REGULATION OF WASTE SERVICES IN PORTUGAL

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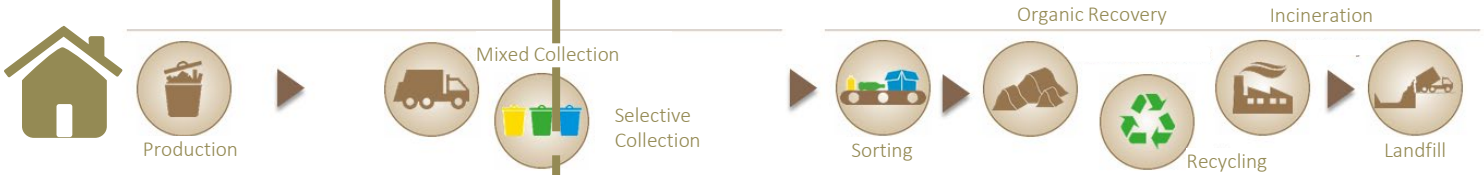
THE WASTE SECTOR IN PORTUGAL

MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Retail Services
(municipal responsibility)



Bulk Services
(regional systems – State or municipal responsibility)

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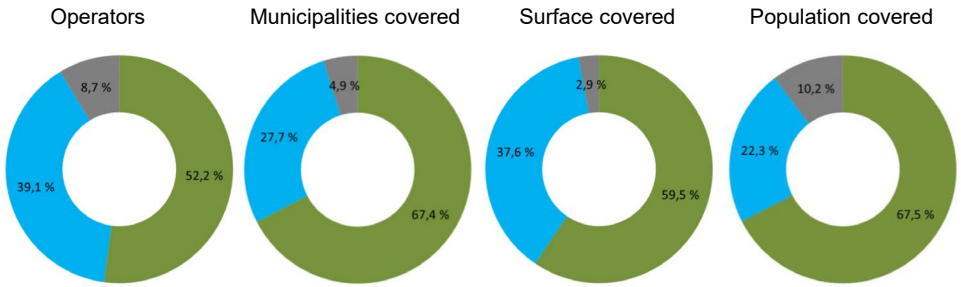

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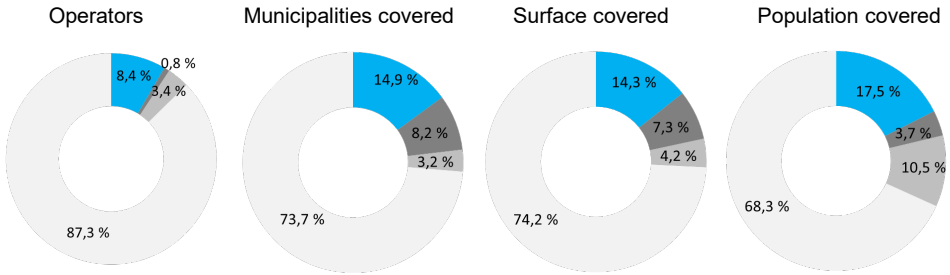
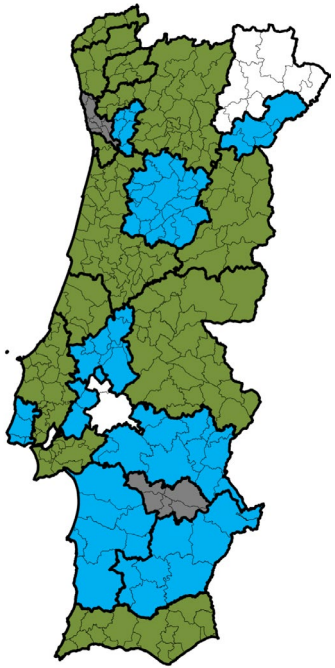
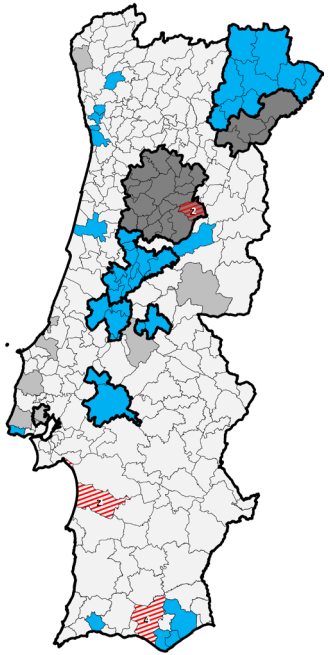


