

Seminar in the European Parliament - Animation film with Ray Cokes

Final call early bird ELFM III Symposium - Infographic about landfills in Europe



On 20-10-2015 the first ever EFLM Seminar took place in the European Parliament. The event, which was **four DGs of the European Commission (ENV, ENERGY, GROW and RTD)** along with leading actors representing industry, academia and public bodies. The event was attended by **almost 100 people** who actively debated the landfill (mining) situation in Europe. It was agreed that the EU-28 urgently requires thorough inventories of its landfills and needs to develop a **clear vision with respect to the management**

[Click here for the 5-minute video summarizing in the highlights of this event.](#)

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MTV-star Ray Cokes, this 3 minute video targets the general public and explains the benefits of landfill mining in a **straightforward and easy** to understand way. The film proved to be an **instant hit**.

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The deadline for the early bird registration is approaching fast (30-10-2015).

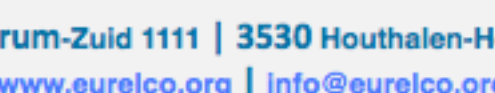
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Building upon the first two editions which were held in the vicinity of the Reno landfill site in Moudenaer-Helchteren (Belgium), this Symposium is expected to attract once more 150 to 200 leading ELFM academics, industry and public body representatives, as well as civil society actors. The participants will exchange and debate their experiences and research results in the field of ELFM, being "the integrated valorisation of landfilled waste streams as materials and energy, using innovative transformation and upcycling technologies while respecting the most stringent social and ecological criteria".



EURELCO, in collaboration with I-Cleantech Flanders, has formally published an infographic combining new data on the landfill situation in the EU-28. Based on a **bottom-up approach** data were collected from several public bodies in Europe. The headlines messages from this bottom-up inventory are:

- The figure for the total amount of landfills in Europe is most likely even bigger than initially thought. With a reasonable safety level we can now state that Europe hosts **more than 500,000 landfills**.
- **90% of those landfills are in reality non-sanitary landfills**, predating the Landfill Directive (1999). In most cases non-sanitary landfills lack the required environmental protection technologies and will eventually require costly remediation. The Landfill Directive is therefore rather irrelevant for at least 450,000 landfills.
- Around **80% of Europe's landfills essentially contain Urban Solid Waste**, while only 20% are landfills containing more specific industrial wastes and residues. The most important difference between these type of landfills is that the former are typically publically owned, while the latter are privately owned.

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