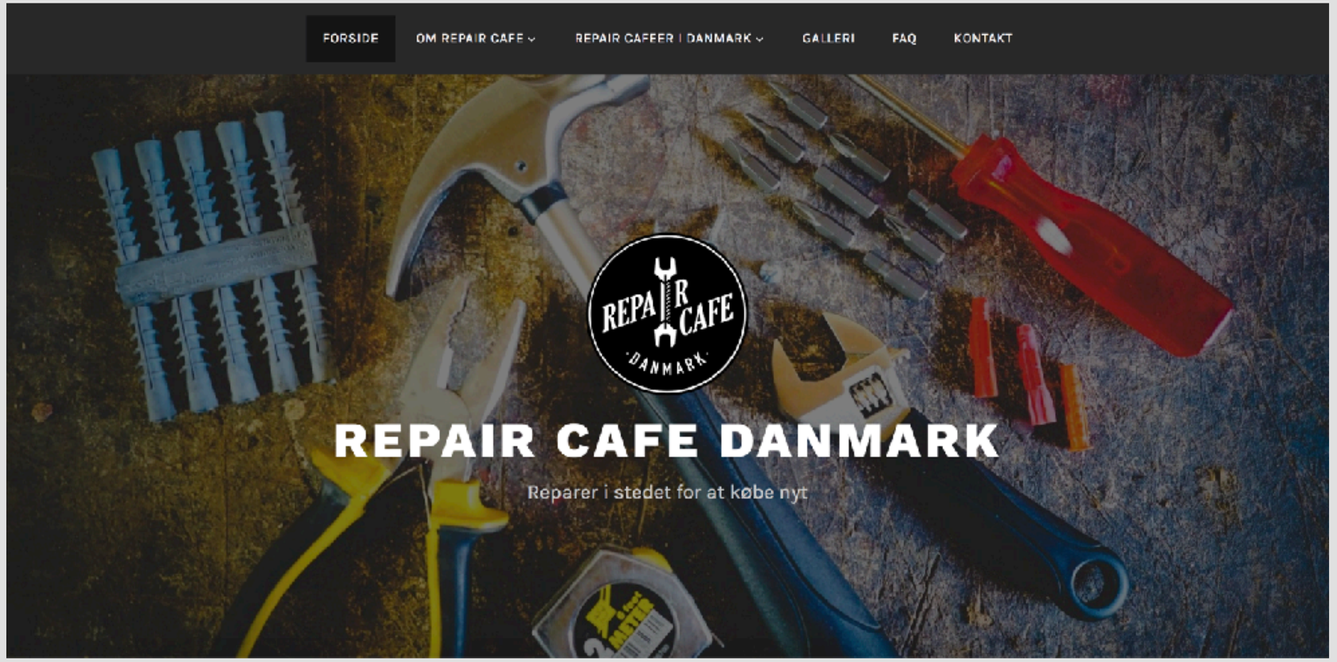
A Community Initiative:

