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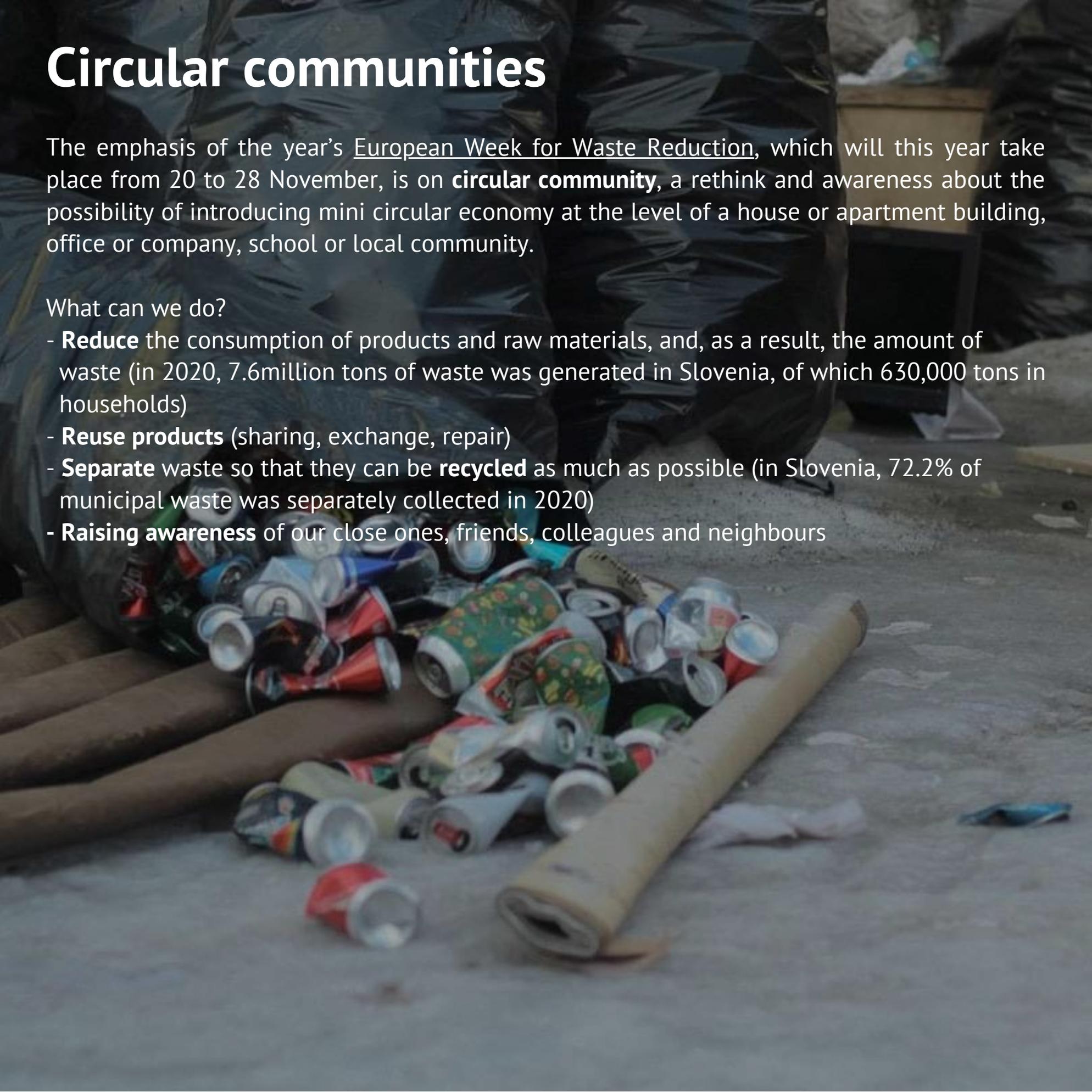
European Week for Waste Reduction 2021: Circular communities

Circular communities

The emphasis of the year's European Week for Waste Reduction, which will this year take place from 20 to 28 November, is on **circular community**, a rethink and awareness about the possibility of introducing mini circular economy at the level of a house or apartment building, office or company, school or local community.

What can we do?

