

THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY RANKING, IN FULL

| | Municipal waste (per year per person) | Food waste (per year per person) | Municipal recycling rate | Share of goods traded that are recyclable | Material reuse rate | Patents related to circular economy (since 2000) | Investment in circular economy sectors |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|
| Austria | 564 kg | 209 kg | 58% | 0.32% | 9% | 122 | €3.5M |
| Belgium | 420 kg | 345 kg | 54% | 0.22% | 17% | 105 | €2.8M |
| Bulgaria | 404 kg | 105 kg | 32% | 0.11% | 3% | 10 | €0.5M |
| Croatia | 403 kg | 91 kg | 21% | 0.23% | 5% | 4 | €0.6M |
| Cyprus | 640 kg | 327 kg | 17% | 0.13% | 3% | 4 | €0.1M |
| Czech Republic | 339 kg | 81 kg | 34% | 0.25% | 7% | 72 | - |
| Denmark | 777 kg | 146 kg | 48% | 0.31% | 10% | 53 | €2.3M |
| Estonia | 376 kg | 265 kg | 28% | 0.26% | 11% | 3 | - |
| Finland | 504 kg | 189 kg | 42% | 0.06% | 7% | 111 | €2M |
| France | 511 kg | 136 kg | 42% | 0.24% | 18% | 542 | €21.3M |
| Germany | 627 kg | 149 kg | 66% | 0.25% | 11% | 1260 | €28.7M |
| Greece | 498 kg | 80 kg | 17% | 0.14% | 1% | 5 | €0.6M |
| Hungary | 379 kg | 175 kg | 35% | 0.23% | 5% | 36 | €0.9M |
| Ireland | 563 kg | 216 kg | 41% | 0.18% | 2% | 38 | - |
| Italy | 497 kg | 179 kg | 45% | 0.19% | 19% | 294 | €17.8M |
| Latvia | 410 kg | 110 kg | 25% | 0.18% | 3% | 11 | €0.2M |
| Lithuania | 444 kg | 119 kg | 48% | 0.15% | 4% | 19 | €0.4M |

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| Luxembourg | 614 kg | 175 kg | 48% | 0.97% | 11% | 24 | - |
| Malta | 621 kg | 76 kg | 7% | 0.12% | 10% | 1 | - |
| Netherlands | 520 kg | 541 kg | 53% | 0.17% | 27% | 169 | €5.2M |
| Poland | 307 kg | 247 kg | 44% | 0.18% | 13% | 298 | €4.7M |
| Portugal | 461 kg | 132 kg | 31% | 0.26% | 2% | 22 | €1.4M |
| Romania | 261 kg | 76 kg | 13% | 0.13% | 2% | 34 | €1.1M |
| Slovakia | 348 kg | 111 kg | 23% | 0.15% | 5% | 10 | €0.6M |
| Slovenia | 466 kg | 72 kg | 58% | 0.41% | 8% | 8 | €0.5M |
| Spain | 443 kg | 135 kg | 30% | 0.20% | 8% | 210 | €11M |
| Sweden | 443 kg | 212 kg | 49% | 0.19% | 7% | 49 | €4.1M |
| United Kingdom | 483 kg | 236 kg | 44% | 0.35% | 15% | 292 | €31M |

NOTE : Data for private investment in the circular economy sectors was not available for five countries; their overall score was calculated out of six criteria instead of seven.

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All data comes from Eurostat except for food waste estimates, which come from a report by the European Parliament. Trade in recyclable raw materials includes both imports and exports, inside and outside the EU.

[This article is part of a series on the circular economy, Getting Wasted.](#)

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