Repair Cafe

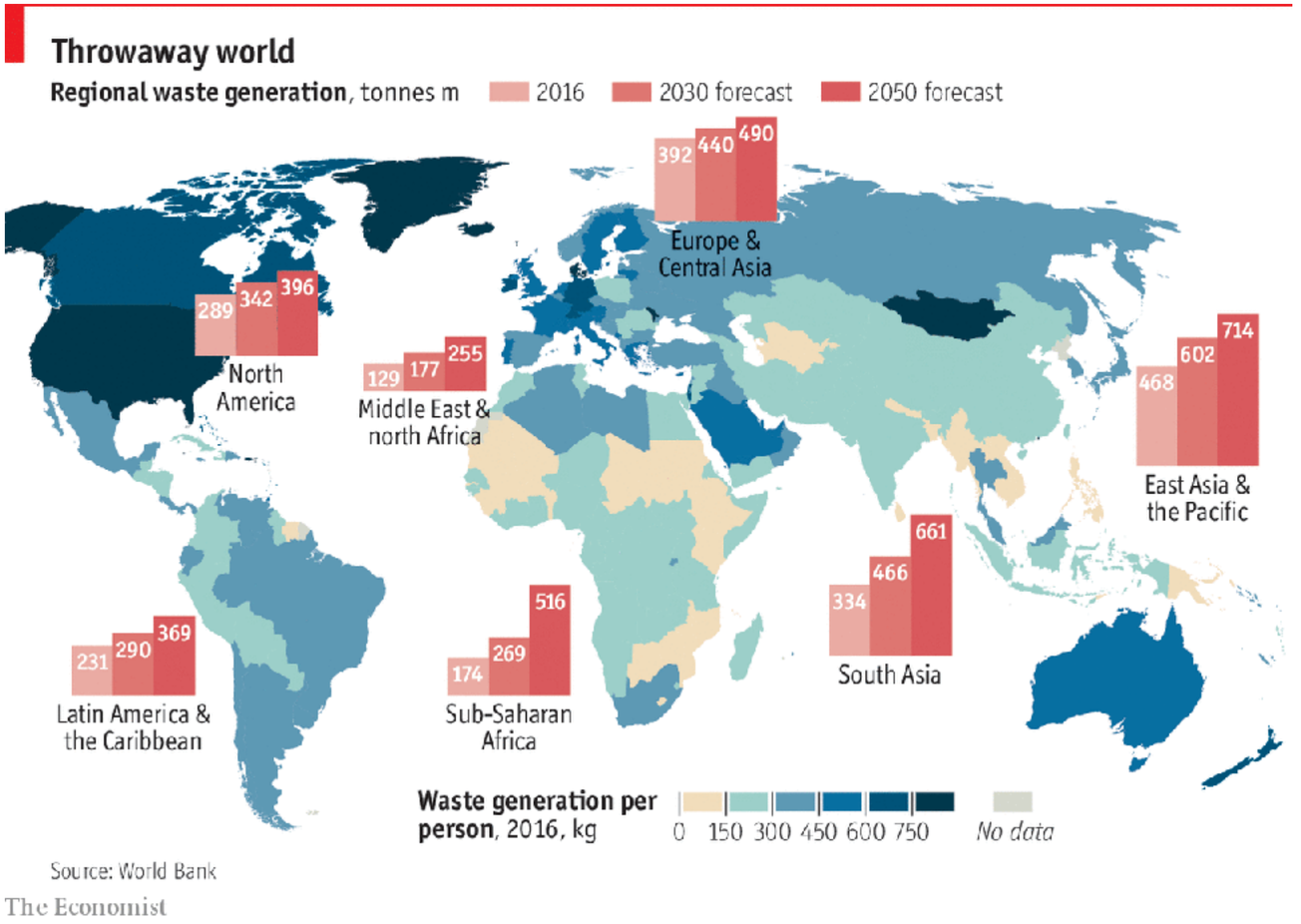
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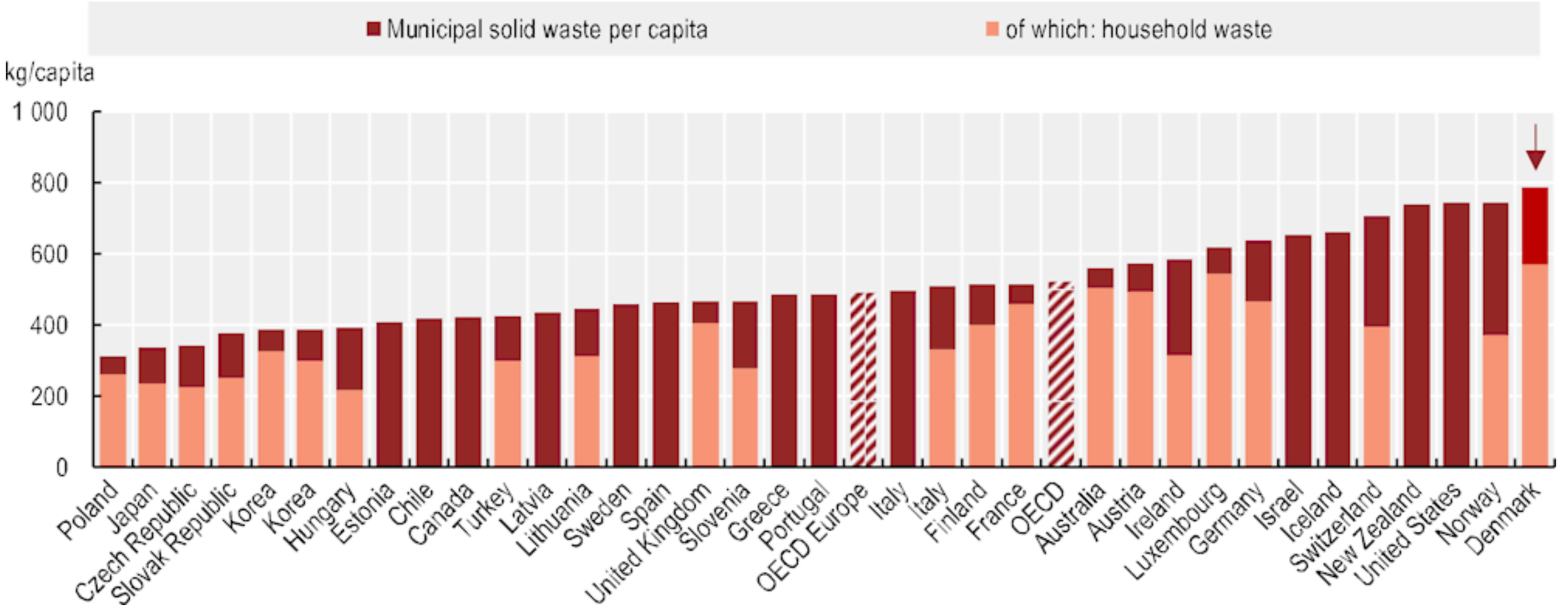


