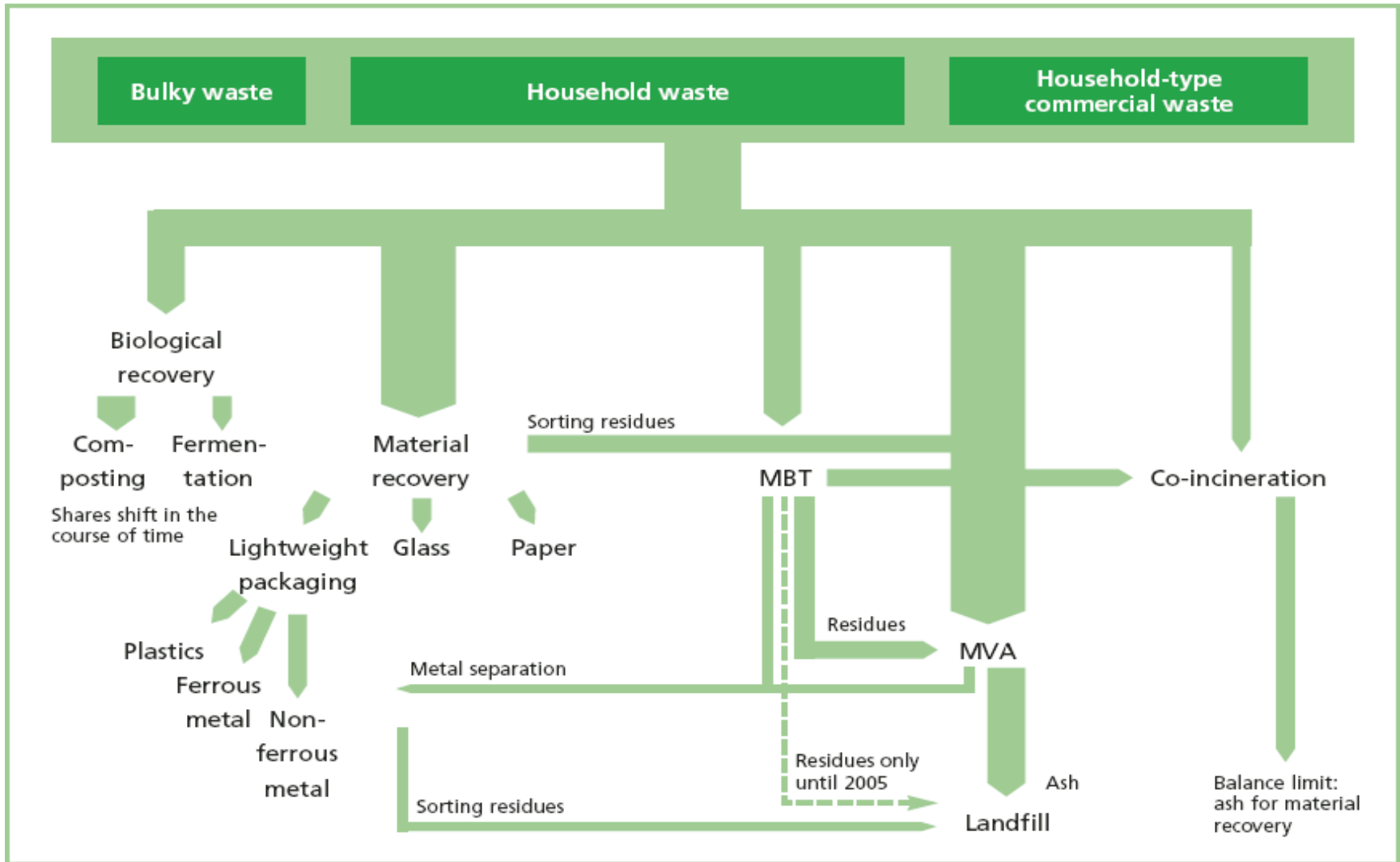


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Methane emissions from landfill sites in Germany in Gg (IPPC-FOD)



