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How do we access to the information and participation to the right to live in clean, healthy and sustainable environment (social impact on the circular economy)

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All people depend on the environment in which we live. A safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment is integral to the full enjoyment of a wide range of human rights, including the rights to life, health, food, clean drinking water and sanitation.

Without a healthy environment, we will not be able to achieve our goals. We will not even be able to live at a level that meets the minimum standards of human dignity.

The main goal of the circular economy is to ensure that natural resources consumed in production are given an indefinite lifespan by reusing waste generated in production and products when they become waste.

However, there is no systematic approach to circular economy issues, which has a negative impact on the environment and human health. This is important to consider with the following statistics.
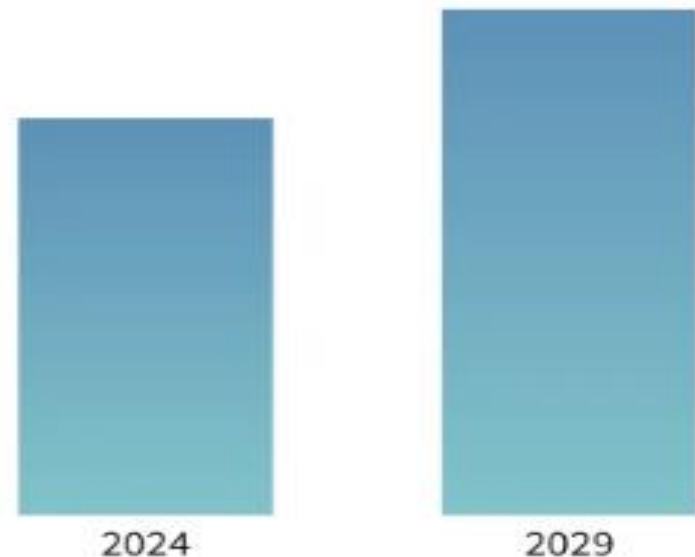
The waste management market worldwide was valued at US$383.83 billion in 2023 and waste is expected to grow at a CAGR of 5% until 2026. Along with economic growth and population growth in the world, the consumption of resources is increasing and, accordingly, the release of large amounts of waste into the environment

[https://www.mordorintelligence.com/industry-reports/global-waste-management-market].

Global Waste Management Market

Market Size

CAGR 5%

2024   2029

Source : Mordor Intelligence

The growth of the global waste management market is driven by an increase in the adoption of proactive government measures to reduce illegal dumping.

COVID-19 impacted the waste management industry from the focus of segment shift; as during lockdown, the residential segment generated more amount of waste as compared to industrial and commercial centers, as industries and offices were partially or completely shut.

However, reviving economies and resuming production activities along with start of vaccination drives in numerous countries will increase the amount of waste generation and lead to re-initiation of waste recycle industry and waste management companies at their full-scale capacity.

Source: https: //www.mordorintelligence.com/industry-re

Serious problems arise due to pollution, e.g. the presence of pollutants in the environment that can cause destructive effects on the environment [https://www.numbeo.com/pollution/rankings_by_country.jsp?title=2022].