- **Reduce** the consumption of products and raw materials, and, as a result, the amount of waste (in 2020, 7.6million tons of waste was generated in Slovenia, of which 630,000 tons in households)
- **Reuse products** (sharing, exchange, repair)
- **Separate** waste so that they can be **recycled** as much as possible (in Slovenia, 72.2% of municipal waste was separately collected in 2020)
- **Raising awareness** of our close ones, friends, colleagues and neighbours

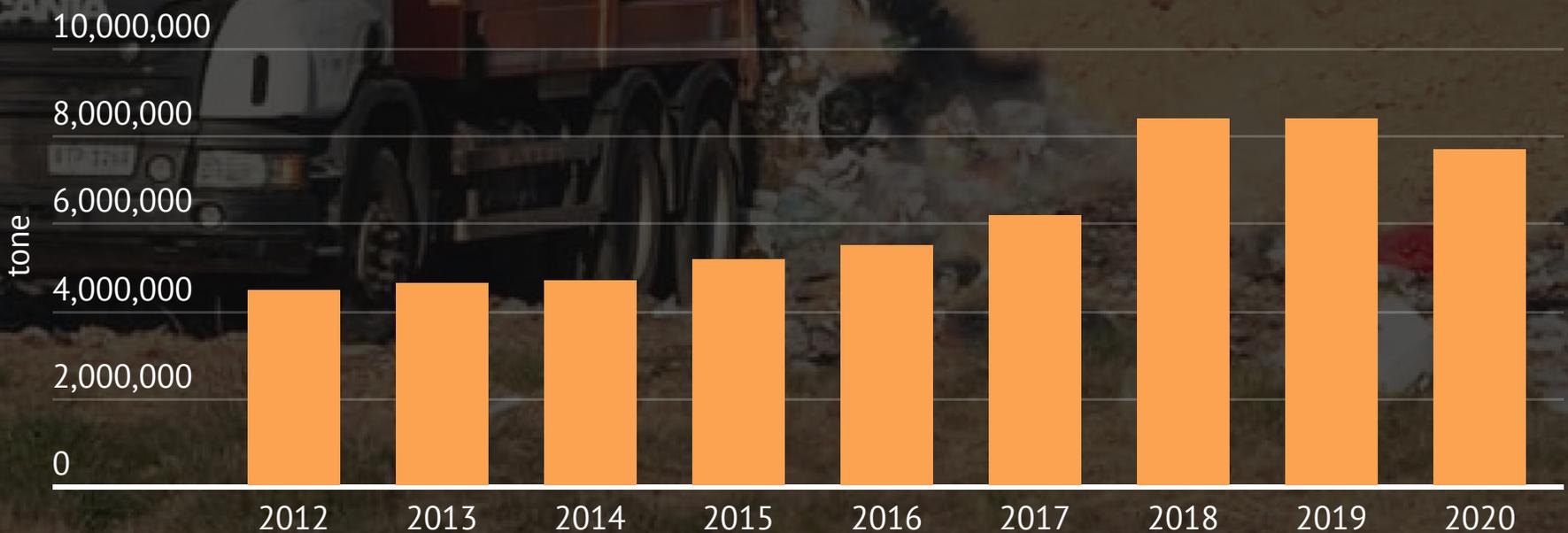


More and more waste generated

Between 2012 and 2019, the total amount of waste generated in Slovenia increased on average by 10% annually with the peak in 2019 when 8,414,000 tons of waste was generated.

In 2020, the trend was broken as due to social and economic measures related to the pandemic almost 9% less waste was generated in Slovenia (7,669,000 tons).

