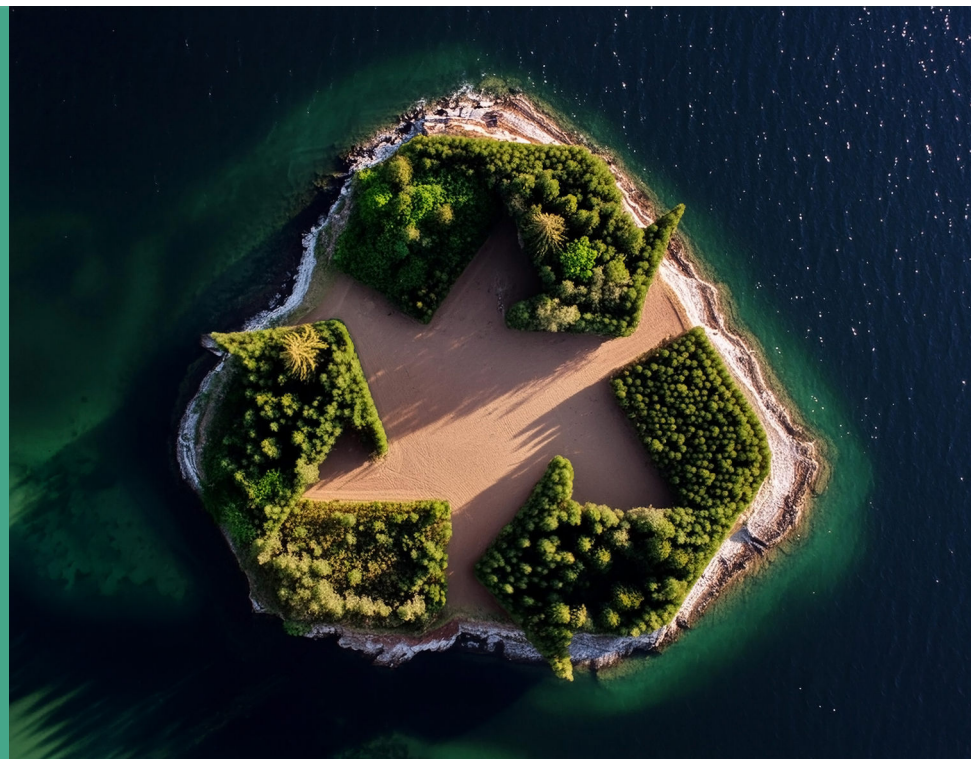


# Transforming Islands' Waste Management: Overcoming Challenges with Sustainable Solutions



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# MSW and Recycling in Italy – a focus on schemes applied in Mediterranean areas

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## About Altereko...

- **27 years of experience in planning MSW management**, designing and up-grading of collection and transport schemes, assessing recycling facilities (focus on composting), planning communication and participation initiatives, chairing multi-linguistic, multi-tasking working groups or projects.
- **18 year foreign working experience** as consulting expert focusing on issues related to solid waste management. Extensive consultancy experience in the Solid Waste Sector – on Strategy and Policy, Fees&Taxes, Separate collection schemes - , both in 'advanced' and 'low to middle income' countries in Europe, Latin America and Asia.
- **13 years experience cooperating with international organisation/agencies** (as ECN-European Compost Network, ACRR, EEA-European Environment Agency, Sweepnet-GIZ, FAO, WorldBank, UNEP).

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## Waste Management Companies\Italy