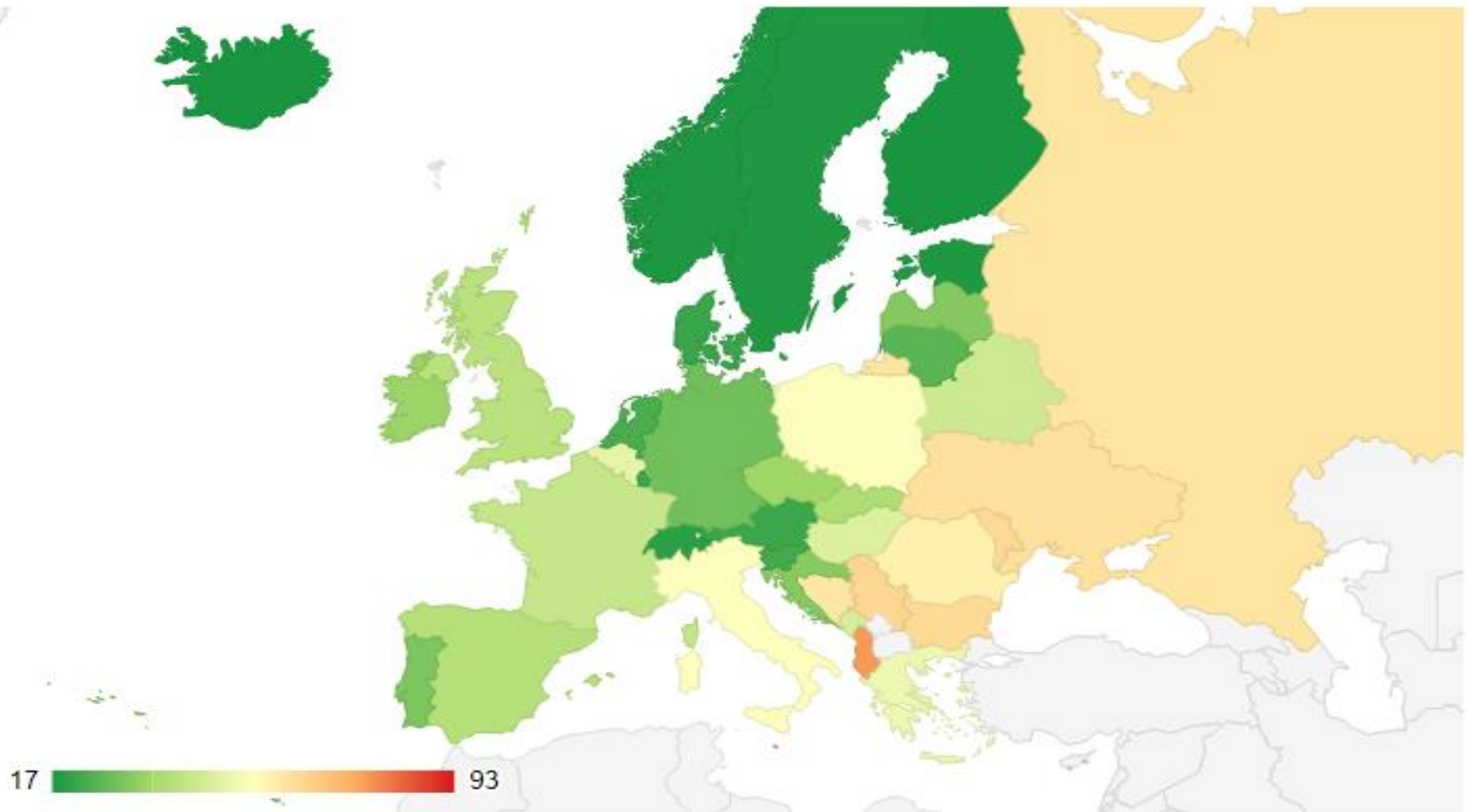## Europe: Pollution Index by Country 2023

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Chart: Pollution Index

The objectives of the circular economy may include:

✓ waste reduction;

✓ increasing the competitiveness of the economy;

✓ eliminating future resource shortages;

✓ reducing the impact of production and consumption on the environment;

✓ development of innovative closed-loop business models;

✓ creation of new jobs;

✓ attracting new customers and increasing their loyalty;

✓ increasing the efficiency of resources in production.
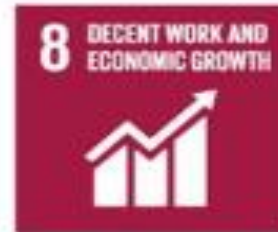
✓ restoration of the natural environment

The circular economy is inextricably linked to the concept of "sustainable development", defined in 1987 by the Brundtland Report as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

