

Waste management in Denmark

- Experiences from the Danish waste management model

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About DAKOFA

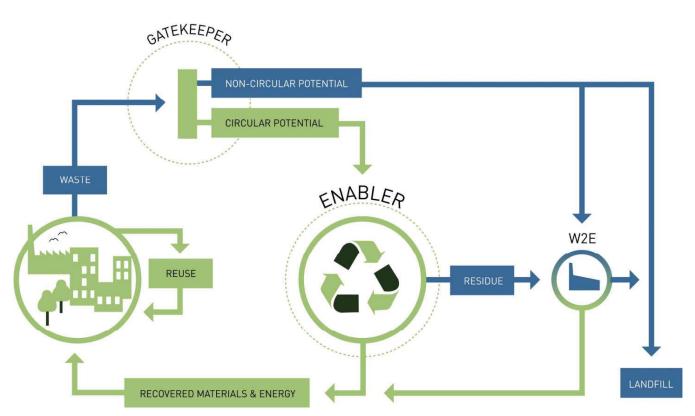
- DAKOFA "Waste & Resource Network Denmark"
- 255 member organizations from the public and the private sector
- 10 network-groups
- 10+ conferences per year
- 15+ courses and seminars per year
- The Danish National Member of ISWA
- Knowledge-based and non-political





Where are we?





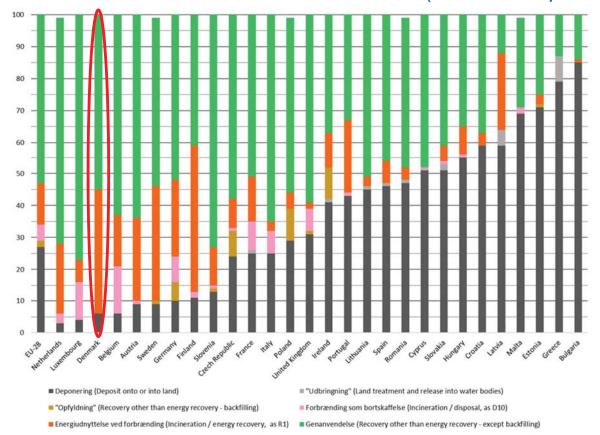


Waste treatment in Denmark (all waste, excl. soil)

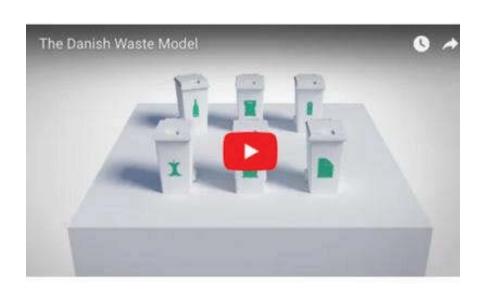




Waste treatment in the EU in 2012 (% excl. imported waste)







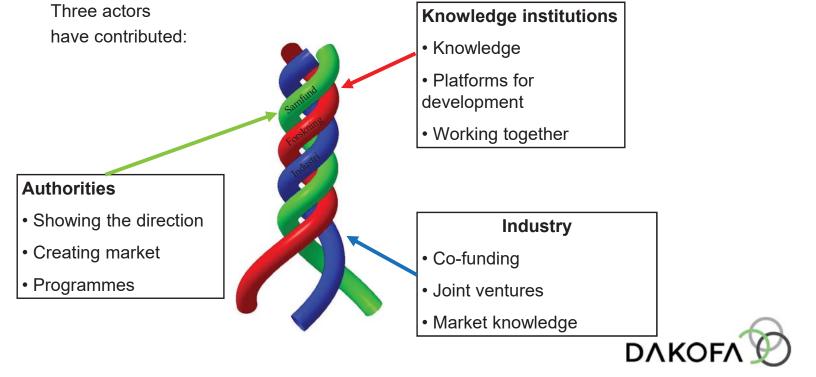




How did we get there?



The "Triple Helix"



Danish waste management regulation

- Waste is primarily regulated in the Danish statuary order on waste (no. 1309)
- As an EU member state, Denmark has implemented the
 Waste Framework Directive (WFD) in the statuary order on waste
- Waste management initiatives are only partly regulated by national law, since Danish municipalities have extensive legal ground for self-determination
- National strategies and objectives, guide municipalities in shaping their practices.



The municipality assigns the waste

- Earlier, the municipalities had the responsibility for all waste generated within the borders of a given municipality
- Since 2010 the municipalities no longer have the responsibility for recyclable waste from industry. Instead, this waste is collected and treated on general market conditions
- The municipalities have the right to decide on the collection scheme as well as the obligation to secure the necessary processing capacities for collected waste.