## Public Authorities and Organisations\Italy



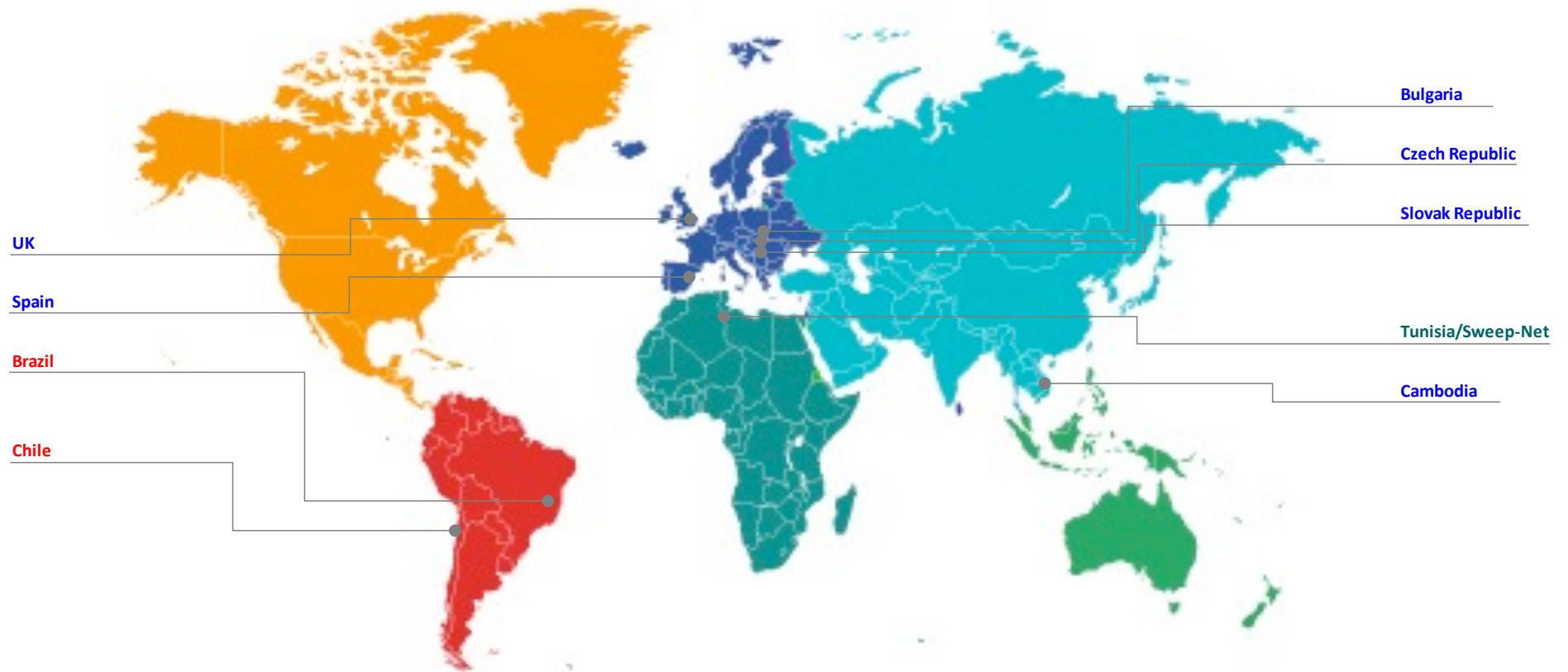
## International Organisations



## International clients and companies



## Activities (outside Italy)



## Content of the presentation

- Key elements about MSW recycling in Italy
- Key elements of the design of MSW collection in Italy
- The role of IT devices to meter waste generation and monitor collection service
- Examples from a touristic Island - Pantelleria

