



Towards a circular, low carbon economy: regional perspectives from Flanders

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OVAM as Regional competent authority for CE

Instruments
for the
transition to
low carbon
and circular
economy

**Bottom up
demonstration
with frontrunners**

**Mainstreaming
and systemic
scaling up**

Regional measures
already
undertaken

Regional
measures to be
undertaken

Measures not in
our competence





VISION
2050

The Government of
Flanders selected
7 transition priorities:



Circular Economy



Smart living



Industry 4.0



Lifelong learning



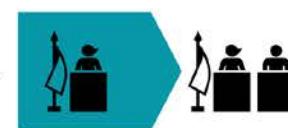
Healthcare & welfare



Transport & mobility



Energy



FROM A SINGLE MINISTER TO
SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY

6 core activities



01 NETWORK

We connect and cocreate.



04 LAB

We make it happen.



02 KNOWLEDGE

We build and share our knowledge.



05 POLICY

We support.



03 INNOVATION

We enable.



06 EMBEDDING

We make it grow.

Circular Flanders



OPEN CALL FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY PROJECTS

135 PROJECTS
FUNDED
for € 11M



CIRCULAR
FLANDERS



GREEN DEAL CIRCULAR PROCUREMENT

150 PARTICIPANTS
160 PROJECTS





GREEN DEAL CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION



300 PARTICIPANTS

The policy toolkit to boost the circular economy

Regulate
and
sanction

Fiscal and
trade
policy

Provide
services

Provide
infra-
structure

Support
Subsidize
Invest

Sensitize

Cocreate
Match-
make

eg. prohi-
bition of
landfilling

eg. lower
VAT for
recycled
content

eg. provide
calculation
tools for
circularity

eg. build
recycling
parks

eg.
subsidize
repair
cafés

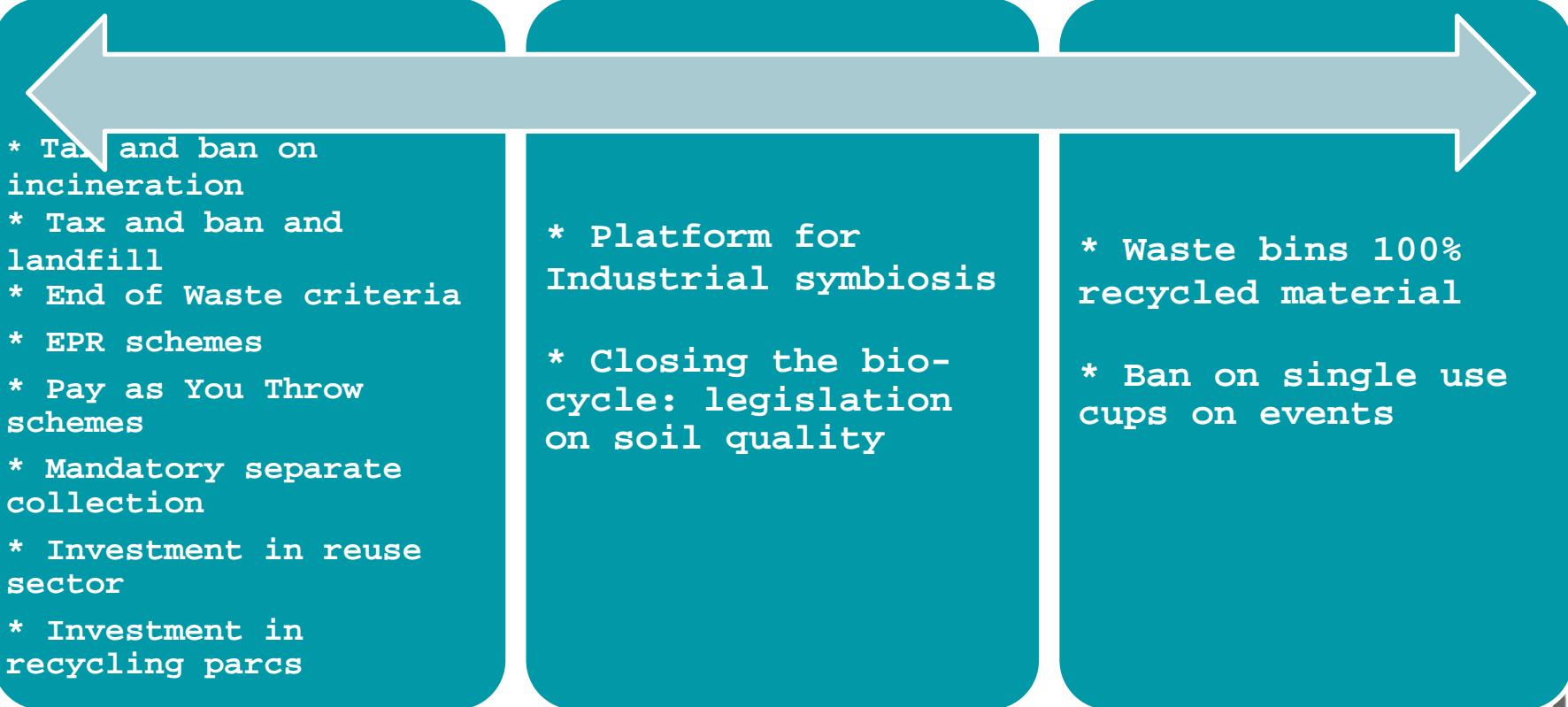
eg. promo-
te buying
second
hand

eg.
public-
private
projects

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Our tools

Upscaling – systemic measures: within our competence and implemented

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- * Tax and ban on incineration
 - * Tax and ban and landfill
 - * End of Waste criteria
 - * EPR schemes
 - * Pay as You Throw schemes
 - * Mandatory separate collection
 - * Investment in reuse sector
 - * Investment in recycling parcs

- * Platform for Industrial symbiosis
