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Subject: Recycling in Member States

Improved waste management helps to reduce health and environmental problems, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and avoids negative impacts at local level, such as landscape deterioration due to landfilling, local water and air pollution, and littering. In 2010 total waste production in the EU amounted to 2.5 billion tonnes. Only a limited, albeit increasing, share (36 %) of this amount was recycled. The rest was landfilled or incinerated. Some 600 million tonnes of this could have been recycled or reused. Large differences in recycling rates across Europe suggest that there are significant opportunities to increase recycling in many countries.

What is the European Union doing to help Member States to find alternatives to the use of solid waste disposal facilities and to increase the amount of recycling?