

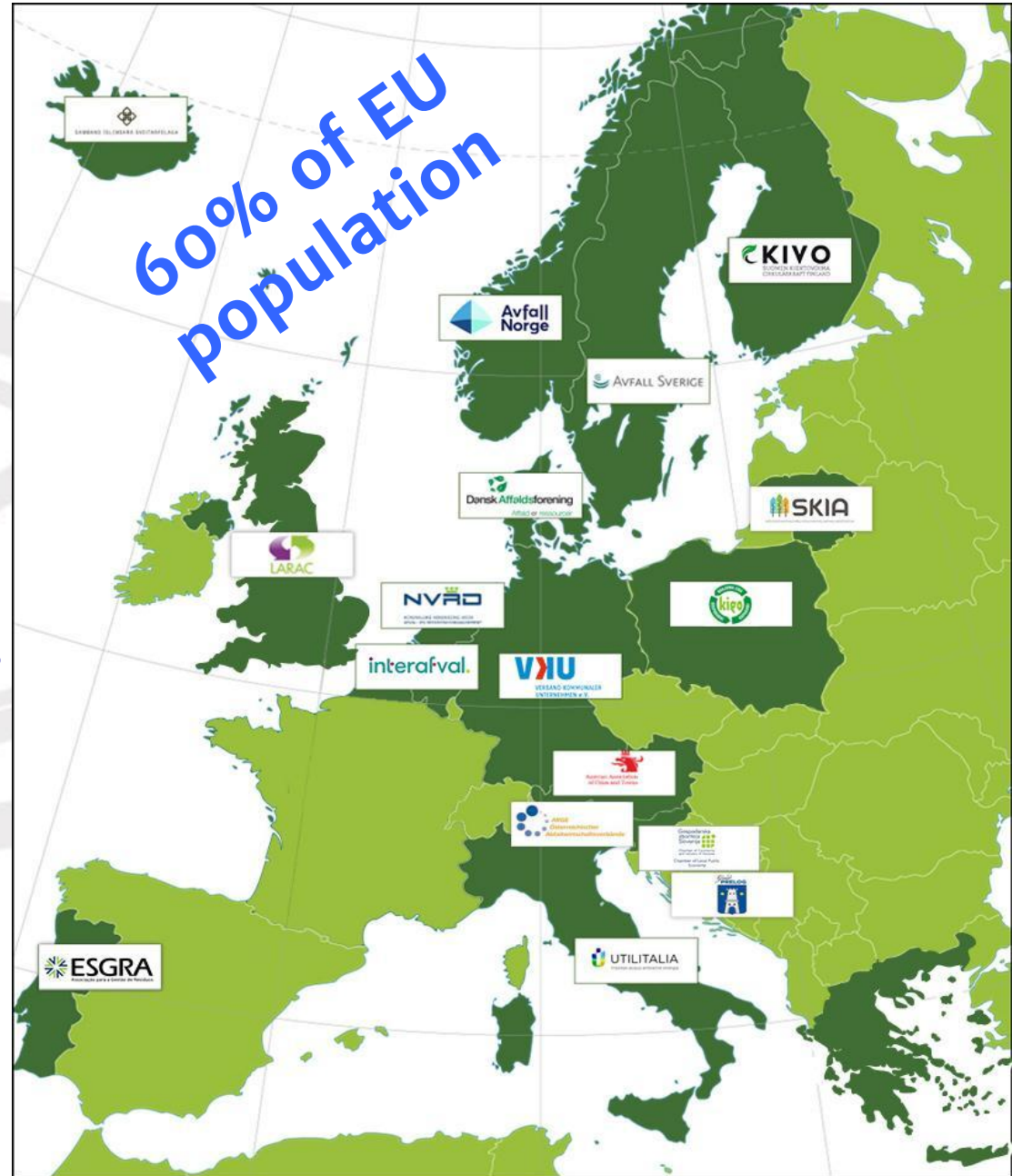
Circular Textiles Update

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**MWE members:
16 members from 15
countries and 2
observers**

**Municipalities are
responsible for the
recovery of resources
from households**



WHO WE ARE

- **National Associations of Municipalities** responsible for waste management and **their waste management companies**
- We represent those Responsible for the provision of the **service of general interest** that is **waste management**
- We are committed to **sustainable waste management** which **promotes resource efficiency** and a **circular economy**

'Circularity for Textiles'

- **8 Oct:** Short meeting with the fashion and textiles industry (public affairs manager of the Global Fashion Agenda - GFA)
- **GFA** started a round of meetings with key stakeholders across the whole textiles value chain with the view to elaborating joint positions on relevant aspects of the circularity for textiles in view of the upcoming CEAP 2.0 and Circular Economy framework on Textiles.

MWE EG on 'Circularity for Textiles'

- First Online meeting (26 Nov). Members agreed **4 Online Meetings per year. Elected Chair: Sini Ilmonen (LSJH, KIVO Finland).**
- **Discussion on:** The current state of play of textile waste (collection and waste treatment) across the participating MWE Members.
- **Key points raised:**
 - *In most countries textile waste is collected by charitable organisations. In some countries municipalities have the authority to decide which entities can collect textile waste whereas in others their role is limited.*

MWE EG on 'Circularity for Textiles'

- *Key points raised:*
 - *Producers are only dealing with textiles that can be easily reprocessed and reused, leaving out those that need to be recycled (cherry-picking).*
 - *Better quality of the collected material, collection at national level, high-quality sorting/recycling and effective EPR systems are the biggest challenges.*
 - *Multi-speed Europe on the level of ambition, and policy action on textile waste.*

MWE EG on 'Circularity for Textiles'

- *Key points raised:*
 - *Most of the non-collected textile waste ends up in mixed waste and thus going to WtE.*
 - *Pilot/Research projects on technologies and processes (e.g. optical identification supporting open fibres in mechanical sorting, mechanical/chemical recycling)*
 - *Some shops/retailers have set up take-back systems covering only a small quantity of textiles while some big brands/retailers promote second-hand clothing.*

MWE Building Alliances

MWE in contact with:

- **EURIC:** Umbrella organisation for the recycling industries in Europe representing companies involved in the collection, processing, recycling, transport and trade of a variety of recyclables (metals, paper, plastics, glass and beyond) across Europe.
- **RREUSE:** Umbrella organisation representing social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling.

I welcome your questions

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