Repair Cafe History

- Founded in Amsterdam @ 2009
- Thousands in Europe
- ~80 in Denmark (primo 2023)
- Voluntary, free, community-based

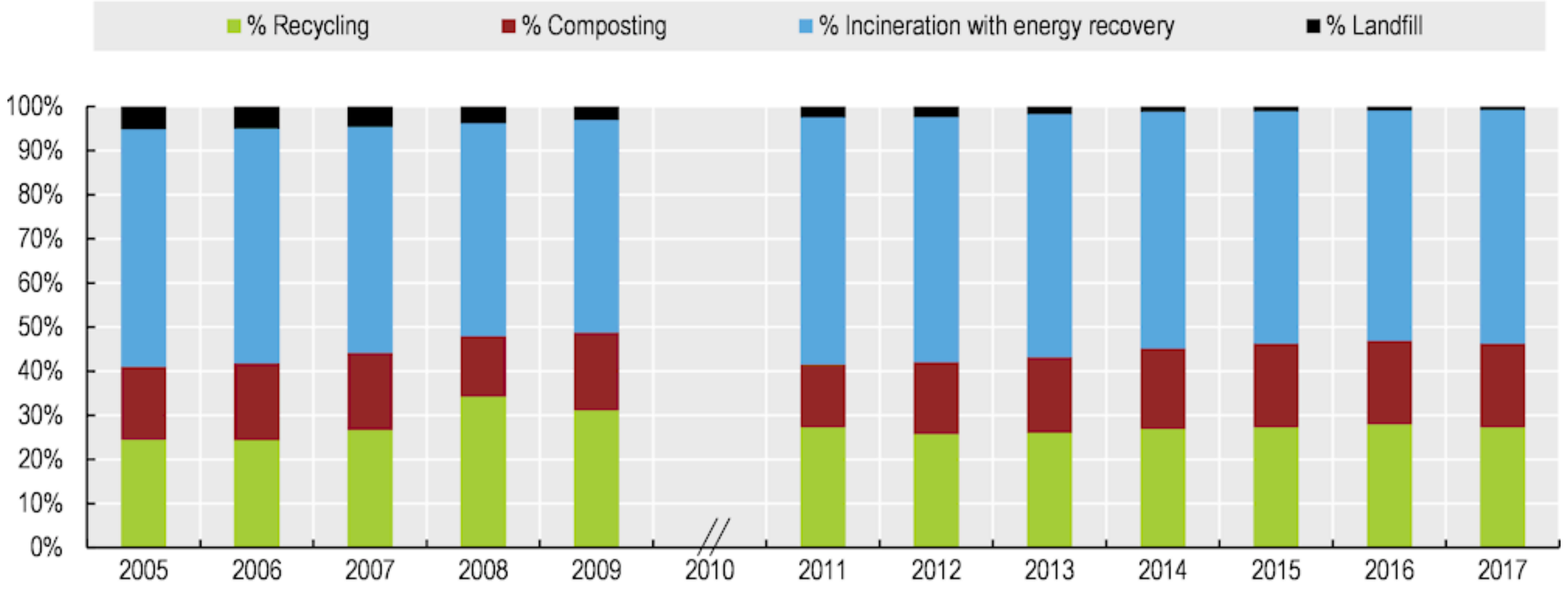
Why?