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## More Recyclables than Residues in 2006

### Household Waste





## GHG Reduction Goals:

- Kyoto Protocol:
  - total cut of at least 5% by 2012 (baseline of 1990)
  - European Union: 8 %
  - Burdon Sharing; differentiated reduction goals
  - Germany: reduction goal by 21%
  
- Post-Kyoto-Process:  
further development by 2020
  
- European Union: 30 % by 2020
  
- Germany: 40 % by 2020

# National Climate Protection Programme

Reduction contributions of the individual sectors up to 2012

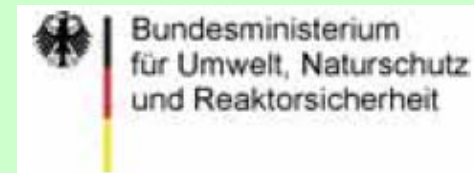
Measures and instruments	Reduction potential (in mill. t CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent)
Ecological tax reform	20
Renewable energy sources	20
Measures in household and building sector	18 to 25 (by 2005)
Measures in industry	15 to 20 (by 2005)
Measures in transport sector	15 to 20 (by 2005)
Measures in energy sector	20 (by 2005)
Contribution by waste sector	20
Measures in the agricultural and forestry sector	not quantified

# Status Report on the Waste Sector's Contribution to Climate Protection and Possible Potentials

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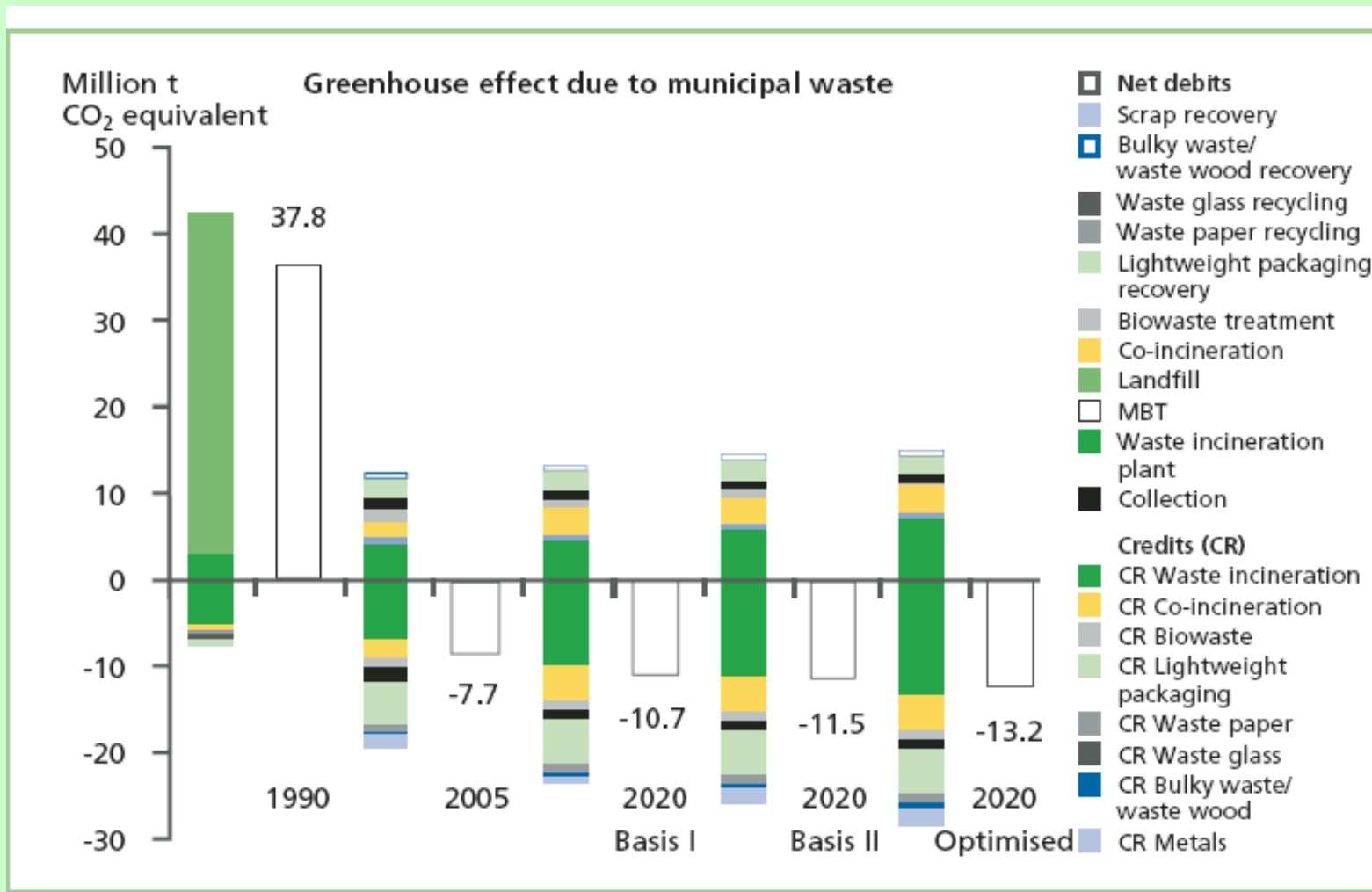
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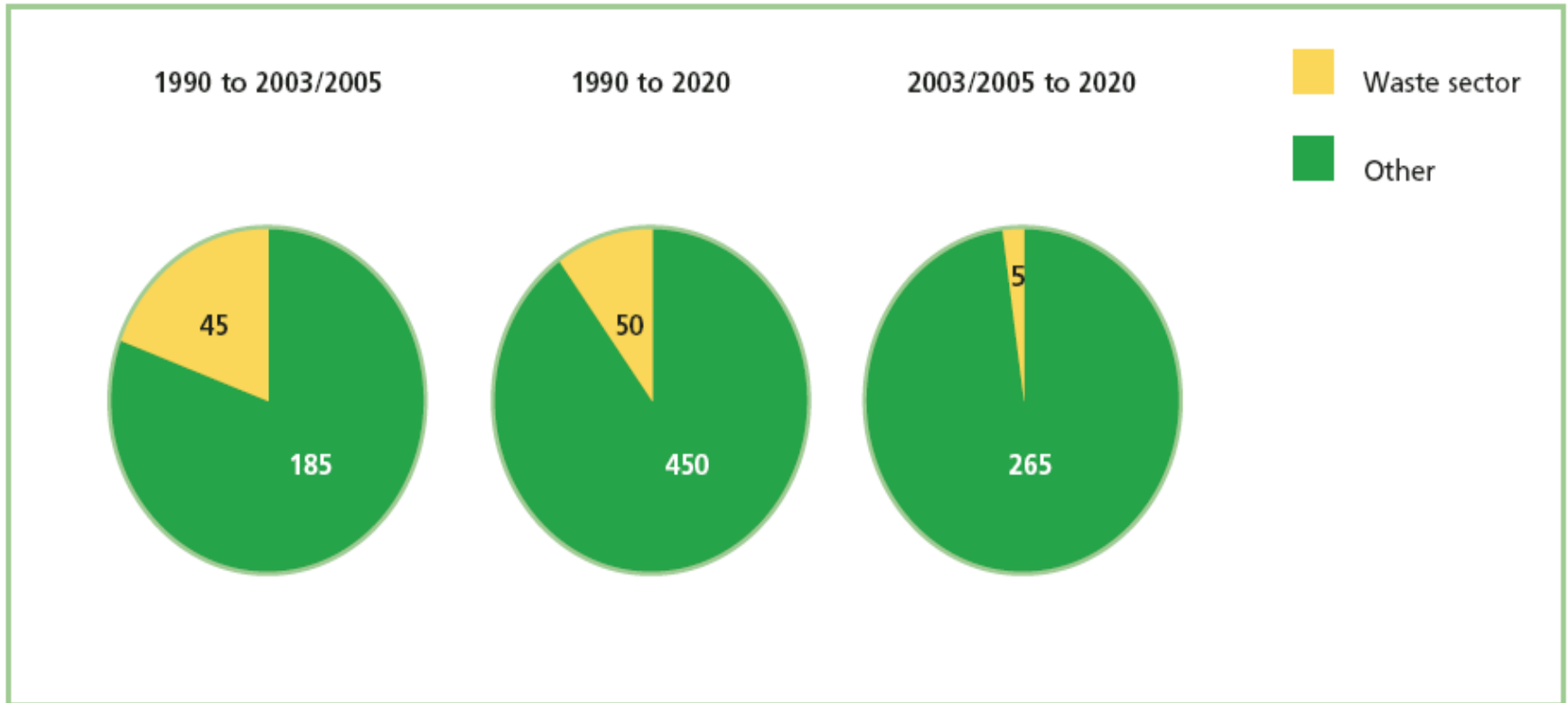
### Possible substitute processes, taking waste incineration plants as an example

