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## AGENDA // OVERVIEW



1. European Legal Framework
2. Examples from Austria and Germany
3. How and why sewage sludge has been treated in facilities in future
4. Sewage sludge is a resource for European industry and agriculture
5. Introduction of eWASTE and its services



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### *1. Main Goals of municipal wastewater management in the EU*

#### **Main Topic: Sewage sludge: source of pollution and raw material**

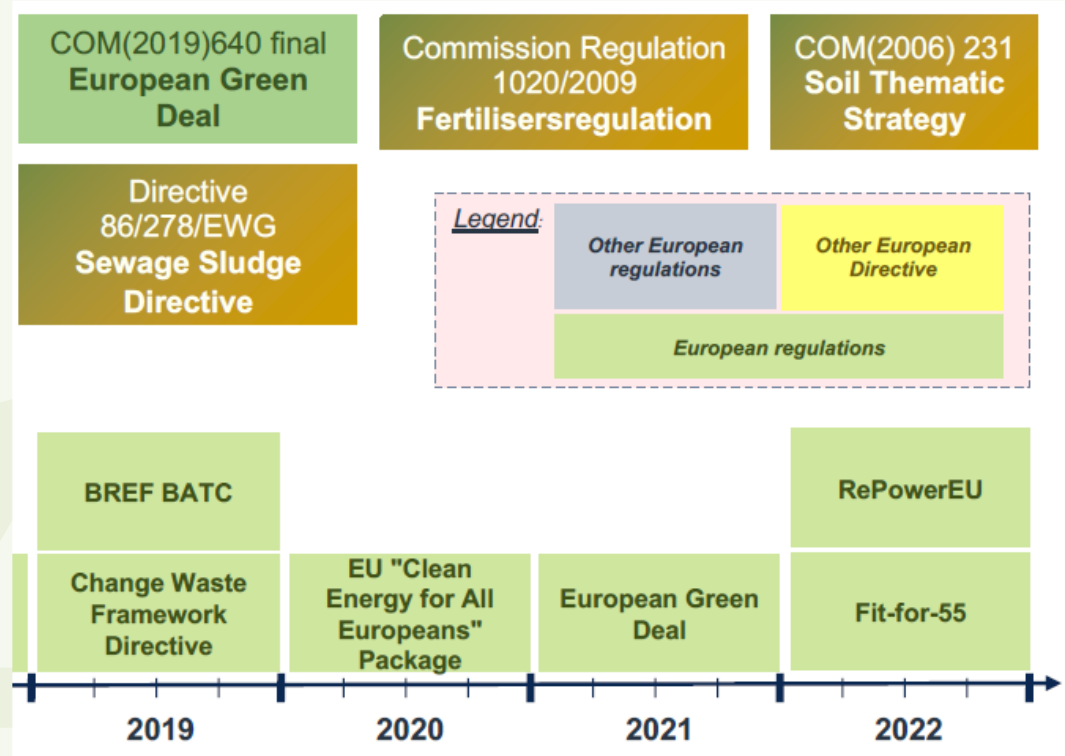
##### Goals:

1. Protecting water - bringing cleaner rivers, lakes, bodies of groundwater and seas to the people of Europe
2. Environmentally friendly recovery of sewage sludge
3. Decomposition of the pollutants that are in the sewage sludge
4. Phosphorus recovery from municipal sewage sludge

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## 1. European Legal framework 2030

- The Green Deal of The EU (COM(2019) 640)
- Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
- Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EG (WFD)
- Directive 2010/75/EU Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)
- Sewage Sludge Directive (86/278/EEG)
- Fertilisers regulation (2019/1009)
- Soil Thematic Strategy (COM(2006) 231)
- Circular Economy Package
- Fit-for-55 Regulation
- RePowerEU Regulation
- EU „Clean Energy for All Europeans Package



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### *1. European Legal – The Green Deal*

- Climate Pact
- Farm to Fork strategy (fair, healthy and ecofriendly food)
- Biodiversity
- Ecofriendly economy and industry
- Low-emission industry and transport
- Reduce pollution
- Financing – Next Generation EU Recovery Fund



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### *1. European Legal – The Sewage sludge directive (86/278/EEC)*

- Climate goals
- Strategy of Methane
- Integration of the energy systems and sectors
- Circular Economy Action Plan
- Zero Pollution Action Plan
- Nutrient Management Action Plan (GAP)



***Directive is still in evalution and process of renewing!***

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### *1. EU Members have to implement all goals and requirements into their national laws*