Throwaway world
Regional waste generation, tonnes m
2016
2030 forecast
2050 forecast
392 440 490
Europe & Central Asia
289 342 396
North America
129 177 255
Middle East & north Africa
468 602 714
East Asia & the Pacific
334 466 661
South Asia
174 269 516
Sub-Saharan Africa
231 290 369
Latin America & the Caribbean
Waste generation per person, 2016, kg
0 150 300 450 600 750
No data
Source: World Bank
The Economist



Source: OECD iLibrary

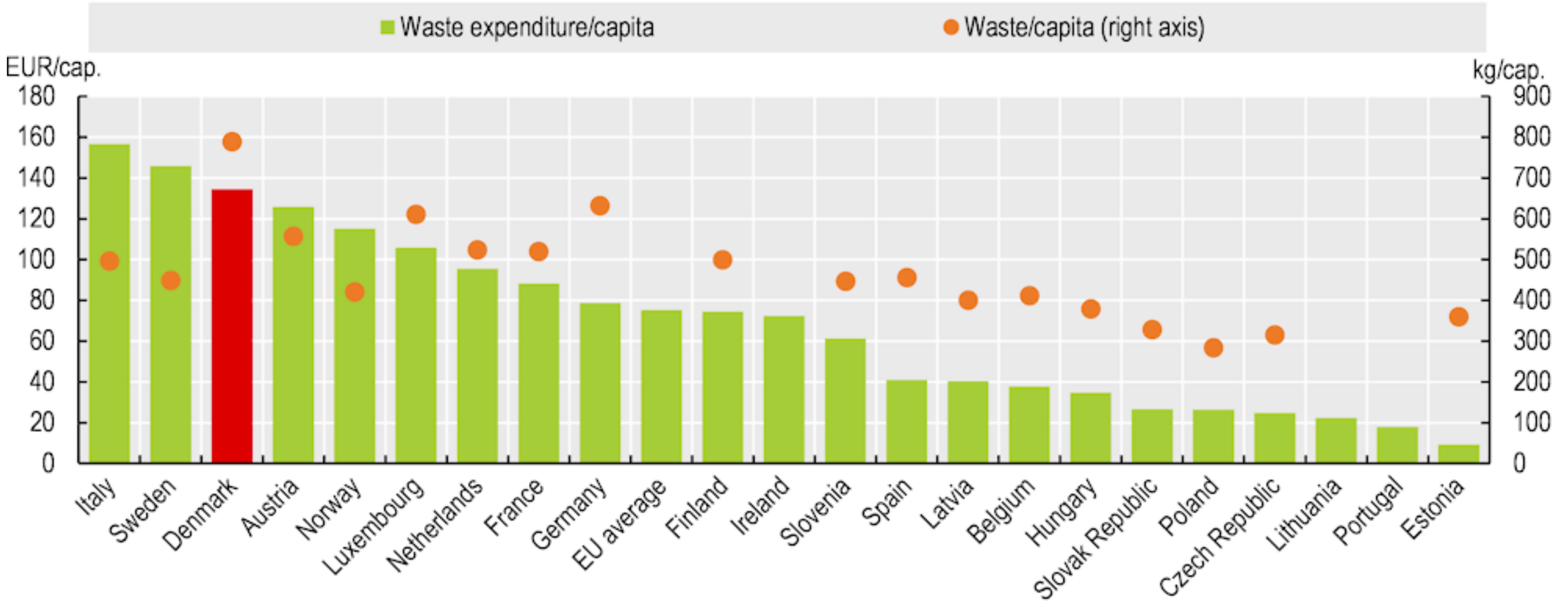
Municipal waste treatment, 2005-17



Note: 2010 data are not available, break in time series in 2011; recycling rates maybe underestimated due to lack of reporting.
Source: OECD (2019), "Municipal waste generation and treatment", *OECD Environment Statistics* (database).

