ZERO WASTE EUROPE LIVE!
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COLLECTION OF BIO-WASTE
IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS

## Maximising biowaste collection in a city above 1M



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#### CITY OF MILAN - WASTE COLLECTION





1.35 million

inhabitants

**7,200** Inh./km2

**800,000**Commuters/day

ters/day

11 millions
Tourists in 2016
(second city behind
Rome)



673,360

T of Municipal Waste (2017)



**58%** 

Separate collection in 2017



55,000

waste collection points (door to door)



5

civic amenity sites and **2** mobile Eco centers



120

bring banks for paper and glass



**13** 

T-recycle e-bikes

= 60%

= 103 kgs food scraps





Table 1: Estimates of food waste in EU-28 in 2012 from this quantification study; includes food and inedible parts associated with food.

Sector	Food waste (million tonnes) with 95% CI*	Food waste (kg per person) with 95% CI*
Primary production	9.1 ± 1.5	18 ± 3
Processing	16.9± 12.7	33 ± 25
Wholesale and retail	4.6 ± 1.2	9 ± 2
Food service	10.5 ± 1.5	21 ± 3
Households	46.5 ±4.4	92 ± 9
Total food waste	87.6 ± 13.7	173 ± 27

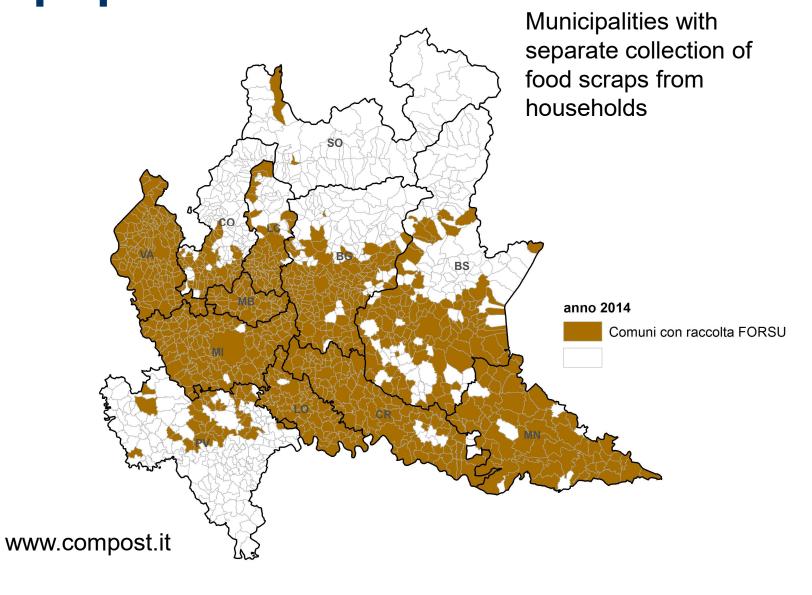
<sup>\*</sup>Confidence interval

Municipal food waste generation
 =113 ± 12 kg/capita/year

Source: EU FUSIONS, 2016

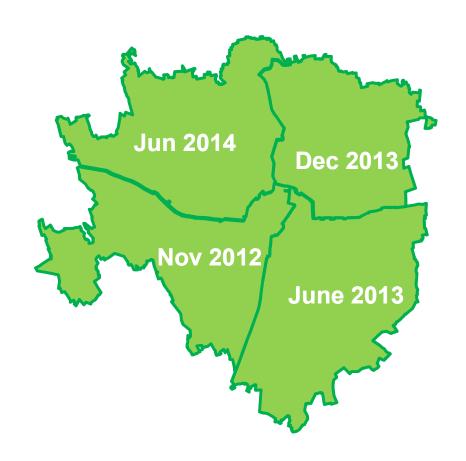
## Not viable in densely populated areas?







## 4 steps



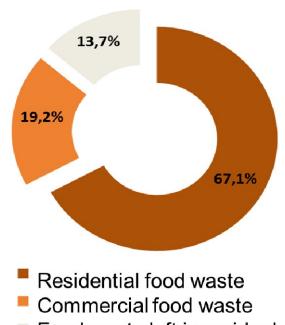
- 350.000 each, all going into the city centre
- 1,5 years to have the city covered