Waste generated, Slovenia



Source: SURS

Ever more municipal waste is collected separately

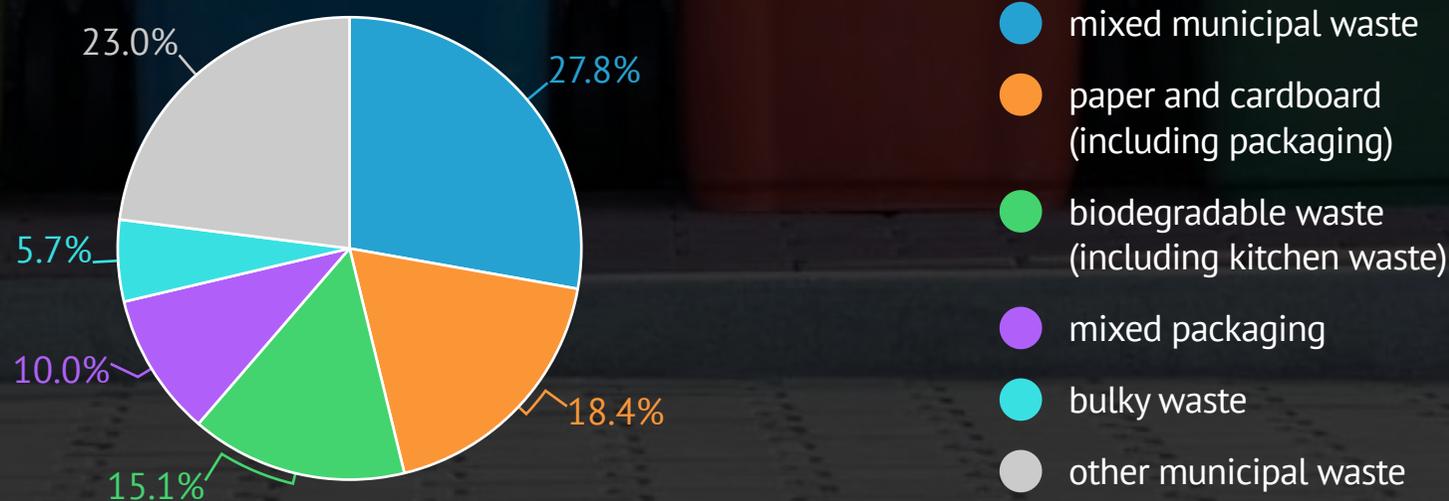
In 2020, 1,026,010 tons of municipal waste was generated in Slovenia, which is 489 kg per capita.

In Slovenia, the share of separately collected municipal waste has been increasing. Since 2012, it has increased by more than 20 percentage points (from 51.5% in 2012 to 72.2% in 2020).

Mixed municipal waste is hardest to process and recycle so it is not included in the separately collected municipal waste. As regards the type of municipal waste generated in Slovenia in 2020, more than a quarter is mixed municipal waste (27.8%).

Proper separation of generated waste is crucial for achieving recycling targets for individual raw materials.

Municipal waste generated by type, Slovenia, 2020



Source: SURS

More than half of waste that is recycled is mineral waste

In Slovenia, 3,193,220 tons of waste was recycled in 2020, of which 55% was mineral waste (construction and demolition waste and various types of ash).

As regards non-mineral waste, the most recycled was metallic waste (623,000 tons), followed by paper and cardboard waste (255,620 tons), animal and vegetal waste (232,017 tons), wood waste (55,000 tons) and plastic waste (43,852 tons).

