



Rethinking the future of Plastics – Marine Litter and the Circular Economy

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Leakage of plastics in the environment and its reasons

Behaviour

Waste collection
systems working
badly

Use of landfilling



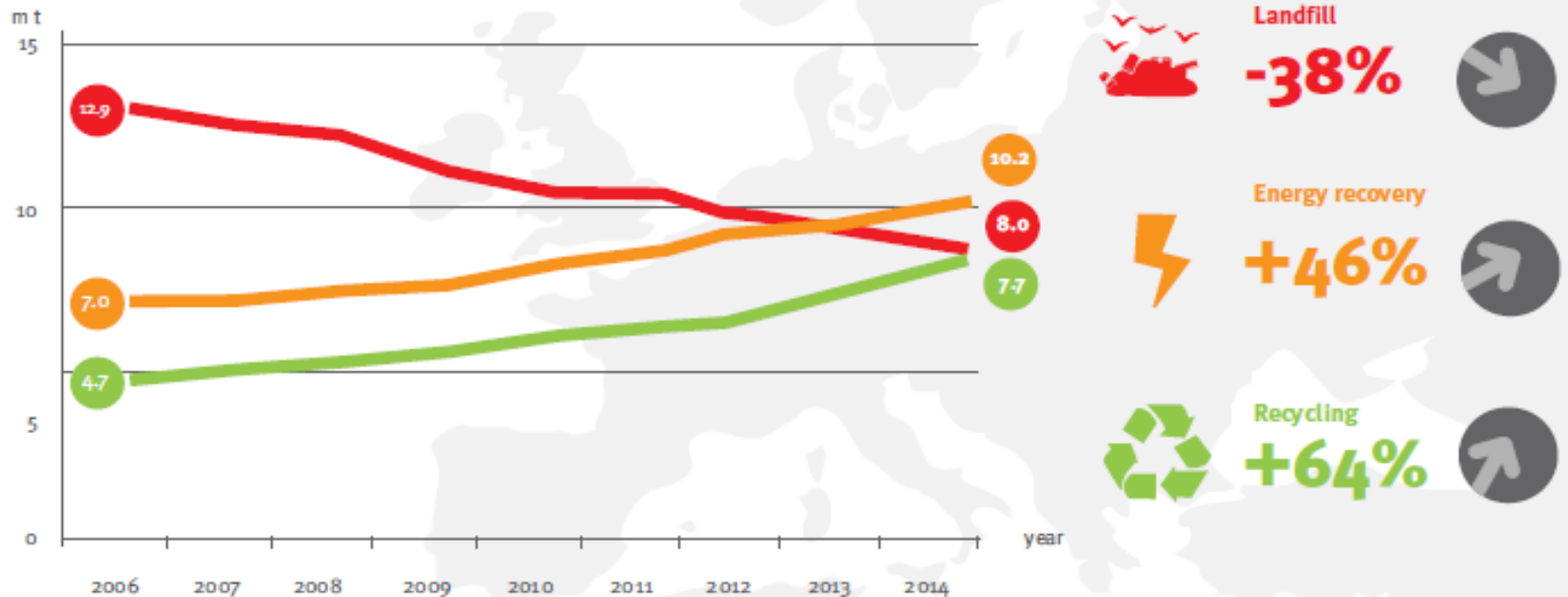
- Waste Management
- Consumer Behavior
- Global Action

Plastics Waste = Resource

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Recover

Europe: Positive Trend – But Significant Potential Untapped

The annual average of post-consumer plastics waste generation from 2006 to 2014 is 25 million tonnes



Total plastics waste recycling and energy recovery from 2006 to 2014

Source: Consultic

- Improve Collection
- Increase Consumer Awareness
- Ban Landfills

Industry led Initiatives:





Plastics

The Material for the 21st Century