Integrated planning

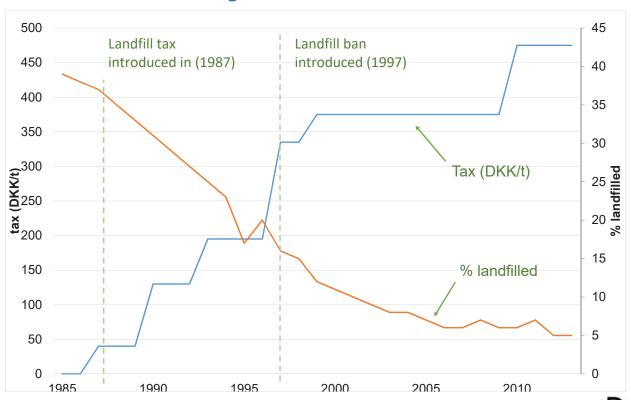
 Integrated planning of waste management in combination with energy and district heat planning has been practiced since 1987

Municipalities do the local planning to fulfil the national targets

- Many municipalities have organised joint municipal companies (running incineration plants, landfills etc.)
- Recycling capacity is in many cases secured by agreements with private recycling companies or through inter-municipal companies

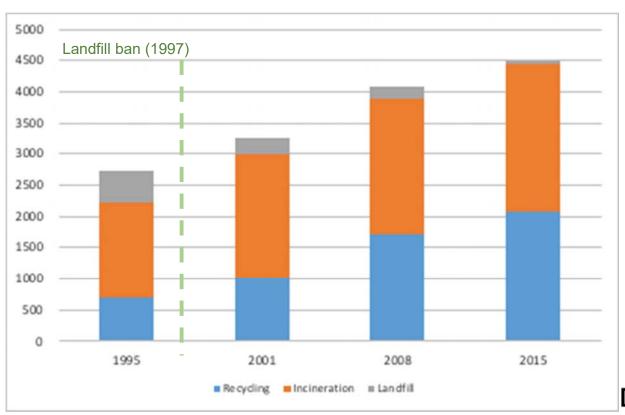


Amount of landfilling in relation to landfill tax





Treatment of municipal solid waste





Source: Eurostat



The Danish solutions



The Danish system is based on a myriad of SME's and a few larger entities

Danish businesses can offer solutions within the entire value-chain:

- · Planning and digitalisation
- Collection
- Pre-treatment for recycling
- · Reuse and recycling
- Incineration with energy-recovery
- Sanitised landfilling

BUT

- 75 % are small or medium-sized enterprises
- Only few operators can deliver "complete" solutions. Most deliver components or parts to the system





Collection from households

- The Danish businesses and municipalities deliver a high level of separate collection at household level
- 60% of Danish household waste is delivered to local recycling stations in more than 50 different fractions
- 75-80% of the waste from these stations is recycled
- Increasing amounts of food waste is collected separately





Recycling solutions

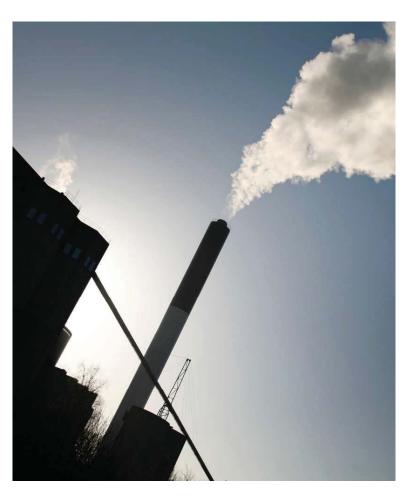
- Pre-treatment solutions are very advanced, and the solutions result in clean valuable output
- Recycling solutions provide a high level of automatisation and high standards for occupational health and safety.
- High quality and sustainable waste
 management is provided by good
 logistics as well as technological and
 digital solutions for optimising collection,
 sorting and separation of waste



Fundamentals of recycling

- never better than the alternative!
- The success of recycling is completely dependent on the underlying waste management system!
- To make high quality in recycled products, you need an appropriate alternative!
- Recycling therefore starts with the opposite:
 Proper management of the residual waste!





Incineration of today

- Most of the 27 Danish plants are owned by municipalities or joint municipal companies
- Energy efficiency is 90 99 %
- 100 % of slag and aggregates are recycled
- Hazardous substances are concentrated in small amounts of fly ashes
- Accepted in the neighbourhoods!!!!





Landfilling

- More than 90 % of landfills are publicly owned
- We only landfill waste, which is not suitable for recycling or incineration

Future priority:

Stop thinking about disposal and start thinking about landfills as **storage** for materials with a (future) resource value





What's the future?





Highlights from the future EU legislation

- Increased focus on waste prevention
- 65% recycling target for municipal waste in 2035
- 65% recycling of all packaging in 2025 and mandatory EPR
- Separate collection of bio-waste in 2023
- Separate collection of textiles in 2025
- Max of 10% landfiling by 2035



In summary

The combination of:

- national initiatives and legislation (landfill ban, waste taxes, strategies)
- sustainable municipal waste treatment logistics and treatment capacity
- an innovative private sector to develop and assist
 - has paved the road for the Danish system

The future for Denmark is circular!

 including necessary capacities for waste treatment as long as it is necessary!





QUESTIONS?

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