Waste incineration plant without energy utilisation	Waste incineration plant plus power	Waste incineration plant plus power and heat
<p><b>Debit (plus):</b> CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from waste incineration plant due to combustion of fossil components in waste</p>	<p><b>Debit (plus):</b> CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from waste incineration plant due to combustion of fossil components in waste</p> <p><b>Credit (minus):</b> CO<sub>2</sub> emission savings due to avoidance of power generation in power plants</p>	<p><b>Debit (plus):</b> CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from waste incineration plant due to combustion of fossil components in waste</p> <p><b>Credit (minus):</b> CO<sub>2</sub> emission savings due to avoidance of power generation in power plants</p> <p>CO<sub>2</sub> emission savings due to avoidance of heat generation by a typical household heating system</p>

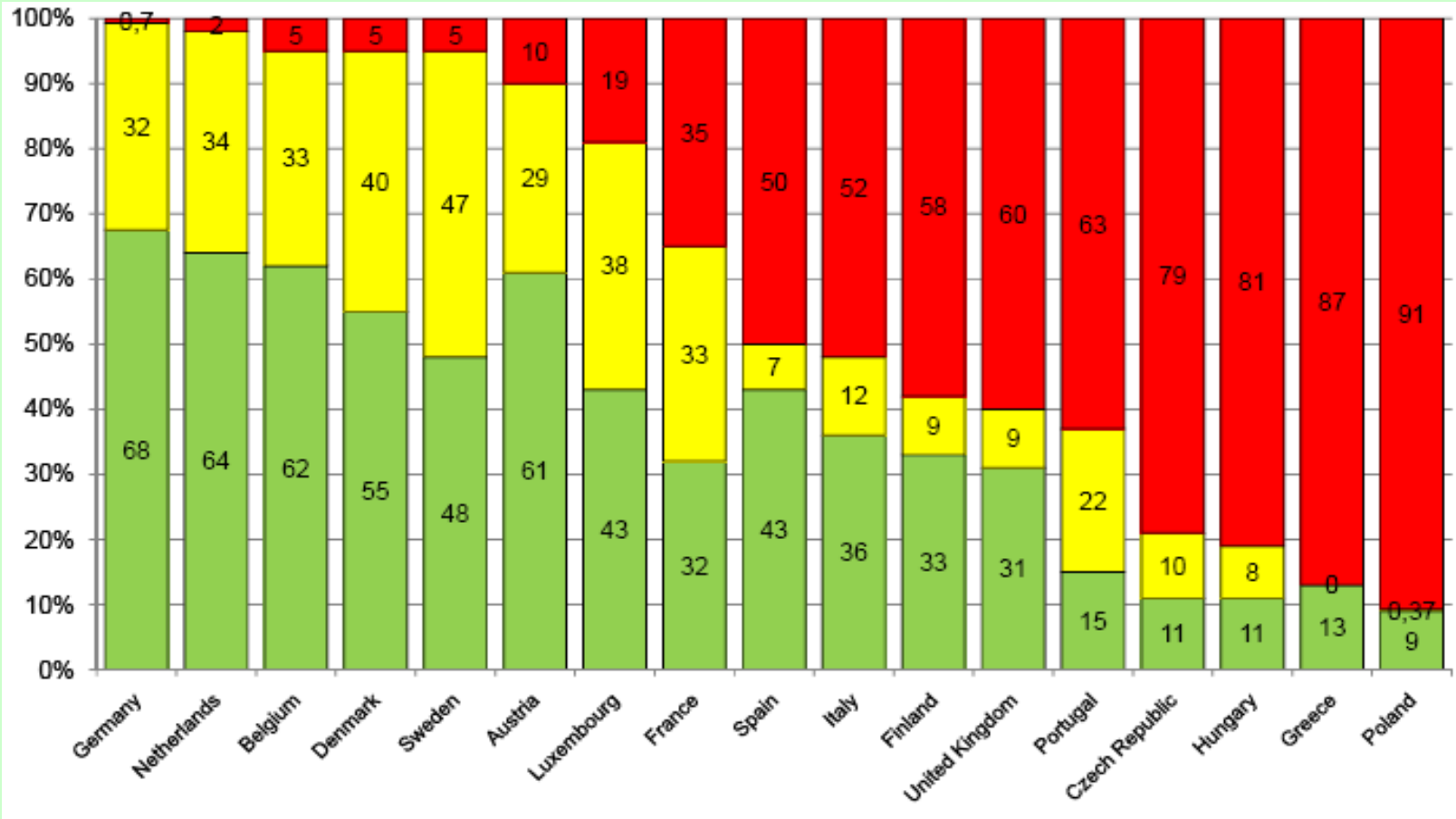
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Contribution of German municipal waste sector to the planned overall reduction of 40 % in GHG emissions (1990 to 2020)