Source: OECD iLibrary

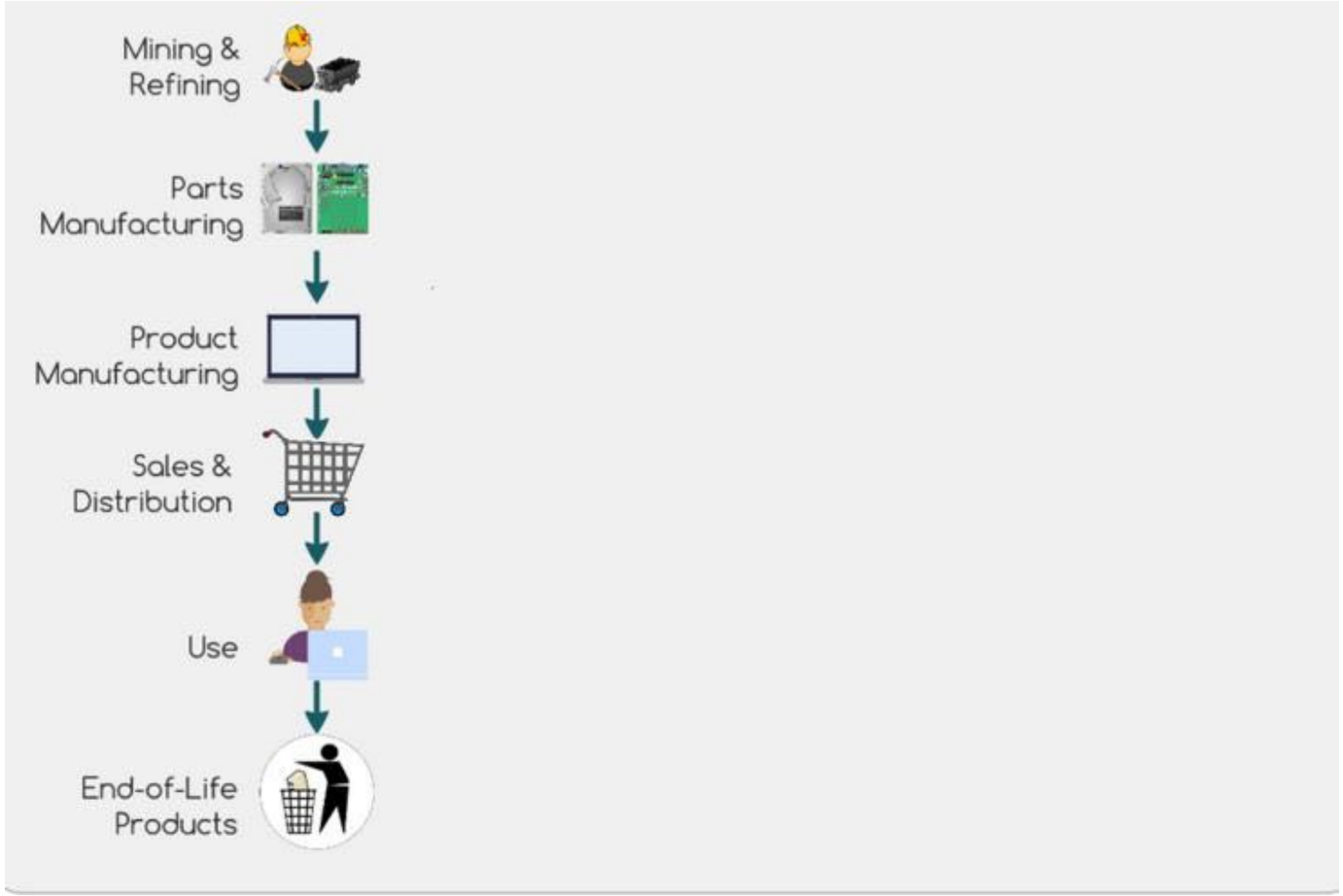
Final consumption expenditure for waste management, EU countries of the OECD, 2015



