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Circular Economy in Serbia

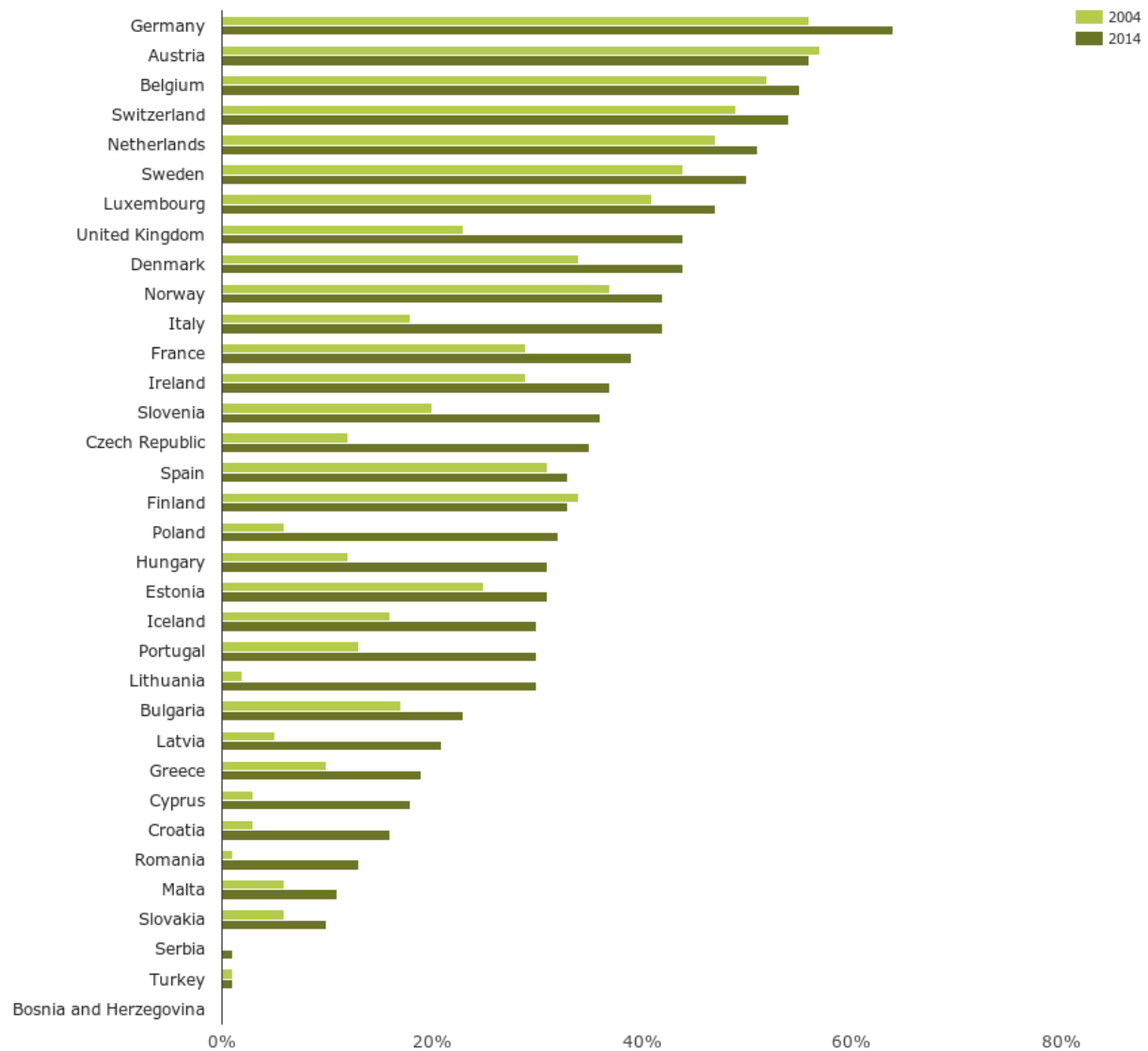


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- Circular economy is a term that is relatively new in Serbia
- Recycling is currently employing about 22,000 people
- Serbia currently recycles about 5 to 7% of total waste
- The development of the recycling industry in Serbia started after 2009

Country comparison — Municipal waste recycled and composted in each European country



Data sources:

Eurostat. Municipal waste by waste operations

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/airs/2016/resource-efficiency-and-low-carbon-economy/recycling-of-municipal-waste>

- Largest part of the secondary raw materials collected and processed originates from the work of informal group of collectors
- Since the beginning of 2017, Serbia has again established the Green Fund

- 10 thousand tons of medical waste are produced, of which only 2,000 tons are processed in the right way
- For the period 2010-2019. there are 28,000 tons animal waste per year, It is estimated that only 20% of this is collected and processed