## Italy: Main legislative drivers

### **Italian WFL (DLGS 152/06) requires Municipalities/District-Areas to:**

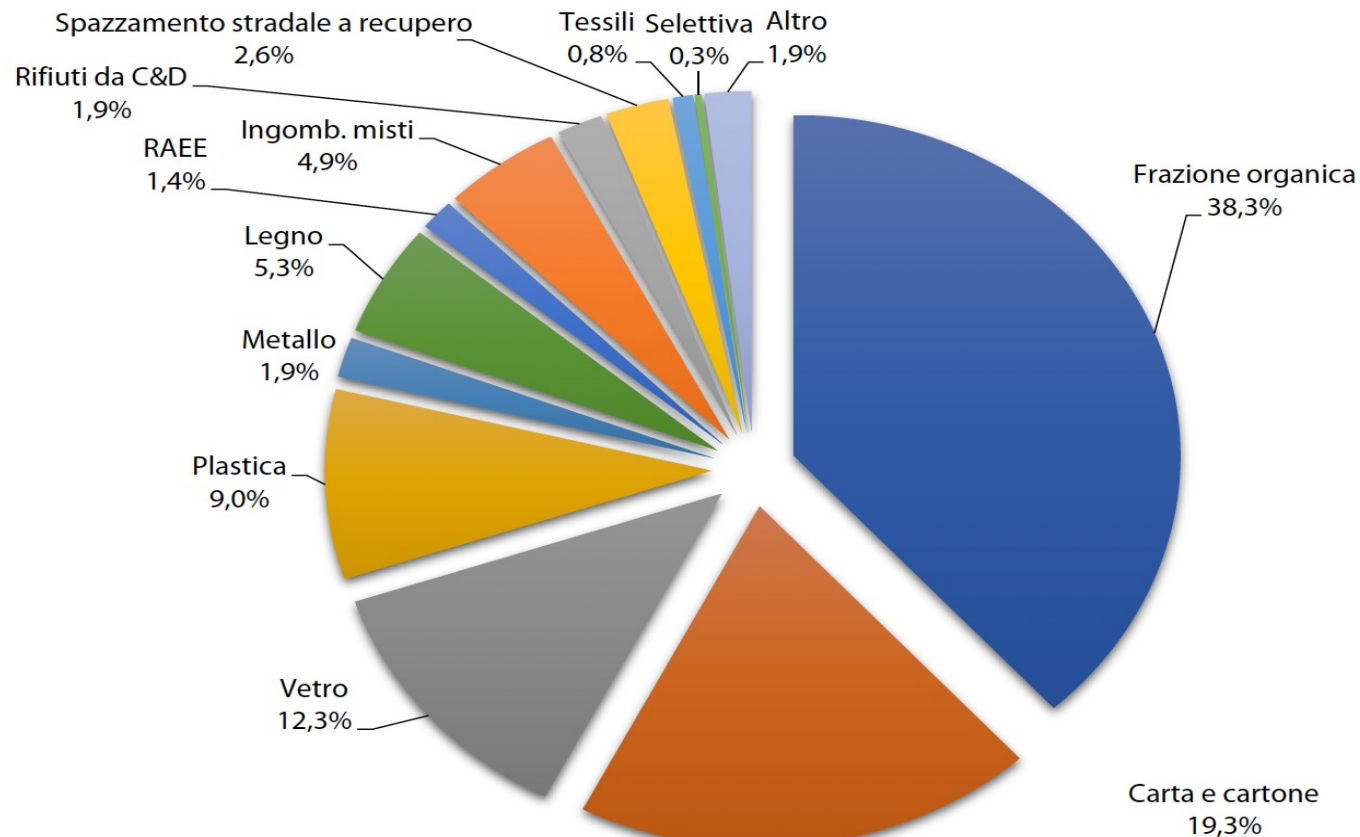
- reduce by 2012 disposal to 35% of total MSW (total sep. coll. min 65%)
- Collection of Biowaste with reusable bins and/or compostable bags;
- Increases landfill-cost by 20% for WM districts not complying to recycling target

### **Updates about IT legislation after 2018:**

- by Jan-2022 mandatory separate collection of biowaste
- Incentive for biogas from biowaste & upgrading to biomethane



## Separate collection of MSW in IT (year 2022)



RD	Kg/ab/y
Biowaste	125,1
Paper	61,3
Glass	38,2
Plastics	28,4
Metal/cans	6,3
Wood	17,1
Others	45,0

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# Modern MSW management in Italy



## Convenient tools to sort biowaste (food waste)

### Sorting at home

- Vented kitchen caddies
- Compostable bioplastic
- For each household



### Delivery to the collection

- In line with weekly production of a standard family
- Manual emptying
- High-density waste (it's wet food....)



## Since 2015: new collection tools for residual waste



- 1 x 40 liter per family
- TAG RFID
- Collection services are traced
- Collection frequencies are low (i.e. 1/2weeks) compared to standard (i.e. 1/week)

# Hardware on board and tracking of collection services

Low-cost small truck are used for door-to-door collection

Microchip serial code are automatically detected during normal emptying operation. No extra work for the operator

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\*Collection dates are visible on real time on web using a laptop, tablet, smartphone etc. etc.  
\*Dates can be easily exported to Excel file



Veicolo	Storico	Tempo	Stato
Veicolo	Tutti i veicoli		
Tag ID	Tutti		
Servizi	Personalizzato		
Dal	21/12/2012	00:00	
Al	21/12/2012	23:59	
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Data research interface