Recycled waste by category (without mineral wastes), Slovenia, 2020

metallic waste
623.000 t

paper and cardboard waste
255.620 t

other waste
218.859 t

animal and vegetal waste
232.017 t

wood waste
55.043 t

plastic waste
43.852 t

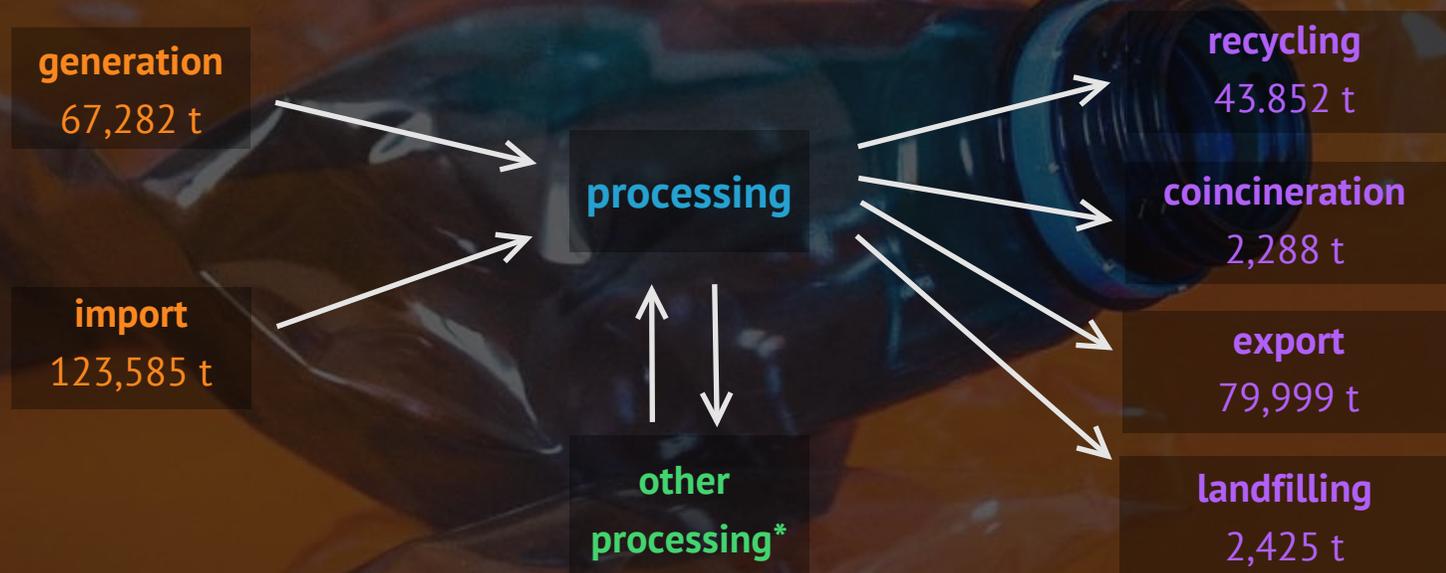
Flow of plastic waste

Over 67,000 tons of plastic waste was generated in Slovenia in 2020, of which a third was plastic packaging. Together with import, waste processors received about 190,000 tons of plastic waste.

In 2020, 80,000 tons of plastic waste was exported from Slovenia, mostly to Turkey (27%), Malaysia (21%), Croatia (12%) and Serbia (8%).

Plastic waste that is not exported is mostly recycled or incinerated for energy purposes (46,000 tons in 2020), while a small share is landfilled (2,400 tons in 2020).

Flow of plastic waste, Slovenia, 2020



* Other processing procedures include preparation for reuse, sorting, biological stabilisation and other procedures. Some of this waste is during further treatment processed according to final procedures.

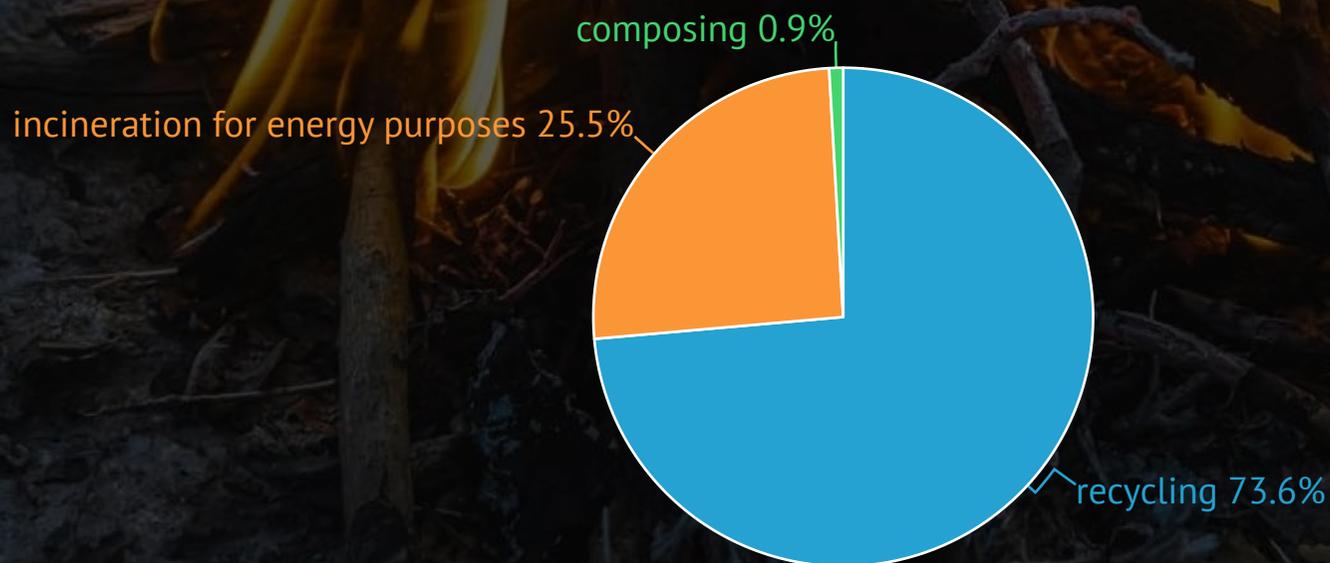
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Almost three quarters of processed wood waste is recycled

In Slovenia, 73,839 tons of waste was processed according to final procedures in 2020, of which 73% was recycled, over a quarter was incinerated for energy purposes and less than one percent composted.

In 2020, Slovenia exported 11,000 tons of wood waste to other EU Member States, mostly to Italy (56%) and Austria (34%). Almost all wood waste was exported for recycling (97%).

Processing of wood waste according to final procedures, Slovenia, 2020



Source: SURS