

# Waste statistics

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The Commission has accepted 23 of the 28 amendments made by the European Parliament. Five amendments were not accepted and the same five were not incorporated into the common position along with nine others. The Commission can only partially agree with the common position which was unanimously adopted by the Council. In particular: - the Commission accepted Parliament's amendment relating to yearly data collection on all types of waste treatment, sharing the view that annual data is essential not only for incineration and disposal but also for recovery and recycling. The common position requires data collection every second year. The Commission maintains its position, as data on all types of waste treatment collected on an annual basis is crucial for monitoring waste management policies. In addition, it will facilitate the process of reviewing reporting obligations required by other legislation. - on the frequency of data collected for waste generation, Parliament had asked for data every year rather than once every three years. The Commission agrees with the Parliament on the need for more frequent data collection, and the common position accepts the need for such data to be collected every second year. The common position has reformulated the transitional periods, in a way which does not fit with the Commission's proposal.