Codice/Descrizione	N°
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Strada Provinciale Ept...	(101)K 958 ZL - PRES.
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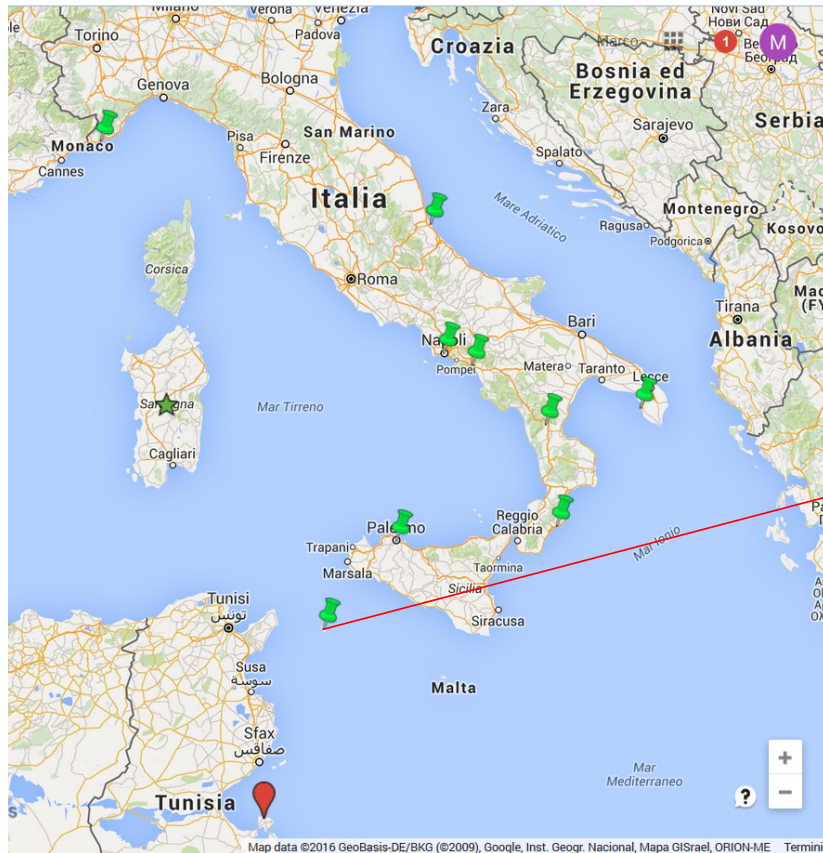
Serial code E0040000270  
Z = E0040000270 SpA  
0040 = 40 lt bucket  
P = Plastic collection  
005270 = serial number

Microchip serial code, truck n° plate, address, hour etc. etc.



# Examples of intensive sorting schemes for waste collection:

## Pantelleria island





## Pantelleria: key data

- Volcanic Island (UNESCO Heritage)
- Economy: Vineyards and Tourism
- Area: 83km<sup>2</sup>
- Location: 110km from Sicily, 70km from Tunisia
- Houses for vacations
- Few Hotels
- Residents : 7.715 (up to 15.000 in summer)
- Tourist: 80.000
- Service managed by Agesp, private company (tender)

# MSW management: before and after

**2014**

Bring schemes



**2015/2016**

Kerbside collection (stepwise)











## Equipment for collection at HH

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## Collection in Pantelleria

MSW management Scheme	Residual waste	Food waste	Paper	Plastics & Cans	Glass	Mobile Collection	Collection Center
Main collection scheme	Kerbside	Kerbside	Kerbside	Kerbside	Kerbside	Bring scheme	Bring scheme
PAYT charge	no						
Collection tools for Households	40 liter buckes with RFID-TAG	23 liter buckes and 240 liter bins	40 liter buckes	40 liter buckes	40 liter buckes	set of 240 liter bins	
							
Collection N/week HH	2	3	0,5	1	0,5	2h/day/zone	
Collection N/week Commercial Act	2	6-7	4-7	4-7	4-7		
Amounts collected (kg/inhab/yr)	130	82	51	32	53		56