The outcome document of the UN Sustainable Development Summit, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", contains 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) [Take Action for the Sustainable Development Goals. URL:

https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/

Act for Our Common Future

A HEALTHY PLANET

Save energy at home

Change your home's source of energy

Walk, bike or take public transport

Switch to an electric vehicle

Consider your travel

Reduce, reuse, repair and recycle

Throw away less food

Eat more vegetables

Plant native species

Make your money count

Clean up your environment

Speak up

A JUST SOCIETY

Stand up for gender equality

Teach children about equality

Sponsor a scholarship

Fundraise for schools

Support a food bank

Model self-care

Know your rights

Advocate for quality health care

Understand and help reduce mental health stigmas

Champion accessibility and inclusion

Teach children about equality

Children pick up ideas about the world literally from the day they are born. Be a good role model for equality and fairness in how you speak and behave– children will mimic what you do. Listen to children and encourage them to think about how others might look or live differently. Monitor social and other media and even books and toys to avoid those perpetrating gender, racial or other stereotypes. Be mindful that gender stereotypes can be limiting for boys as well as girls.
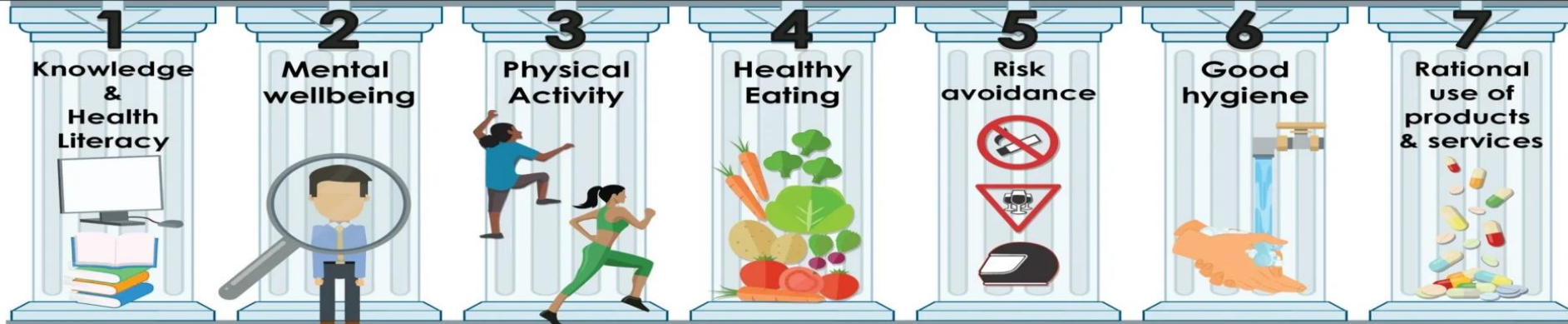
Model self-care

It's simple. Take care of yourself. Stop work early. Go for a walk. Sleep until you wake. Plant a garden or do anything that gives you joy. You'll be happier and healthier. Our hurried, frenzied world needs to slow down – and each of us can be a starting point. Make self-care a regular practice, and even if you are feeling under stress, you'll be able to better cope. Different pillars of self-care include mental, emotional, physical, environmental, spiritual, recreational and social. Pick the ones that work best for you.

Understand and help reduce mental health stigmas

Many people will experience some kind of mental health concern at some point in their lives. Yet stigma means many of us will suffer in silence. The costs are tragic; every 40 seconds, someone dies of suicide somewhere in the world. If you feel comfortable, be upfront with friends and family members about your own mental health – just like you might with any other health issue. Speak up if you hear discouraging or discriminatory comments, and seek treatment if you need it. Educate yourself to be aware of mental health risks in yourself and those you love – and know what resources you can access for assistance.

