

Dublin's Waste Collection is amongst the best in Europe.

Thursday, 28th January 2016 Municipal waste collection in Dublin is outperforming London, Berlin, Paris and Rome as well as most other EU Capital cities, a new study from the European Commission has shown.

The study, '[Assessment of separate collection schemes in the 28 capitals of the EU](#)', was led by the Copenhagen Resource Institute and German consultancy BiPRO and assessed the legislation and practice of separate collection systems for waste across the 28 EU member states.

The study assessed the separate waste collection schemes (kerbside collections, bring centres and civic amenity sites) for metal, plastic, glass, paper and bio-waste in the 28 capitals of the European Member states. These materials have been identified as the priority waste streams for recovery and recycling by the EU. The report is due to be presented tomorrow (Friday 29th January) at a seminar in Brussels organised by the EU Commission.

Caroline Walsh, Vice Chair of the Irish Waste Management Association, who is attending the seminar in Brussels, said; "This report shows that Dublin's waste collection systems are working very well for the benefit of the city, its citizens and the environment. The vast majority of householders in Dublin are now able to source segregate their waste into dry recyclables, bio-waste and residual waste fractions. This is not the case in many of the 28 EU Capital cities".

"We're outperforming major cities like London, Berlin, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Rome and Dubliners should be very proud of this achievement. Indeed, Ireland as a whole has gone from having relatively little recycling in 2000 to currently having one of the highest recycling rates in Europe^[1]", she said. "The good result was achieved by a combination of efforts by the people of Dublin, the waste industry and the local authorities, with support from REPAK and the Department of Environment".

The Report finds that:

- Dublin has the lowest waste generation rate of all the EU capital cities at 270kg per capita per annum.
- Dublin has the third highest capture rate in the 28 capital cities for the priority recycling materials (metal, plastic, glass, paper and

^[1] Eurostat Data

bio-waste). Only Ljubljana and Tallin performed better in this regard.

- 51% of these five materials are captured for recycling in Dublin's waste collection system.
- By comparison, just 37% of these materials are captured in Berlin and less than 20% captured in Amsterdam, Paris, Brussels, Rome, Athens, Madrid and Lisbon.

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About the IWMA:

The Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA) is a trade association for waste management companies in Ireland. Our 36 member companies operate to the highest industry standards and have signed up to the Rules of the Association, that ensure that they provide waste management services to the public and to businesses in a professional and ethical manner. Our member companies employ 4,200 people directly and have a combined annual financial turnover of €645 million.

IWMA members collect 75% of the household waste currently managed in Ireland and the vast bulk of the commercial, industrial and hazardous wastes. Our members processed approximately 3.5 million tonnes of waste at our 65 non-hazardous and 10 hazardous waste facilities in 2013. The bulk of this waste was recycled or otherwise recovered.

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