# Kerbside collection

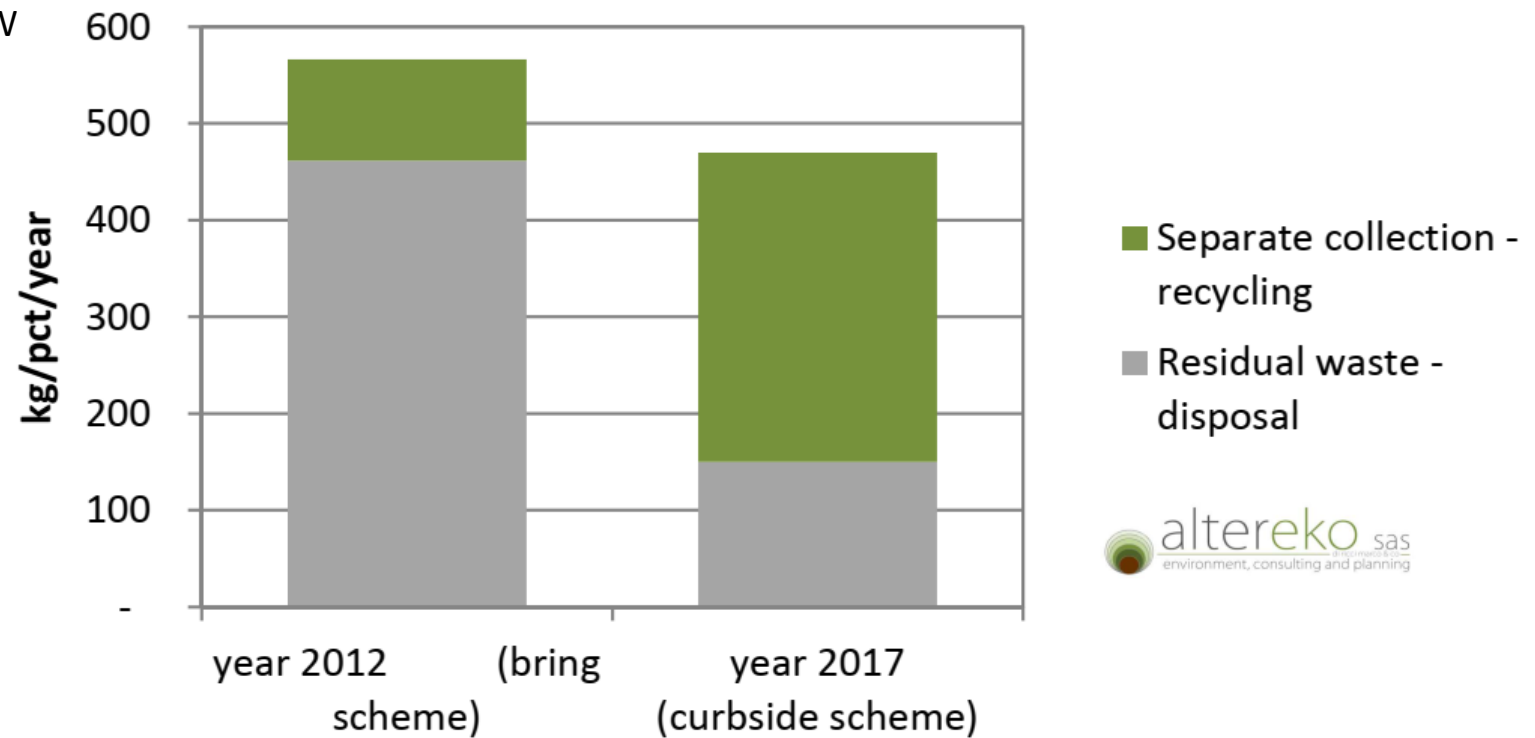
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## Comparison between collection schemes