### Milan – achievements

103 kg FW

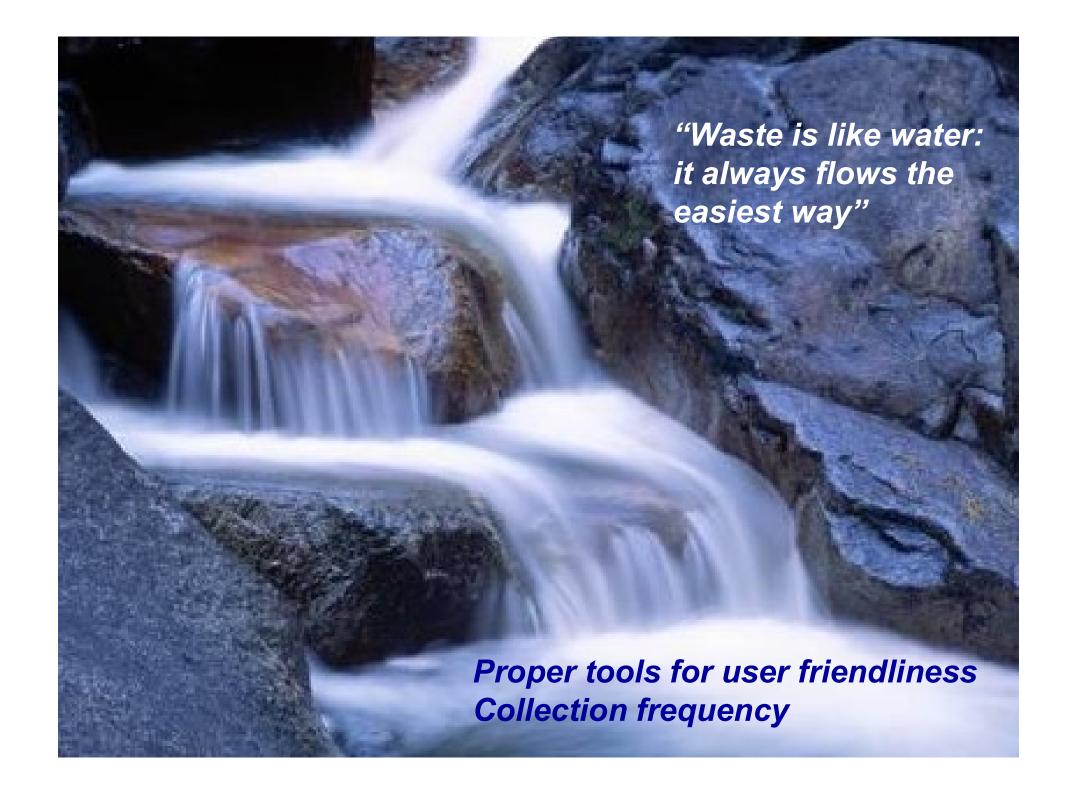
- Large producers served since 1995
- Residential food waste collection implemented in 2012-2014.
- Results (2017): 103 kg/capita, ≈30 commercial, 70 residential





Food waste left in residual waste











### THE STARTER KIT





Or a smaller 35 It bucket



## As easy as one-two-three



#### Neutral transparent bag: unsorted waste

All the refuse that cannot be treated as separate waste

Collected two times a week



#### Green container: glass only

Bottles, jars and vases

Collected weekly



#### Yellow bag: plastic and metal

plastic bottles, tubes and bags, plastic and polystyrene tubs for food, metal tins and tubes for food, cans for drinks.

Collected once a week



#### White container: paper

Newspapers, magazines, books, notebooks, cardboard boxes, cardboard packagings, paper drink containers.

Collected weekly



#### Brown container: Food and organic waste

Fruit and vegetables waste, meat, fish, kitchen waste, food leftovers, rice, bread, biscuits, pasta and baked food

Collected: twice a week

#### **TARGETED CAMPAIGNS AND RECALLS**



#### Campaign on operational info and quality



### Campaign targeting various ethnic communities on separate collection



- 180.000 booklets in 10 languages:
- **Delivery one-to-one**, to foreigners in their own communities.



Philippines 40.780

Egypt 35.902

China 26.889

Peru 19.590

Sri Lanka 16.068

**Romania 14.546** 

**Ecuador 13.229** 

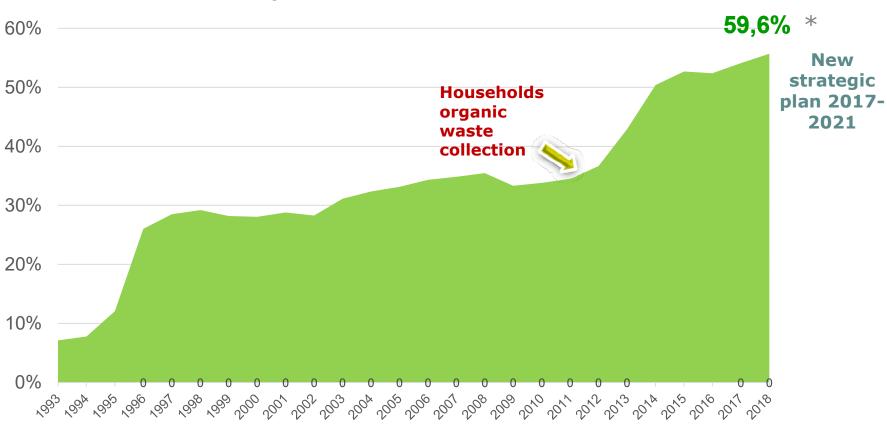
Ukraine 8.209

Morocco 8.152

Bangladesh 7.563



#### **Separate collection trend in Milano**



<sup>\*</sup> September 2018



### **Results:**

- Diversion of food scraps:
  - 103 kg/inhab/yr → 135.000 tpy
- Purity of food waste:
  - average non-compostable content 3,4% (worst case 5%)
- Support (fairly/very satisfied)
  - 79% at first customer satisfaction analyses (2013)
  - Grew to 92% at last one (May 2015)









## "Always happy and never satisfied" – next steps



- Reducing the number of road baskets
- Reducing collection rounds for residuals,
   2/wk → 1/wk
- Pay—as—you—throw



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