SEVEN PILLARS OF SELF-CARE

1 Knowledge & Health Literacy

2 Mental wellbeing

3 Physical Activity

4 Healthy Eating

5 Risk avoidance

6 Good hygiene

7 Rational use of products & services

A BETTER ECONOMY

Donate to charities

Mentor young people

Advocate for better work

Pay fair tips and wages

Purchase fair-trade products

Buy from employee-friendly businesses

Green your tourism

Join the circular economy

Use green building materials
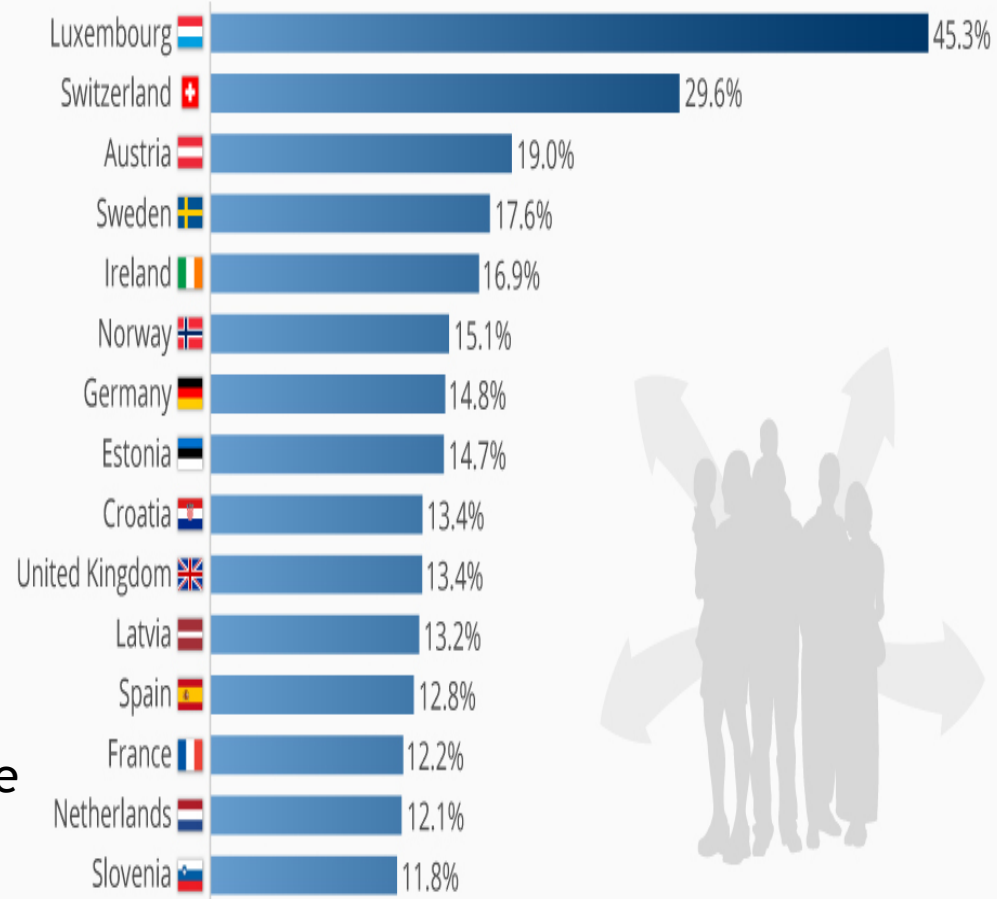
Do your fair share at home

Advantages of legal migration

First, safe and legal migration benefits everyone: migrants contribute to meeting the needs of the labor market and the economic growth of their host countries. And in general, we all know that the demographic situation in Europe requires - and will continue to require - the presence of migrants in the labor market.

Migrants also provide support to their families and communities back home. Take money transfers, for example. In 2022 alone, according to the World Bank, low- and middle-income countries received $626 billion. This is more than three times the Official Development Assistance budget! For many countries and communities, these translations are vital. Specifically, in 2022, the Middle East and North Africa region received US$63 billion and Sub-Saharan Africa received US$53 billion.

The European countries home to the most migrants
Countries where international migrants account for the largest share of total population*

Country	Share
Luxembourg	45.3%
Switzerland	29.6%
Austria	19.0%
Sweden	17.6%
Ireland	16.9%
Norway	15.1%
Germany	14.8%
Estonia	14.7%
Croatia	13.4%
United Kingdom	13.4%
Latvia	13.2%
Spain	12.8%
France	12.2%
Netherlands	12.1%
Slovenia	11.8%

Migrant stock estimates produced using data referring to the 'foreign-born population'. For Croatia, the number of refugees was also included in the estimate.

* 2017 mid-year estimates. Countries with a population >500,000.

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A WORLD WORKING TOGETHER

Report harassment

Protest discrimination

Practice solidarity

Keep an open mind

Seek diverse friendships

Learn about a different culture

Post with care on social media

Study a new language

Mobilize for the Sustainable Development Goals

Follow reliable news sources

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