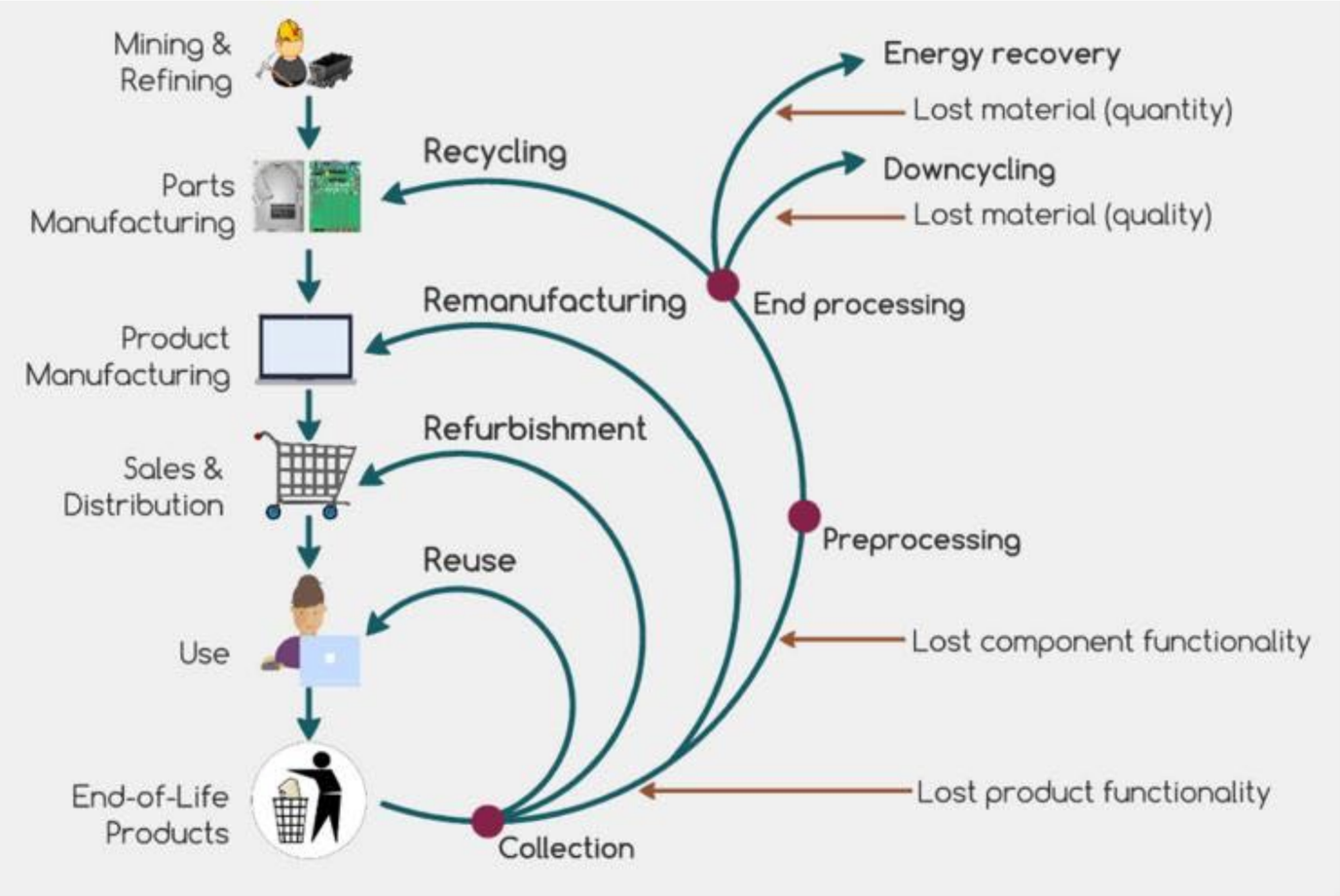
a) Includes waste generated by the household and service sectors.
Source: Eurostat (2018), "National expenditure on environmental protection by economic characteristics", *Environmental Protection Expenditure* (database); OECD (2018), "Municipal waste generation and treatment", *OECD Environment Statistics* (database).