- All EU members are obligated to transfer all requirements and goals of the EU to national law
- Fertilisersregulation – 2 Goals:
  - Generation of fertilisers (Phosphore) from waste –streams
  - Phosphorous fertilizers: uniform cadmium thresholds

***The EU Comission announced that EU-27 will get a Phosphore-strategy plan how local ressources like waste will be used for the production of fertilizers.***

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## 2. Examples from Austria and Germany

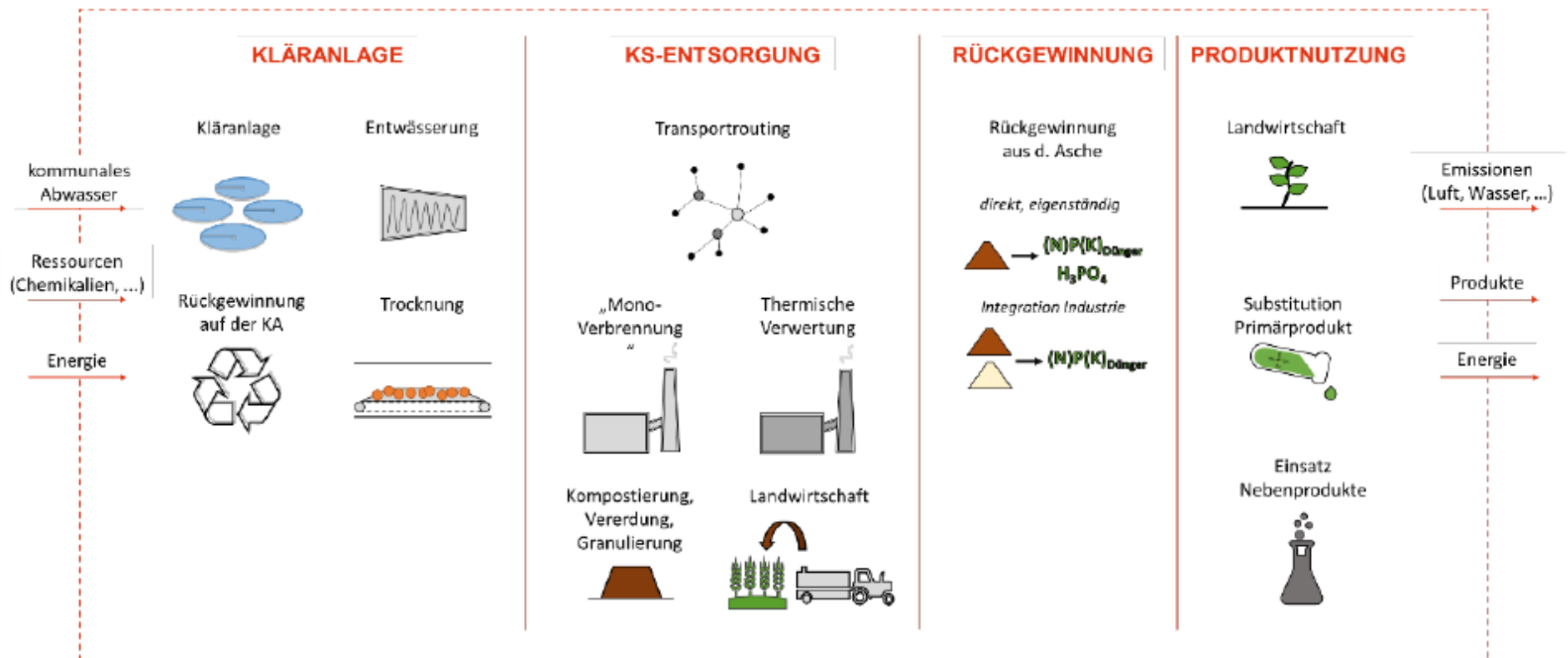
Austria	Germany
Landfill ban since 2004	Landfill ban since 2005
Implementation of legal frameworks:	
Waste Incineration Regulation	Compost Regulation (A) Fertilizer Regulation (B)
Goals:	
By 2030, 65 - 85% of sewage sludge will be used for phosphor recovery.	Transition period of 15 years (start in 2017) Duty for the recovering of sewage in 2029 Treatment obligation for wastewater treatment plants > 100,000 inhabitants (later 50,000) Phosphorus recovery Restrictions due to direct use of sludge (limit values => thermal treatment necessary)
StraPhos study – how Austria will organize wastewater and sewage sludge management in future StraPhos = STRAgety of the PHOSphoremanagement in Austria	Limit values:      Fertilizer Regulation      Compost Regulation (old)
	Cadmium      1,5      10
	Lead      150      900
	Chrome      -      900
	Mercury      1      8
	Nickel      80      200
	Zinc      5.000      2.500



