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Subject: Waste-to-energy plants

Waste-based energy plants in the European Union generate heat and electricity for approximately 15 million inhabitants of the Union, which makes such facilities an important part of the Union's integrated waste management system. The 450 waste-to-energy plants of the European Union process about 80 million tonnes of waste per year. Croatia has two key problems to resolve, and these are the stabilisation of the electricity grid through investment in new sources of electricity, but also the introduction of a system for effective and sustainable waste management.

Croatia's orientation to waste-based energy plants would contribute to solving both problems, i.e. the stabilisation of the electricity grid and waste management, but also to the reduction of imports of and dependence on fossil fuels, which means a diversification of energy sources and leads to a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

What programmes, other than those of the cohesion policy, has the European Commission at its disposal which could contribute to the development of waste-to-energy plants in Croatia?