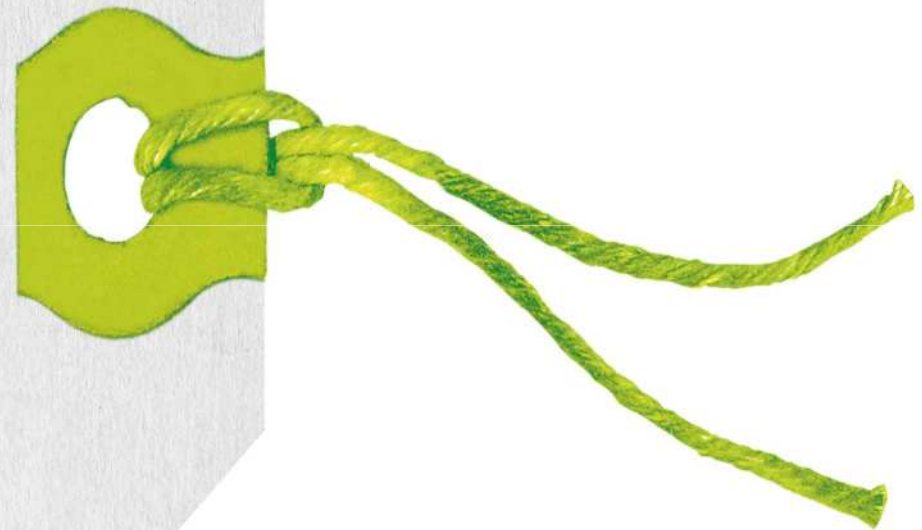


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OVAM and the Flemish reuse centers

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History

- Start-up early 90's, independent initiatives
- 1994 - 2004 structuring the centers
- 2005 - 2012 creation and implementation of Flemish decree on reuse centers



History and today

■ 2005 - 2012

- creation and implementation of the decree of the Flemish government of 20.05.2005
 - ▶ regulation for the official accredited reuse centers
 - ▶ rules and conditions for accreditation and financial support
- from 40 to 31 official reuse centers
- follow-up, support and monitoring by OVAM
- implementation of OVAM vision on waste policy

How does OVAM help the reuse centers?

- Legal setting
 - Decree of 2005 (accreditation and grants)
 - Implementation plan on household waste (2008-2015)
- Support new tasks (material policy)

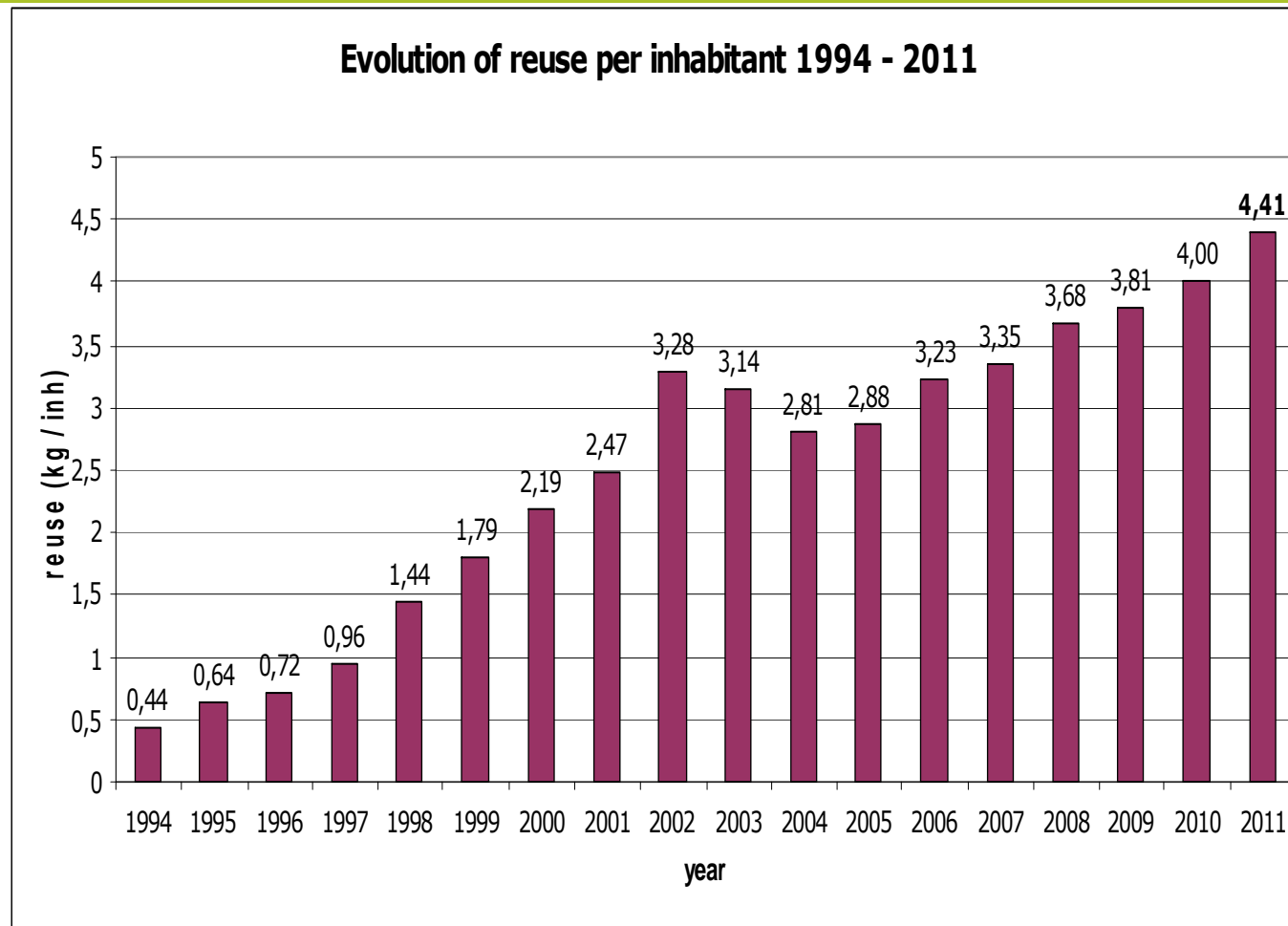
Targets (2015) (legally defined)

- at least 5 kg reusable goods per inhabitant sold by the reuse centers (≠ kg collected!)
- 3000 full time equivalent employees (social employment)
- 4 million paying customers per year
- develop and expand activities
 - reinforce their role in the promotion of the lifecycle extension and sustainable management of materials

Results (2011)

- 9,53 kg/inh goods collected in 2011
- 4,41 kg/inh reusable goods sold in 2011 (target: 5 kg/inh)
- 2975 full time equivalent employees (social employment) (target: 3000 FTE)
- 4.08 million paying customers per year (35.3 million euro) (target: 4 million customers)

Results: reuse 1994-2011 (source: KOMOSIE)



Bottlenecks

- Quality of collected goods (ratio sold/collected goods)
- Qualified staff
- New initiatives necessary
- Legal restriction: free collection

Future

- Continue Flemish reuse policy and support to reuse centers till (at least) 2015
- Research for new opportunities related to material cycles
- Support projects C2C principle on collected products
- Change / alternative support to reuse centers after 2015?
- Promote concept of reuse centers in Europe

More information

- www.ovam.be
 - > English > Waste management > Re-use centers
- Implementation plan for environmentally responsible household waste management
- Annual reports re-use sector, only in dutch

Thank you for your attention

Together we make the re-use centers more successful

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