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### 2. Main consideration of processes of recovery of sewage sludge

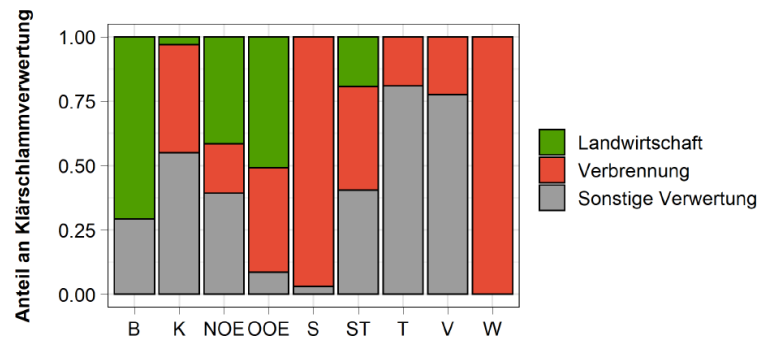
Abbildung 6: Darstellung der betrachteten Prozessgruppen und Prozesse



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## 2. Disposal of sewage sludge in Austria 2016-2017

Abbildung 4: Klärschlammverwertungs- und Entsorgungswege der österreichischen Bundesländer im Jahre 2016



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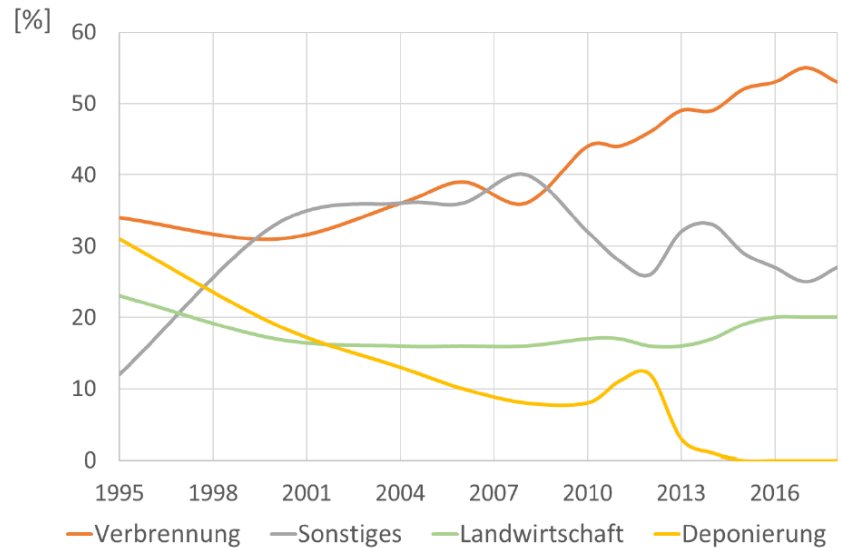
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**StraPhos – Zukunftsfähige Strategien  
für ein österreichisches  
Phosphormanagement**

