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- **Thematic Strategy for the Prevention and Recycling of Waste**
- **Waste Framework Directive**

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## **EU Current Legal Framework on Waste Management**

- **Horizontal Legislation**
  - *Waste Framework Directive (1975)*
  - *Hazardous Waste Directive (1991)*
  - *Waste Shipment Regulation (1975)*
- **Complemented by more detailed Legislation**
  - *Waste treatment and disposal: Landfill and Incineration directives*
  - *Specific waste streams: Waste Oils, PCBs/PCTs and Batteries*
  - *Recycling and recovery targets: Packaging, End of Life Vehicles, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment*
- **Complemented by some BREFs under IPPC Directive**



## **On-going Process**

- **To set the strategic framework for the future (as prescribed in the Sixth Environment Action Program)**
  - ⇒ *Thematic Strategy on the Prevention and Recycling of Waste*
- **To review current legislation according to this Strategy**
  - ⇒ *Waste Framework Directive*

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## **Thematic Strategy on the Prevention and Recycling of Waste**

- **Aims of an Evolving EU Policy on Waste**
  - *To contribute to reducing the overall negative environmental impact of resource use*
  - *To become a recycling society, that seeks to avoid waste and uses waste as a resource*

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## **Thematic Strategy on the Prevention and Recycling of Waste**

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### ■ **Action**

- A renewed emphasis on full **implementation of existing legislation**
- **Simplification and modernisation** of existing legislation
- Introduction of **Life Cycle Thinking** into waste policy
- Promotion of more ambitious waste **prevention** policies
- Better knowledge and information
- Further elaboration of the EU's recycling policy

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## **AFITE's comment on the Thematic Strategy**

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### ■ **AFITE welcomes:**

- The strategy for promoting waste prevention and recycling
- Waste management legislation based both on environmental protection and natural resource saving
- Full implementation of existing waste legislation
- Modernisation of the current legislation

### ■ **AFITE stresses:**

- The importance of clear scope, definitions and wording
- That all waste recovery and disposal should be regulated under IPPC Directive
- The lack of guidance for the revision of current legislation

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## Waste Framework Directive

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### ■ **Aims of the proposal:**

- *To put forward clearer definitions and/or mechanisms*
- *To focus on Environmental impact taking into account the whole life cycle*
- *To move to a more standard based approach (minimum standards, clear recovery definition, end of waste criteria)*
- *To simplify the existing legal framework (repeal of hazardous waste and used oils Directives)*

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## AFITE's comment on the Waste Framework Directive

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### ■ **AFITE welcomes:**

- *The goal of administrative simplification*
- *Focus on environmental protection and resources saving*

### ■ **AFITE:**

- *Stresses the lack of consistency and accuracy and the need for*
  - *Clear scope, definitions and wording*
  - *Well defined legislative measures aiming at preventing unfair competition*
  - *Consistent implementation and enforcement in member states*
  - *Polluter-pays principle*

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## ***AFITE's comment on the Waste Framework Directive***

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### ■ ***AFITE:***

- *Opposes to merge hazardous waste and used oils Directive with the Waste Framework Directive*
- *Opposes a general declassification of waste*
- *Opposes permit exemption for on-site disposal and recovery*
- *Deplores the excessive use of the comitology process*