Source: OECD iLibrary

Linear ecomony



Cirkular economy



Source: researchgate.net

How does a Reapir Cafe work?

- Physical presence locally – Cafe, Library, Community Center
- 1 - 2 openings per month, typ. Saturday
- Users (not ‘customers’) arrive with a broken item
- Item is registered
- Get coffee and wait
- Fixer assigned
- Repair is done together
- No payment – but coffeebox



All fixers are volunteers

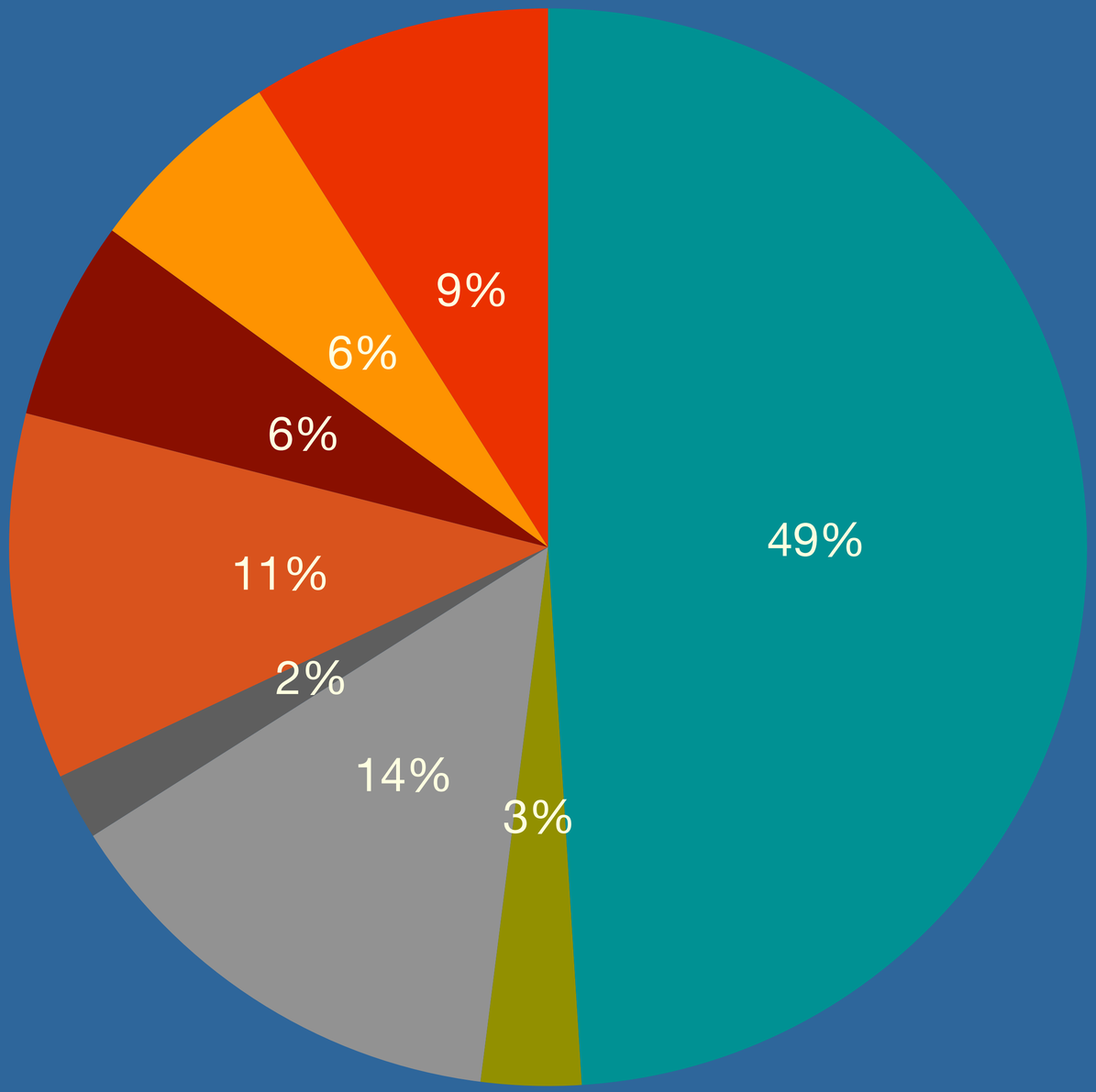


Donations/sponsors for tools

All repairs are registered

~2000 fixers
40.000 users
50/50% clothes / electronics
Succes rate: 80-90%
Estimated 2023: 250 tons of waste saved

Distribution



- Clothes
- Toys
- Electronics
- Phones
- Other
- Lamps
- Computers
- Appliances




Gratis
REPAIR CAFE














1 AFSKAF FATTIGDOM
2 STOP SULT
3 SUNDHED OG TRIVSEL
4 KVALITETS-UDDANNELSE
5 LIGESTILLING MELLEM KØNNENE
6 RENT VAND OG SANITET
7 BÆREDYGTIG ENERGI
8 ANSTÆNDIGE JOBS OG ØKONOMISK VÆKST
9 INDUSTRI, INNOVATION OG INFRASTRUKTUR
10 MINDRE ULIGHED
11 BÆREDYGTIGE BYER OG LOKALSAMFUND
12 ANSVARLIGT FORBRUG OG PRODUKTION
13 KLIMA-INDSATS
14 LIVET I HAVET
15 LIVET PÅ LAND
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17 PARTNERSKAB FOR HANDLING
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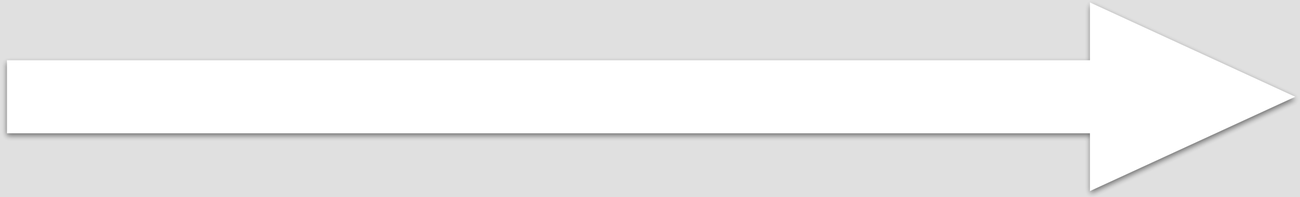
Impact!

1. Change Consumer behaviour

- Stop buy-and throw-away attitude

2. Higher production standards

- Stop producing non-repairable and non-maintainable products with short lifespan



REPAIR MANIFESTO