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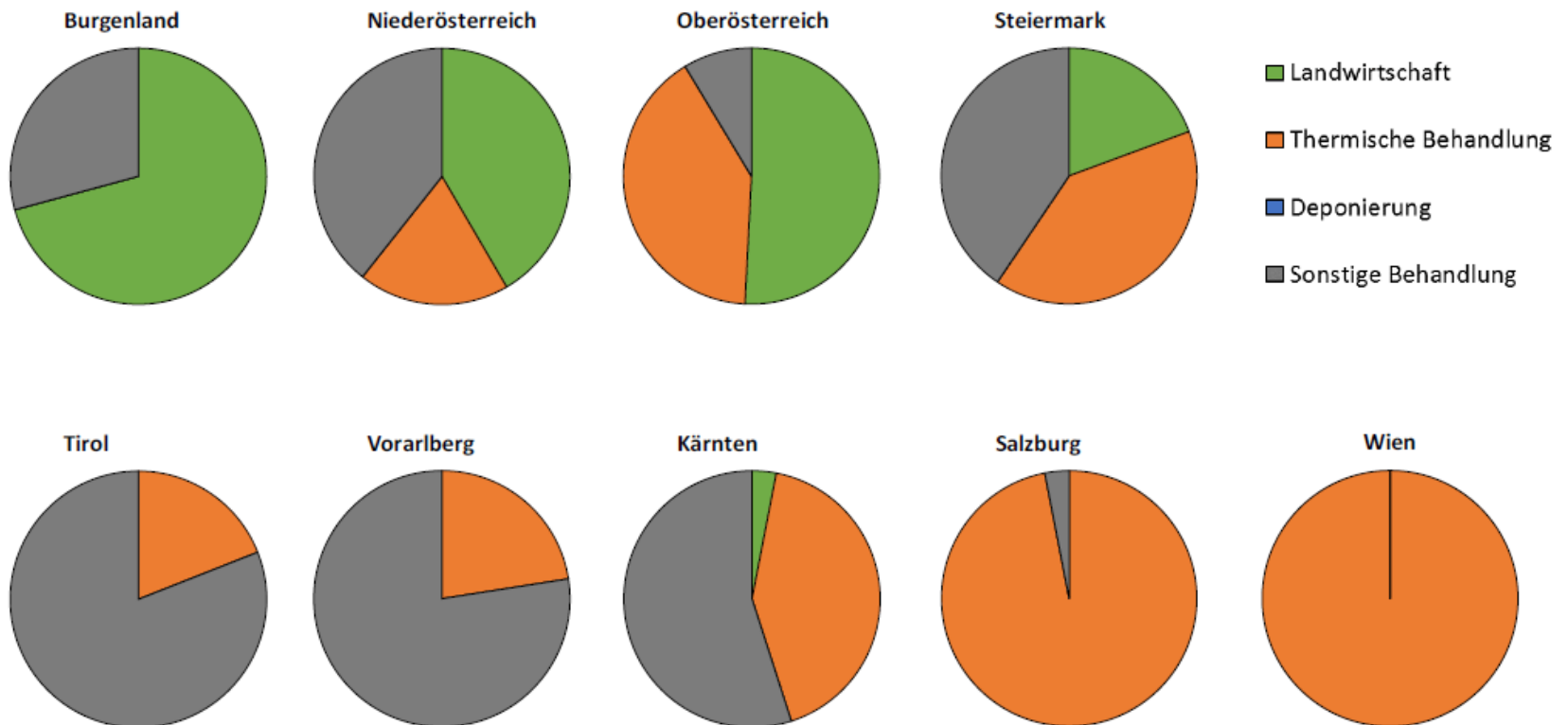
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## Klärschlammbehandlung (insg. 237.100 t TS im Jahr 2018)



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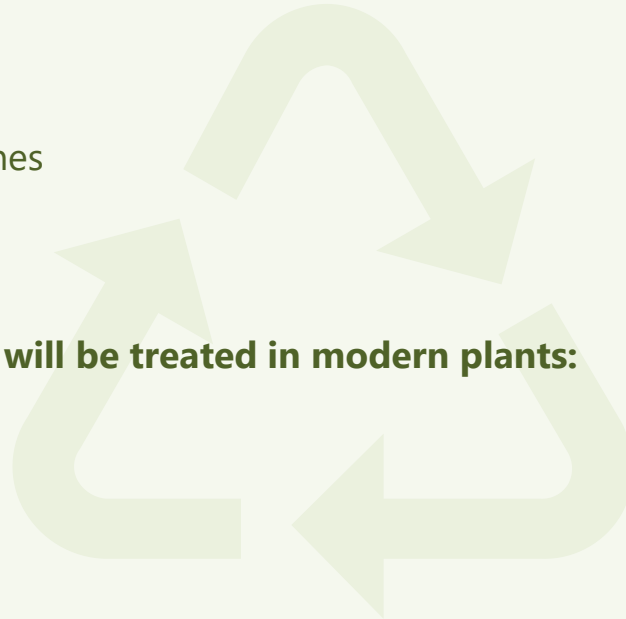
### *3. How and why sewage sludge have been treated in facilities in the future*

#### ***What are the dangers and problems of pure sewage sludge?***

- Contaminants and substances, which are dangerous for the environment and soil
- Microplastic
- Hormones, pathogens and medicines
- Over-fertilisation