Bulk
23 operators



Retail
237 operators



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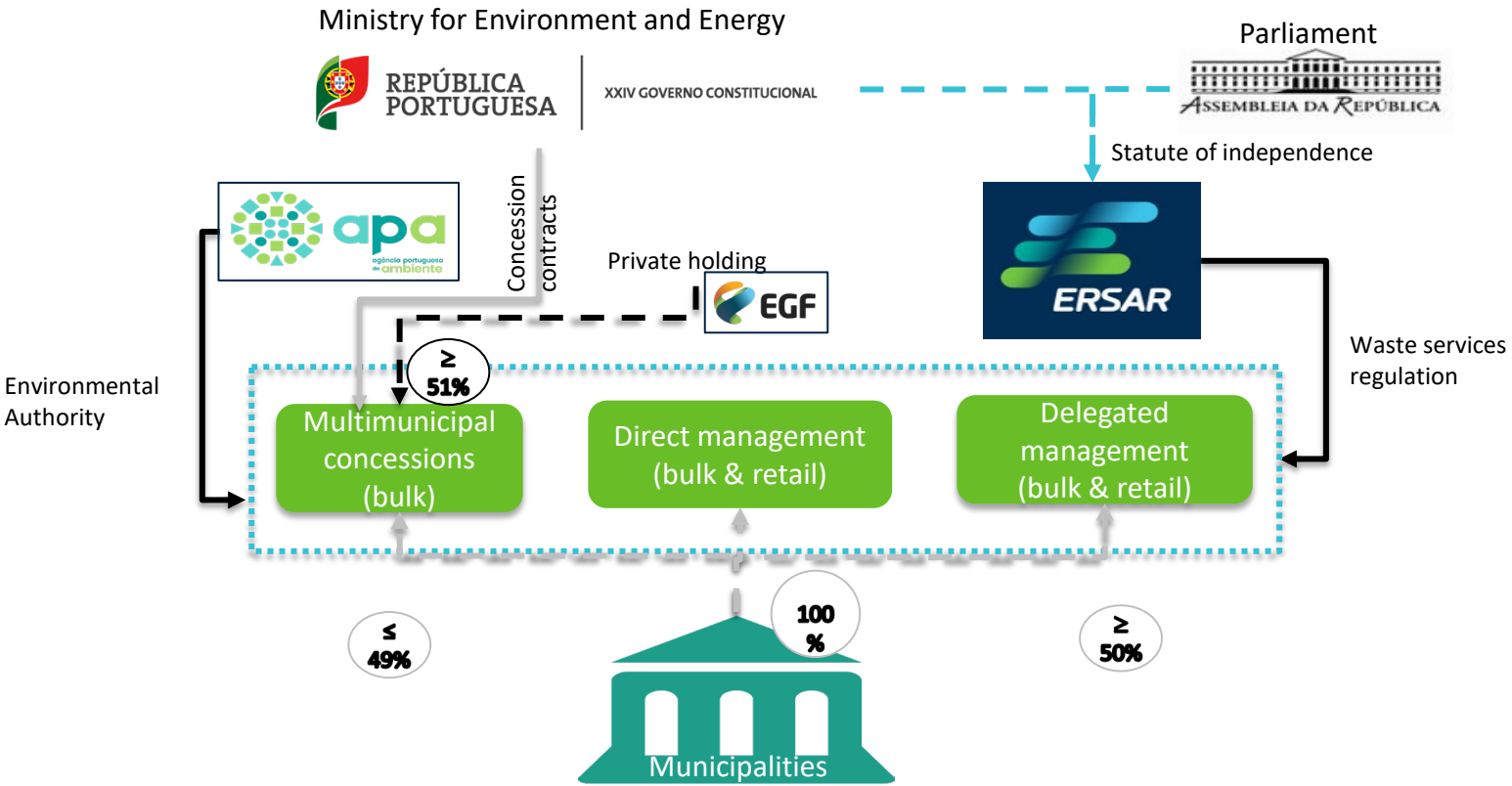
INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK



WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATOR'S ROLE

WASTE REGULATORS AS KEY PLAYERS TO:

Eficiency

Regulation and economic incentives
Comparison between operators
Technical support and capacitation

Public policies

Change introduction and management
Monitoring of evolution
Improvement proposals

Transparency and information

Collection and publication of information
Knowledge sharing
Consumer awareness

REGULATORY CHALLENGES

GOVERNANCE

Demanding environmental targets with **responsibilities distributed between bulk and retail operators**
Diversity of operators and management models – Different regulatory approaches
Technical support and capacitation

EFFICIENCY

Massive investments in infrastructures/equipment for selective collection, sorting, organic recovery
Biowaste selective collection - responsibility of retail operators with high operating costs
Tariff regulation – to ensure cost recovery of waste services in an efficiency context

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Implementation of Pay As You Throw systems
ERSAR's new responsibilities in **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for packaging**

RAISE AWARNESS

Dependence of consumer's behavior – consumers need to understand the important role they play in waste management

Regulating today

for a better tomorrow

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