

# Waste management in Hungarian households



## László Kökény

Senior Researcher Climate & Energy Policy Advisory kokeny.laszlo@szazadveg.hu

# **Research background**





## Methodology and sample



7

CATI



RESEARCH DATE





MEASURING WASTE MANAGEMENT FEATURES OF HOUSEHOLDS



## **SELECTED FINDINGS**

# The importance of motivators



### Soft motivators are more important



## Positive waste management attitude is in the centre 🚸 SzázadvéG

Nevertheless, something gets stuck in the way of actual behaviour



# The gap between attitude & actual behaviour & SzázadvéG

## The importance of knowledge and information



A general positive attitude is present, however, the circumstances of the households also play a key role

## Key indicators beyond households' activites



Households are not the main responsible parties



Technological development of waste management

# Quality of consumed products



## **SUMMARY**

# **Conclusions and recommendations**







## THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!

## KOKENY.LASZLO@SZAZADVEG.HU



### Szazadveg Webinar Budapest, 25th October 2022



Ministry of Technology and Industry

# Circular economy – Waste management – Waste prevention

Szilvia Szentesi

legal officer, Ministry of Technology and Industry

 $\rightarrow$  creating incentives for the participants in the sector

 $\rightarrow$  measures to ensure reusability and recyclability, sustainable product policy

**Our priorities:** 

 $\rightarrow$  waste prevention





Commitments	<ul> <li>Climate and Environmental Protection Action Plan – Hungarian comm</li> <li>EU directives – waste management directives, SUP directive</li> </ul>	
Measures to help prever waste and the market fo secondary raw materials	<ul> <li>Elimination and prevention of illegal dumping, sanctions from 1 March 2021</li> <li>Restructuring the waste management sector:         <ul> <li>→ Making the public authority system more efficient</li> <li>→ Introduction of a concession system from 1 July 2023</li> </ul> </li> <li>Introducing deposit refund system for glass and plastic bottles and m from 1 January 2024</li> <li>Placing on the market restrictions of single-use plastic products from</li> </ul>	2020 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTION PLAN metal cans n 1 July 2021







#### Additional requirements:

- mandatory separate collection of textile waste from 1 January 2025;
- mandatory separate collection of bio-waste from 31 December 2023;
- Prevention: 50% reduction of food waste at retail and consumer level by 2030;
- Extended producer responsibility: extended producer responsibility schemes established before 4 July 2018 to comply with the requirements of the WFD by 5 January 2023;
- Single-use plastic beverage bottles: achieve 90% take-back rate by 2029. They shall contain at least 30% recycled plastic from 2030;
- SUP Directive requirements for single-use plastics.



Separate collection



Reuse, recycling

Source: TIM

### **National Waste Prevention Programme**



The National Waste Prevention Programme is part of the National Waste Management Plan 2021-27.

#### **Objectives:**

- introduce measures that promote the decoupling of resource use
- reduce material use and waste generation
- contribute to more efficient resource management
- increase the life cycle of products
- promote solutions with the least possible environmental impact

#### Main intervention areas:

- Food waste prevention
- Reduction of construction and demolition waste generation
- Reuse
- Greening of public procurements
- Environmentally conscious production and sustainable corporate operation
- Awareness raising

#### Establishing a food rescue system in 2021

- Legal and financial basis
- Involvement of food retailers
- Food Rescue Centre:
  - $\rightarrow$  provide and share information
  - → distribution, coordination and monitoring
  - $\rightarrow$  measure food surpluses
  - $\rightarrow$  reduce waste
- National Food Chain Safety Office additional tasks
  - $\rightarrow$  monitoring
  - → imposition of food rescue fines: exceeding the planned amount of annual food waste, lack of a food waste reduction plan

#### Legal instruments

- waste prevention targets
- prohibitions, restrictions
- incentives, subsidies, rewards
   regulations related to
- regulations related to products

### Market instruments

- "Pay as you throw" systems
- EPR
- taxes
- incentives, subsidies, rewards

### Educational instruments

- awareness campaigns
- product information
- promotions to encourage reuse
- attitude formation, education



### Ministry of Technology and Industry



# Thank you for your attention

## THE ROAD TOWARDS A LOW-CARBON CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

MOL Group presentation at Századvég Webinar - EU Waste Framework Recast

#### **Anett Tóth**

**EU Regulatory Affairs Senior Expert** 

25 October 2022







### MOL GROUP AMONG THE TOP 10 POLYMER PRODUCERS IN EUROPE, WASTE MANAGEMENT IN HUNGARY



## INTEGRATING CIRCULAR ECONOMY INTO OUR CORE BUSINESS

INTEGRATING BIO- AND WASTE-BASED STREAMS IN PRODUCTION AND SCALING UP RECYCLING



### ENTRY INTO MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN HUNGARY CONCESSION TO COVER ~4,7 MN TONNES OF WASTE



21

## CHALLENGES OF THE CEE REGION TO ACHIEVE EU WASTE TARGETS

EFFICIENCY, OPTIMISED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEW TECHNOLOGIES NEEDED



Waste management in the CEE region, 2020\*

## WASTE GENERATION REDUCTION, INCL. VIA REUSE

Municipal waste generated, kg per capita, 2020

FURTHER GUIDANCE NEEDED ON APPROPRIATE MEASURES; SUPPORT SECTORAL TARGETS





- Waste generation sources to be identified before
- Sectoral targets, EPR schemes to support waste
- Availability of repair and refurbishing services to
- Guidance on data collection of reuse efforts
- Design-for-recycling, design for re-use can be supported by petrochemical industry
- Support full life-cycle assessments related to reuse services

### INCREASING HIGH QUALITY RECYCLING

CLOSING THE LOOP ON A WIDER RANGE OF PLASTICS TO REDUCE LANDFILLING



### **IMPROVING SEPARATE COLLECTION**

FINDING THE BALANCE BETWEEN EU-LEVEL HARMONISATION AND NATIONAL MEASURES







#### Consumer education

- More information about what happens to waste once it is collected and how it can serve a useful purpose
- Waste containers to be labelled with clear instructions (e.g. pictograms or colours) on the accepted waste

#### Incentives

Pay as you throw systems to discourage discarding mixed waste

#### Convenience

- More convenient locations of street bins & mobile collection units (e.g. for hazardous waste) for separate waste collection
- Increasing the availability of waste yards by at least 30%



#### On demand flexibility

Continuous measurement and readjustment of collection frequency

Optimal fleet utilization & route planning predetermined by each region

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION





