

# Green Deal, Carbon neutrality and a more Circular Economy

## FNADE's proposals



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Within the framework of the new European term, FNADE has concrete proposal that aims 3 main goals:

- Strongly and positively influence the fight against climate change, by incentivising CO2 emissions avoidance by reusing, recycling and recovering waste, while taking into account avoided emissions stemming from recycling
- Develop the circular economy by implementing strong measures to encourage the uptake (reincorporation) of high-quality recycled materials.
- Acknowledge the role of energy recovery as a complementary treatment option to recover the energy content of both non-recyclable waste and residues from recycling processes, in line with the waste treatment hierarchy.

### 1 Create a strong market for recycled material and keep waste value in Europe

To achieve the European recycling targets and to reduce the environmental footprint of products, FNADE recommends to promote the development of a European market for secondary raw materials and to relocate recycling industries:

- Introduce mandatory recycled contents into products.
- Ensure competitive prices for secondary raw materials.
- Implement a more favourable green tax system such as reduced VAT on products incorporating recycled material or fee modulation under EPR schemes.
- Increase public purchase of recycled products through mandatory green public procurement.

### 2 Foster high-quality recycling

- Enhance recyclability and dismantlability of products through eco-design.
- Trace and phase out and trace substances of concerns in both waste and products.
- Set up a **European labelling system** to inform consumers about the level of recycled materials in products.
- Harmonise the monitoring of **recycling targets** in each MS, ensuring effective implementation thereof.

### 3 Recognise and reward avoided GHG emissions

Contribute to mitigate climate change through recycling and reward avoided greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

- Recognise and reward the avoidance of GHG emissions thanks to sustainable resource management.
- Establish a materials hierarchy.
- Recognise the contribution of energy recovery (when it reaches the R1 energy efficiency level) as a substitute for fossil fuels when producing heat and electricity.

### 4 Ensure the protection and health protection (Zero Pollution ambition)

Promote the Zero Pollution Ambition to ensure a high level of environmental and health protection, by tracking substances of concern and legacy pollution, promoting traceability of waste and high-quality recycling.

- Ensure consistency between European rules on waste treatment, chemicals and products (REACH, CLP Regulation).
- Ensure that the rules on exporting waste and recycled materials guarantee traceability while contributing to the smooth functioning of recycling markets.

### 5 Develop recycling and energy recovery

- Recycle as much as possible, bearing in mind it is not possible to recycle everything.
- Produce energy with non-recyclable and non-compostable waste in facilities for energy recovery, in line with the waste treatment hierarchy.
- Promote the development of SRF (solid recovered fuels), especially when consisting of residues from sorting centers.

### 6 Foster a competitive environment to support the development of recycling markets in the EU and generate growth as the EU should become self-sufficient in terms of recycling

Ensure neutral market access for private and public actors in Europe.

- Guarantee the neutrality of rules on state aids with regard to public or private management.
- Ensure that public financing needs are covered, where necessary, for new installations.
- Ensure there is a level playing field where household waste management is open to private entities, and that the market for the management of industrial and commercial waste remains open.

**FNADE** is a professional association representing the French private waste management companies and is a major actor within the circular economy that actively contributes to ecological transition. It brings together 232 private companies with more than 48,000 employees in France, spread over 2,068 plants. It is a member of the European Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services (FEAD).

With its 8 professional unions, it has a global and industrial vision of the waste management and soil remediation value chain and gathers all the actors (operators, engineering companies, manufacturers, constructors) and promotes the complementarity of these activities: collection, sorting, recycling, biological and energy recovery, landfilling/storage for all types of waste, (non-hazardous and hazardous waste, sewerage, soil) except for radioactive waste.

2019 key figures: € 9.5 billion in revenue. € 808 million worth of investments.