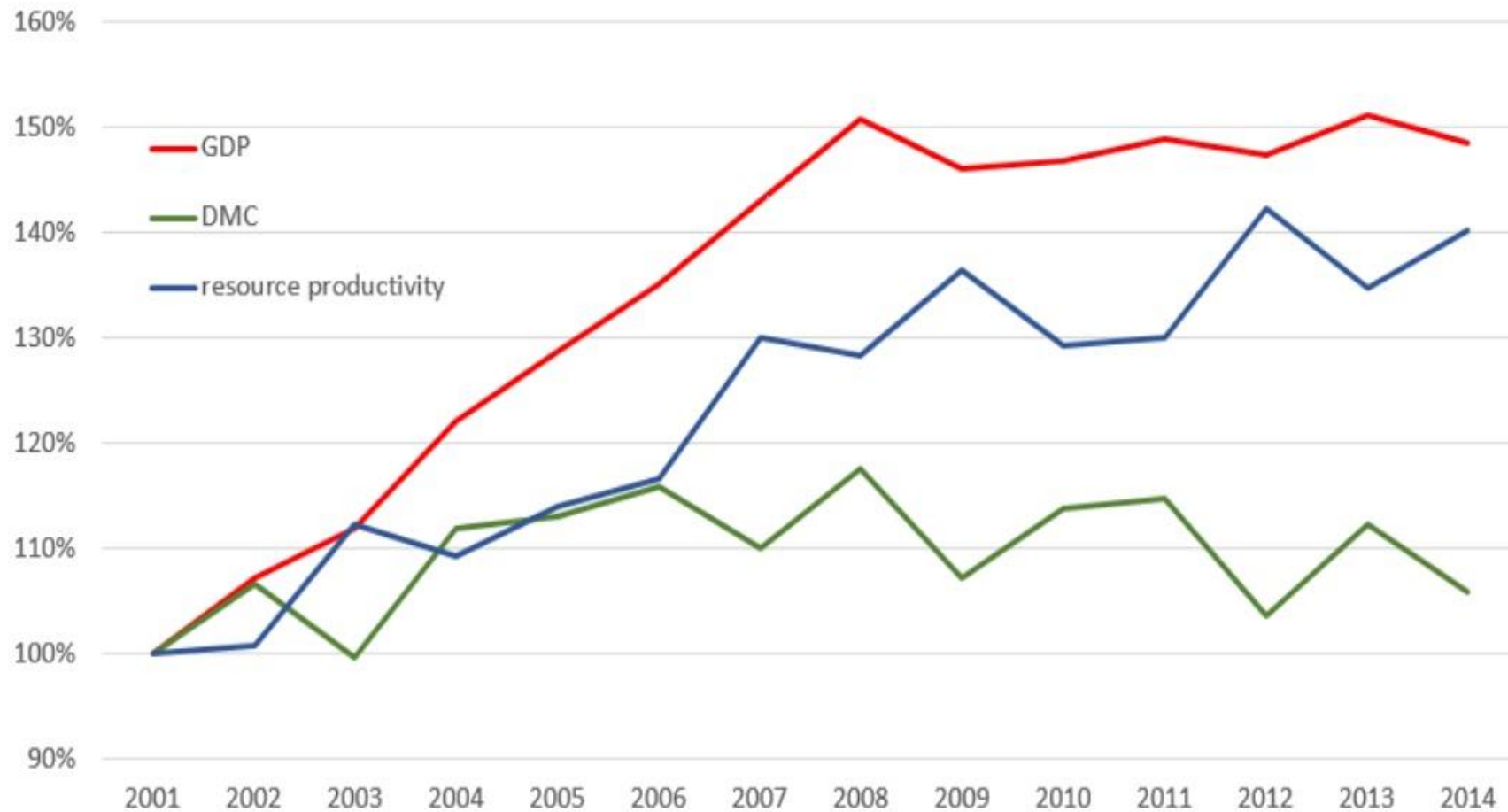
164 landfills are used on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, which are used by municipal public utility companies for waste disposal.

[Ministry of Environmental Protection; Environmental Protection Agency]

<http://www.sepa.gov.rs/index.php?menu=9&id=6003&akcija=showAll#a1>

- Serbia annually exports 300,000 tons of secondary raw materials, and imports 250,000 tons at a higher price due to transport costs.

GDP, DMC and resource productivity trends, Serbia (2001–2014)



The EEA report More from less - material resource efficiency in Europe and the 32 country profiles

Source: European Environment Agency

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/more-from-less/>

- Activities from the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016, improve the institutional framework for regulating business in the area of waste management.

- It can be concluded that the capacities for the implementation of the new business philosophy are slowly strengthening; however, structural barriers and outdated strategic national commitments are somehow impeded by a circular economy that is in line with contemporary European and global aspirations for the future.

Thank you!

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