- * Closing the bio-cycle: legislation on soil quality

- * Waste bins 100% recycled material
- * Ban on single use cups on events

Upscaling - systemic measures: within our competence and not (yet) implemented

- **Structural cooperation** between different policy levels in Belgium
- **Resource efficiency target:** 30% reduction of the material footprint of Flemish consumption in kg by 2030 in 4 sectors (mobility, housing, food, consumptiongoods)
- **CE Indicators:** materials and carbon footprint in 4 sectors both for consumption and production perspective.
- Adopting **circular procurement criteria**
- **Strenghtening EPR schemes:** more streams (furniture, textile), also for non separated wastes and litter (cfr SUP for plastics), fee modulation for recyclability
- **Material Performance of Buildings** integration with EPB (construction and use): EU push needed
- **Fiscal shift** from labour to environmental taxes, VAT (EU push – majority voting)

Obstacles for upscaling

- **Federalised state**, complex mix of competences (fiscal, productpolicy is federal competence)
- **Lack of regulatory framework**, with common targets and indicators to guide political decisionmaking
- **Lack of an (EU) market** for secondary raw materials (lack of trust, demand)
- **Lack of level playing field** for circular, low carbon businessmodels (environmental/social externalities not internalised)
- **Lack of financing criteria** that cope with complexity of innovation along the value chain

Upscaling - systemic measures: what we need from the EU Level:

- **a European market for secondary raw materials:**
 - Harmonised EoW criteria for specific streams
 - Large investment in EU recycling infrastructure
 - Quality guarantees, product standardisation
 - A clean circular economy
- **Strenghtening EPR:** apply outside EU, 'EU market', design phase,...
- **Extend scope of eco-design** to non-energy related products
- **Binding framework for CE**, with RE targets, indicators, monitoring, reporting, actionplans
- **Fiscal incentives:** bordertax, VAT differentiation (majority vote)
- **Protecting soil quality:** regulatory framework
- **Professionalise and upgrade CE Stakeholderplatform**

Thank you

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