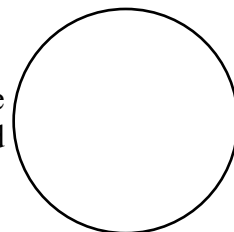


TW1. Statistics: a public policy tool to improve?

Mrs Karin BLUMENTHAL, in charge of waste statistics, Eurostat - Commission européenne

Eurostat's mission: to be the leading provider of high quality statistics on Europe.

Eurostat is the statistical office of the European Union situated in Luxembourg. Its task is to provide the European Union with statistics at European level that enable comparisons between countries and regions.



Mrs Nadine DE GREEF, general delegate - FEAD

FEAD is the European Federation representing the European waste management industry. FEAD's members are national waste management associations covering 19 European Member States and Norway. They have an approximate 60% share in the household waste market and handle more than 75% of industrial and commercial waste in Europe. FEAD represents about 3000 companies with activities in all forms of waste management. FEAD members are dedicated to playing a central role in the improvement of the European environment; both at the legislative level and in practice.



Mrs Françoise GERARDI, general delegate - Elipso

The 130 Elipso member's companies are plastic packaging and flexible packaging producers, recycling companies and logistics firms. The goal of Elipso is to promote the plastic and flexible packaging industry. Elipso is a member or partner in many French and European bodies in the packaging, environmental management and standardisation fields, etc. Elipso is a forum for information, thought and tangible action for the plastic and flexible packaging industry. It works on a daily basis for the sector's businesses on a dynamic market with many challenges to meet.



Mr. Xavier GHEWY, head of the Observatory and Statistics department (SoeS) - MEDDE/CGDD

Within the General Sustainable Development Commission, the SOeS is the statistics department for the Ministry for Ecology, Energy and Sustainable development. The SOeS is responsible for collecting, producing and disseminating statistical information in the areas of the environment, energy, construction, housing and transport. It coordinates observation aiming to develop sustainable development indicators for public policies and produces indicators for the ministry. It works in association with the national, European and international bodies concerned.



Mr. Vincent LE BLAN, general delegate - FNADE

Created in 1937, FNADE (French Federation of Waste Management Services) is a professional organisation representing depollution and environment activities. It is composed of 9 trade unions, and gathers companies providing services in the following activities: management of domestic and industrial waste, conception, realisation and exploitation of waste sites, treatment units and biological and energy recovering, soil depollution, urban structures cleaning, etc. The FNADE is a member of the European Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services (FEAD).



Mr. Michel SPONAR, policy officer, European Commission

EU waste management policies aim to reduce the environmental and health impacts of waste and improve Europe's resource efficiency. The long-term goal is to turn Europe into a recycling society, avoiding waste and using unavoidable waste as a resource wherever possible. The aim is to achieve much higher levels of recycling and to minimize

