

# A Circular Economy for Construction and Demolition waste: why setting a recycling target for 2025 and 2030 matters

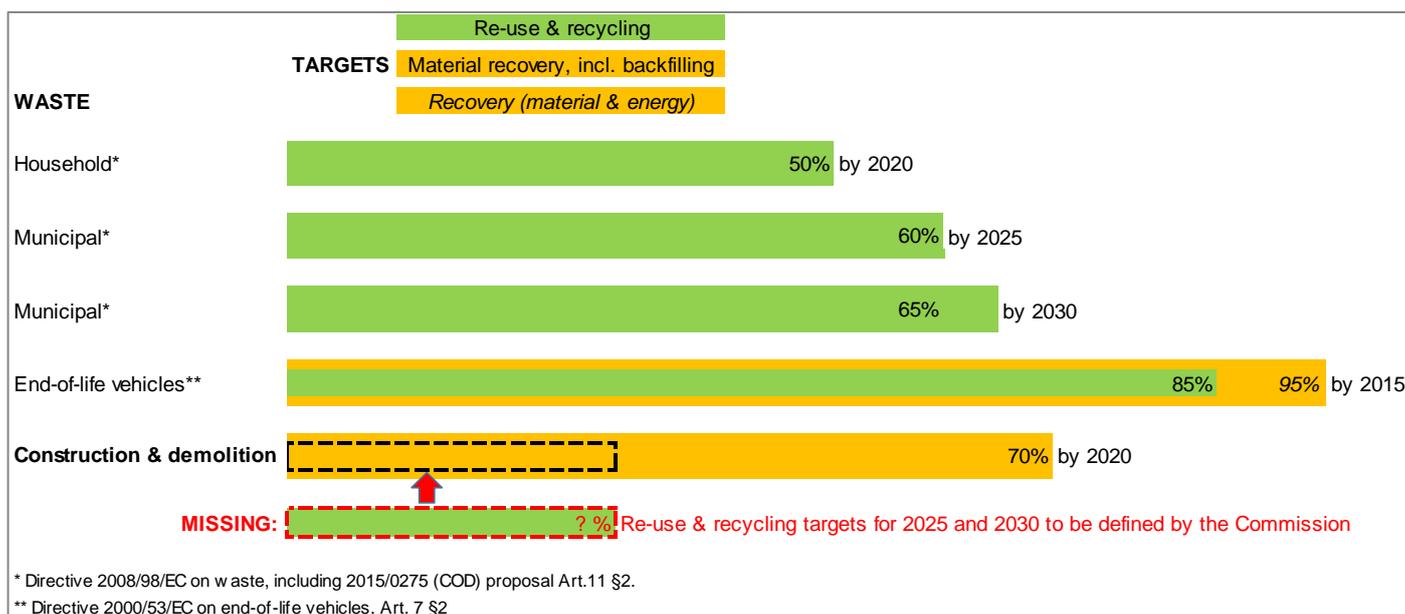
Background paper

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In the context of ongoing trilogue discussions, we call on Member States to **endorse a revision clause to define re-use and recycling targets for Construction and Demolition Waste (C&DW) by 2025 and 2030**, as proposed by the European Parliament.

Today, a ‘re-use and recycling’ target for the Construction & Demolition Waste flow is missing.

The target set for C&DW in the current Waste Framework Directive (WFD) and in the European Commission proposal includes backfilling. It is therefore not a ‘re-use and recycling’ target but a ‘recovery target’, contrary to what is existing or proposed for other waste flows under the WFD. Looking beyond the WFD, the End-of-Life Vehicles Directive that includes the overall recovery target of 95%, also includes a ‘re-use and recycling’ target of 85%.



Backfilling is neither re-use nor recycling, as clearly stated in the ‘recycling’ definition of the current Waste Framework Directive. It does not belong to the circular economy since it is a permanent placement of waste on particular sites and is not intended to be returned to the economic material cycle.

Setting re-use and recycling targets for C&DW by 2025 and 2030 would therefore further stimulate the circular economy. In this respect, we welcome the European Parliament vote on:

- **Revision clause to consider setting 2025 and 2030 recycling targets for construction and demolition waste.**

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## Our call to Member States

We call on Member States to support the inclusion of a revision clause in the Waste Framework Directive asking the European Commission to consider setting re-use and recycling targets for the entire C&DW flow by 2025 and 2030, thus clearly distinguishing from backfilling.

Setting ‘re-use and recycling’ targets for material-specific fractions could make sense when relevant, but this could come as a complement to a ‘re-use and recycling’ target for the entire C&DW flow and not as a substitute to it.

A revision clause will enable the Commission to make a more in-depth assessment of the situation and to define realistic re-use & recycling targets based on a sound and harmonised methodology.

Suggested amendments:

- **Recycling target for construction and demolition waste**

Article 11 paragraph 4b (new): ***The Commission shall consider the possibility of setting preparing for re-use and recycling targets that apply to construction and demolition waste to be met by 2025 and 2030. To that end, by XXX, the Commission shall draw up a report, accompanied by a legislative proposal, if appropriate, which shall be sent to the European Parliament and the Council.***

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