### Treatment of MSW of EU 27 in 2006 (Eurostat)



Recycling incl. Composting

Waste incineration

Landfilling

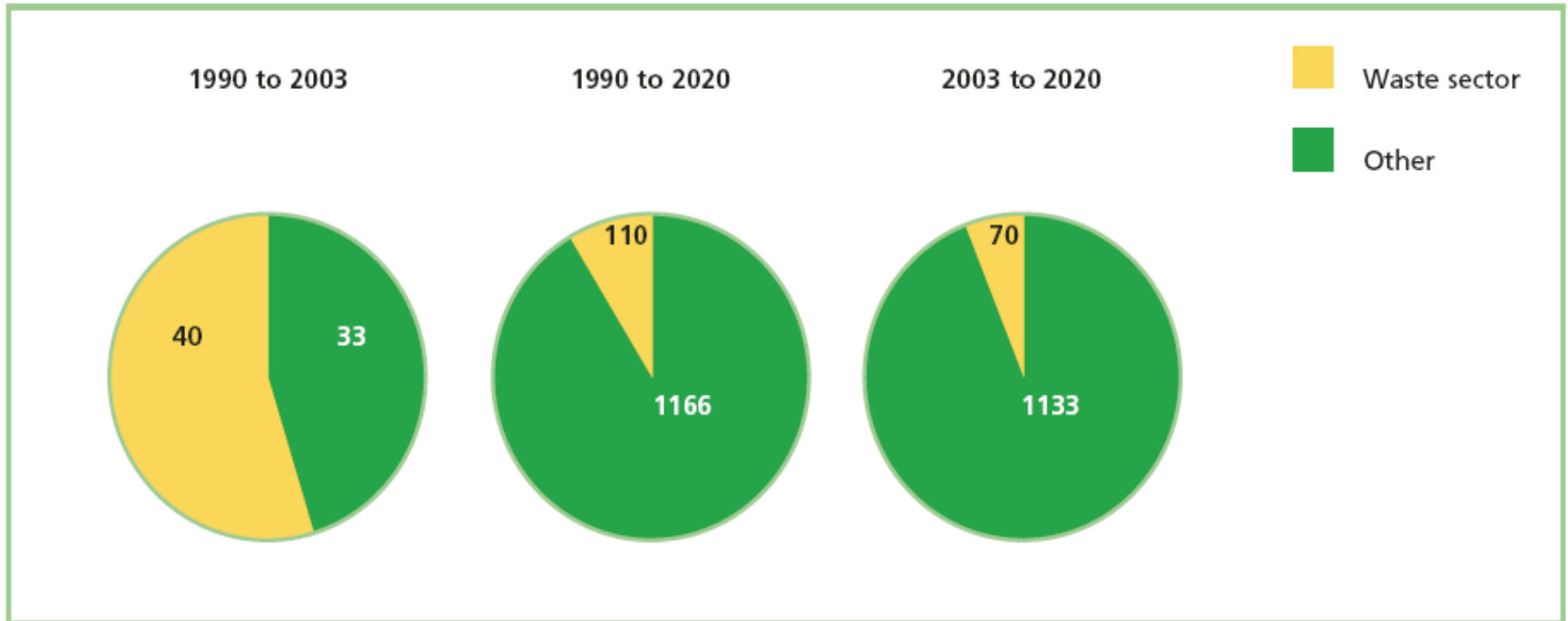
## Waste sector's contribution to reducing GHG emissions

Mitgliedsstaat	1990	1994	2000	2003	2006
Belgien	2,63	2,46	1,69	1,03	0,68
Dänemark	1,34	1,35	1,22	1,18	1,03
Deutschland	35,91	32,93	18,73	13,00	9,62
Finnland	3,64	3,63	2,94	2,42	2,14
Frankreich	11,21	13,43	11,65	10,13	8,87
Griechenland	1,80	1,99	2,14	2,37	2,65
Großbritannien (inkl. Nordirland)	49,82	45,70	30,99	21,39	19,46
Irland	1,33	1,51	1,49	1,64	1,67
Italien	13,30	15,01	16,82	15,40	13,64
Luxemburg	0,04	0,03	0,03	0,02	0,02
Niederlande	12,01	11,06	8,10	6,79	5,65
Österreich	3,38	3,06	2,30	2,21	1,76
Portugal	3,03	3,62	3,93	4,34	4,22
Schweden	2,87	2,70	2,41	2,09	1,85
Spanien	4,20	5,62	7,90	8,58	8,18
EU 15 gesamt	146,41	143,95	112,21	92,46	81,42

EU-15: Methane emissions from landfill sites in Mio t CO<sub>2</sub>eq per year  
(UNFCCC,2008)



Contribution due to methane emissions avoided or still to be avoided in Europe as a percentage of the total planned reduction of 30 % GHG emissions during the period 1990 to 2020



# Technology Transfer



Informationssammlung über Ansätze zur nachhaltigen Gestaltung der kommunalen Abfallbewirtschaftung und dafür geeignete deutsche Technologien und Ausrüstungen



Information pool on approaches towards a sustainable design of municipal waste management and supporting German technologies and equipment



Observatoire des solutions durables pour la maîtrise des déchets des communes, des technologies et des équipements allemands



Информационный сборник по подходам к устойчивой организации муниципального менеджмента отходов и подходящим немецким технологиям и оборудованию



Bewährte Verfahren zur kommunalen Abfallbewirtschaftung

## Best Practice Municipal Waste Management

Meilleures pratiques en maîtrise des déchets des communes

Испытанные методы муниципального менеджмента отходов



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