



Precycling Premiums & Extended Producer Responsibility

INTRODUCTION





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THE PRECYLING PREMIUM IS AN IDEA FROM BLINDSPOT THINK TANK (2006)









An economic instrument for zero waste, economic growth and sustainability

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Abstract



SYSTEMIC ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS FOR ENERGY, CLIMATE AND GLOBAL SECURITY

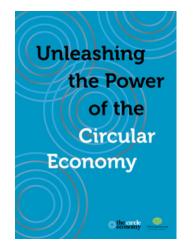
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Abstract: Energy security, climate stability, sustainable development, economic growth and national security are codependent goals; either all will be achieved or none. This global security goal-set will remain elusive with prevailing 'patchwork' policy-making. Irreversible failure with one or more of the goals may be avoidable with a non-











WHAT ARE PRECYCLING PREMIUMS?



- Precycling = planning for non-waste. What we can do now to stop resources ending up later as waste in ecosystems
- Market-based instrument
- Producers pay an obligatory premium depending on the quantifiable risk of products becoming waste in ecosystems
- Premiums invested in reducing the waste-risk
- Premiums can be reduced by cutting the waste-risk



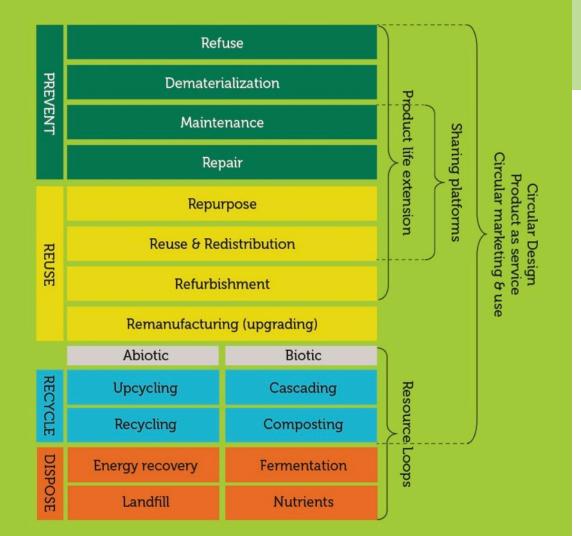
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- All products can be precycled
- Form of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- Extension of 'recycling insurance' offered by Swedish insurer Elektronikåtervinning for WEEE









CIRCULAR LADDER

Source: De Groene Zaak, 2015

Towards a circular economy

Should **E**xtended **P**roducer **R**esponsability re-invent itself?



- EU: dozens of schemes, widely varying results
- Producer Responsibility Organisations bring together a variety of actors and make them work together. Such a collaborative approach is needed to make the circular economy reality
- Companies desire uniformity
- Precycling can meet Guiding Principles for EPR
- EC: EPR can play an important role for the transition to a circular economy. The CE package proposal includes minimum requirements for EPR







FOR ILLUSTRATION: DIFFERENCES WITH AFVALFONDS VERPAKKINGEN



	Afvalfonds Verpakkingen	Precycling Premiums
Fee depends on	Waste management costs	Waste risk
Funds invested in	Waste management systems, litter prevention campaigns, KIDV, example projects	Waste risk reduction – obligatory
Incentive for product redesign etc.	No (not directly)	Yes
Fee goes down with circularity	Not necessarily	Yes
All sectors covered, EU wide	No	Yes



PURPOSE FOR TODAY



- Hear your comments and ideas
- Do you think precycling premiums offer a viable perspective?
- Which questions and issues does that raise?
 Obstacles, objections and ways to overcome them
- What strategy could lead to system change?
- What can I&M do with precycling premiums?