#### **Based on these facts sewage sludge will be treated in modern plants:**

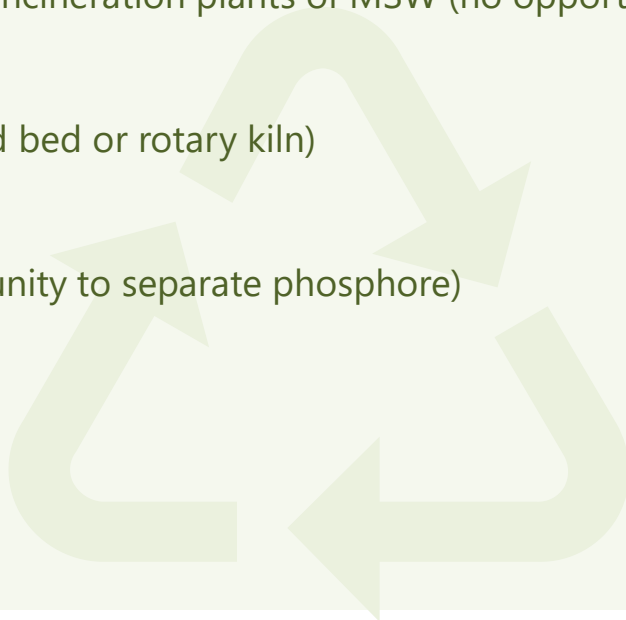
- Energy source
- Phosphore
- Minimisation of all hazards



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### *3. How and why sewage sludge have been treated in facilities in the future*

#### ***Types of recovering technologies of sewage sludge:***

- Waste-to-Energy – pre-treating in Incineration plants of MSW (no opportunity to separate phosphore)
  - RDF – Mono-Incineration (Fluidised bed or rotary kiln)
  - RDF – pre-incineration (no opportunity to separate phosphore)
  - Pyrolysis
  - Gasification
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### *3. How and why sewage sludge have been treated in facilities in the future*

#### **Abstracts of projects in D-A-CH (Austria – Germany – Switzerland) area:**



MVV, Mannheim – Rotary kiln



Wien Energie – 3 x Fluidised bed



Schongau, Grate



Kalogeo AT

#### **Lighthouse project T-Park Hong Kong – unique project of sewage sludge incineration plant:**



1.200 t per day today  
2.000 t per day in 2030  
850° C  
90% reduction in volume  
European standard and technology  
Since 2018 in operation and still going

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### *4. Sewage sludge is a resource for European industry and agriculture*

- Phosphore is a critical raw material for the European agriculture and industry
- Demand of phosphore > 40 Billion tons p.a. world-wide as fertilizer
- 75% of the production of phosphore will be done in China, USA, Marocco, Russia and Tunisia
- 37% of the world quantity is owned by China
- Every human produces 1.8 gramm of phosphore every day
- Roughly 300.000 tons of phosphorus are being produced, simply by excreation, by the 447 000 000 residents of the EU.



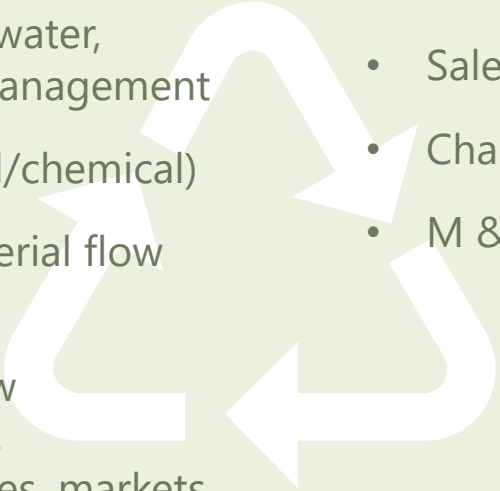




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### 5. Consulting & project development

#### **The core services and impacts of eWASTE AT are:**

- POWER – TO – X // ENERGY – TO – X
  - Strategy consulting in the portfolio of waste/secondary raw materials, water, wastewater and infrastructure management
  - Recycling of plastics (mechanical/chemical)
  - Supply Chain Management/Material flow management
  - Innovation of technologies, know how/knowledge and experience, Development of new technologies, markets opportunities and solutions // R&D
  - Strategic expert in the waste management and recycling industry
  - Second opinion
  - Business development
  - Sales and marketing support
  - Change Management
  - M & A Advisory and Investments
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### 5. Consultancy services & project and business development

#### An overview of our services

- Extended producer responsibility
- Material flow analysis, material flow management and secondary raw material marketing
- International key account support
- Supply chain management
- Disposal concepts and supervised waste management
- BLOT, BOT, BOO and PPP – private public partnership models
- Analysis of waste management processes and structures
- Municipal services
- Waste storage and shipment of waste
- Analysis of waste management processes and structures

#### Sectors and industries

##### SECTOR

- Waste
- Disposal
- Recycling
- Water / Wastewater
- Alternative energy, energy from waste
- Processing of animal by-products

##### CLIENT

- Disposal companies
- Infrastructure companies
- Recycling and processing companies
- Suppliers
- Municipals, associations and cooperatives

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