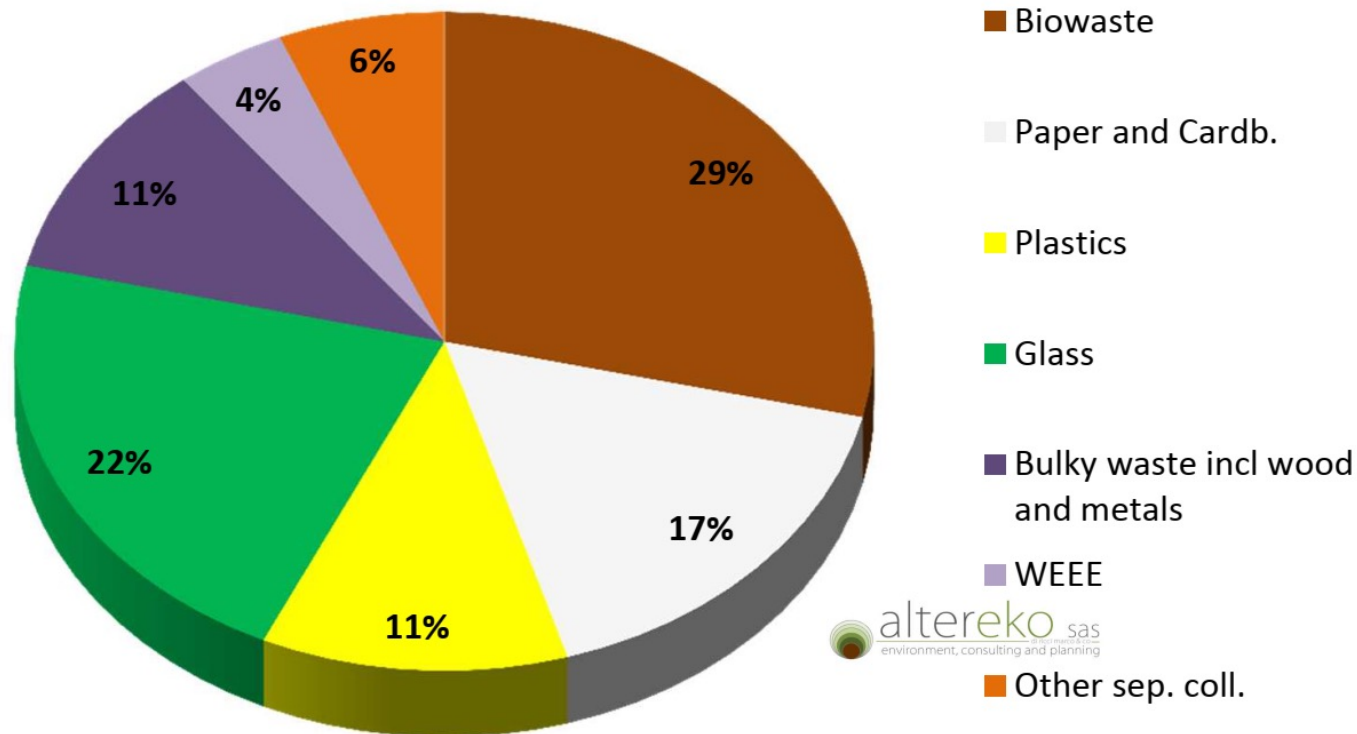
- 1.3 kg/p Total MSW
- -67% Disposal of MSW
- +200% recycling

**MSW production, Island of Pantelleria (IT)**



## Results of MSW separate collection

Separate collection year 2017, Island of Pantelleria (IT)





## Lessons to be learned

- User-responsible collection scheme
- Never collect Food waste without a bucket/bin
- Choose the correct volumes
- Vented kitchen caddies need compostable liners
  - Paper
  - Bioplastics
- Food waste recycled at combined AD&Composting facilities (production of biomethan & compost)
- Financial analysis of MSW services (including 3-years plan)
- Application of PAYT charges (about ¼ of municipalities) on residual waste

## Further readings



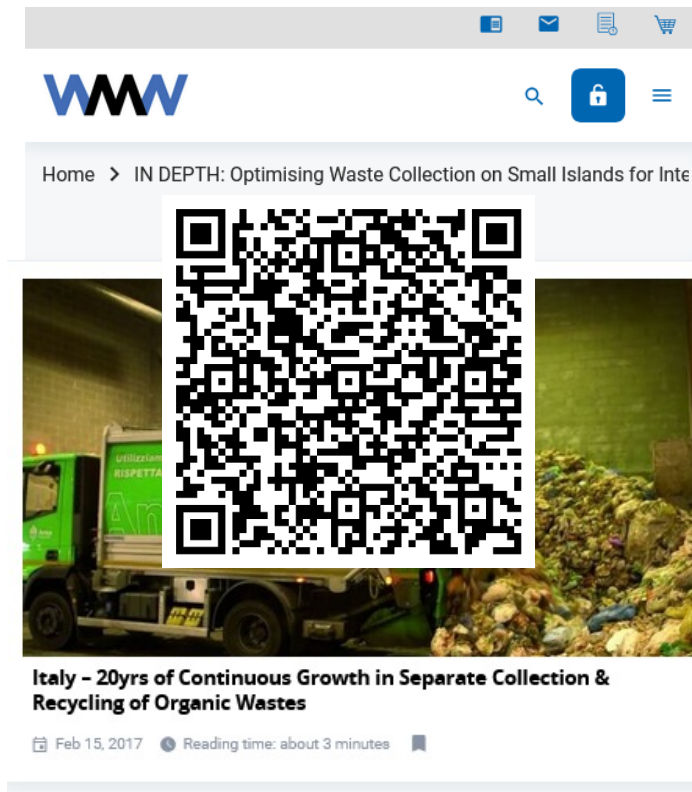
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**Italy - 20yrs of Continuous Growth in Separate Collection & Recycling of Organic Wastes**

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# Thank you

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