



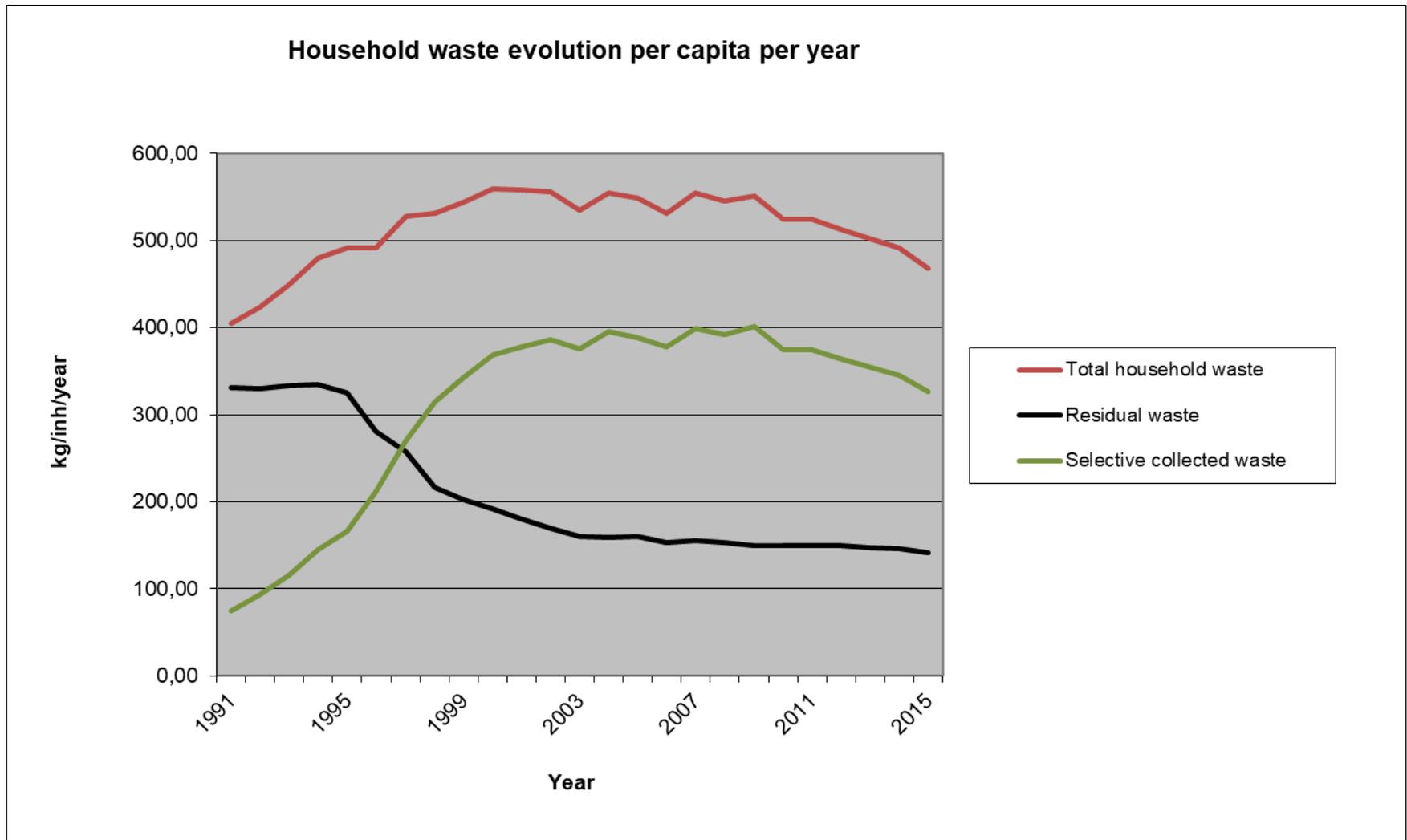
# Waste management in Flanders

Motivation and incentives for municipal waste management

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# Results of Flemish waste management (1)



# Results of Flemish waste management (2)



YEAR	2017	1991
Total household waste	470 kg/inh/year	406 kg/inh/year
Separate collection	324 kg/inh/year 69%	75 kg/inh/year 18%
Residual waste	146 kg/inh/year*	331 kg/inh/year

\*all of it incinerated with energy recovery

# Current competences in waste management in Flanders



- Flemish government (Flemish parliament)
  - Sets general policy objectives and legal framework, including what waste should minimally be collected separately
  - Approves the Flemish Waste Management Plans
- Municipalities (city councils)
  - Legally responsible for organization of collection and treatment
  - Decide how, when, by whom household waste is collected within Flemish framework
  - Fix waste-taxes to be paid by citizens
- Citizen
  - Is expected to sort household waste

# What drove municipalities to implement an ambitious policy



- Clear vision, ambitious targets, consistent planning by central government
- Ban on landfill, strict operating standards, enforcement
- Intermunicipal cooperation
- Fame and shame, transparency
- Taxes and subsidies
  - Progressive tax on landfilling (from no tax gradually higher to 106,90 €/tonne in 2019)
  - Subsidies for investments in prevention, collection, sorting and recycling
- EPR on full cost basis

# What is driving the citizen to sort waste

- Communication, communication, communication
- Municipal organization and regulations
- Taylor made service, based on local needs
  - Doorstep collection of lots of recyclables
  - A dense network of municipal civic amenity sites (1/19.335 inh)
- Generalized implementation of pay-as-you-throw
- Fines on illegal dumping or incineration of waste



# Policy relies on a continuous use of a mix of instruments

- Mix of policy instruments



# Mix of instruments

## Legal

- Permits
- Policy planning
- Municipal regulations
- Landfill ban
- EPR

## Financial

- Landfill tax
- PAYT
- Fines
- Subsidies

## Social

- Transparency
- Tailor-made service
- Communication



“83% of inhabitants in Flanders is satisfied with waste management service in his/her municipality”



Thank you for your attention

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