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT

IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT, YOU DON'T OWN IT.

REPAIR IS BETTER THAN RECYCLING

Making our things last longer is both more efficient and more cost-effective than mining them for raw materials.

REPAIR SAVES YOU MONEY

Fixing things is often free, and usually cheaper than replacing them. Doing the repair yourself saves you money.

REPAIR TEACHES ENGINEERING

The best way to find out how something works is to take it apart.

REPAIR SAVES THE PLANET

Earth has limited resources. Eventually we will run out.
The best way to be efficient is to reuse what we already have.



Social Impact









Community activation, interaction and cooperation

Experience w. Volunteers

- It’s not a ‘**job**’
- Recruiting is **difficult**
- Management is **complicated**
- Motivation is **sensitive**
- Rewarding is **risky**
- Community is **important**
- Commitment is **volatile**
- Planning is **impossible**

Volunteer Motivational factors

The good cause
It makes a difference
Gain good concience
Community / Teamwork
Significance
Fun/interest
Conscience

… it’s all very Human!

Pitfalls

DON'T:
Enforce
Require
Expect
Divide
Reward (what?!?)

DO:
Listen
Be democratic
Be Patient
Communicate
Encourage

The typical Fixer

- Retired (meaningful occupaton)
- Professional or Amateur Craftsperson
- Graduate (create CV)
- Unemployed (CV, prevent depression)
- Single (community)

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