

# Standardization as a help to facilitate SRF acceptance and use

## Experience of the European Cement Industry

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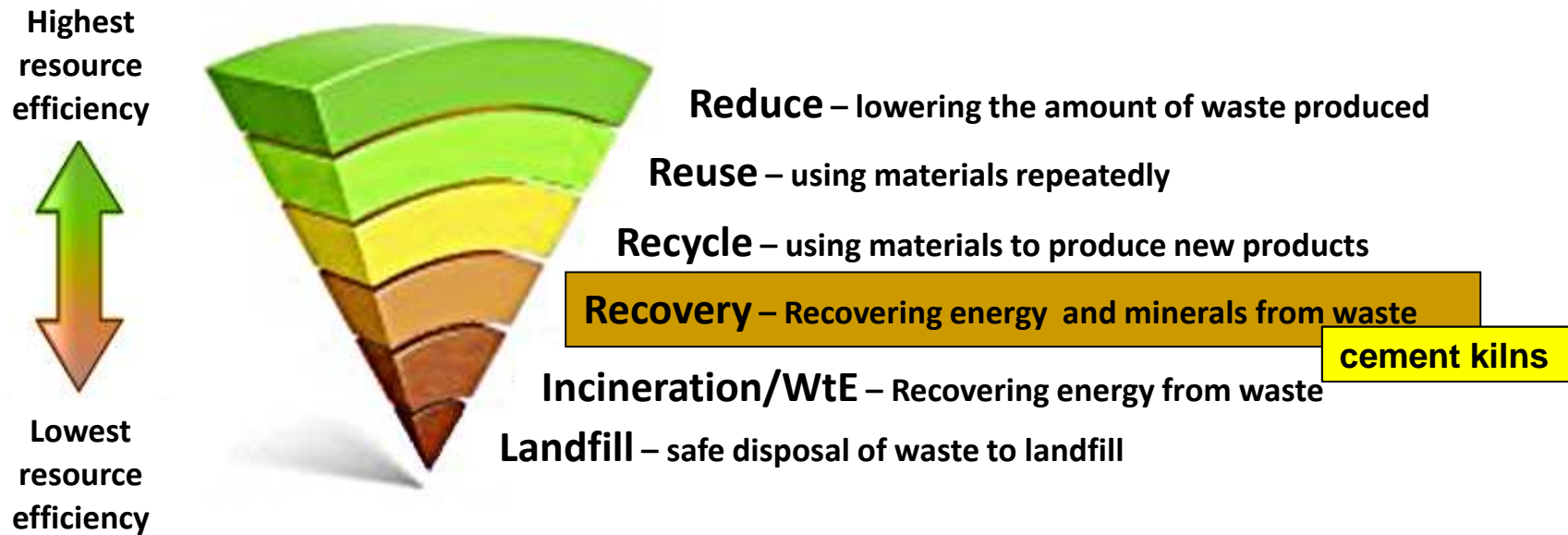


A world map where countries are colored in green or grey. Green countries include North America, Europe, Russia, China, India, Australia, and parts of Africa and South America. Grey countries include South America, Africa, and parts of Asia and Europe. A solid green square is in the top left, and a vertical green bar is on the right side of the slide.

# HeidelbergCement in a glance

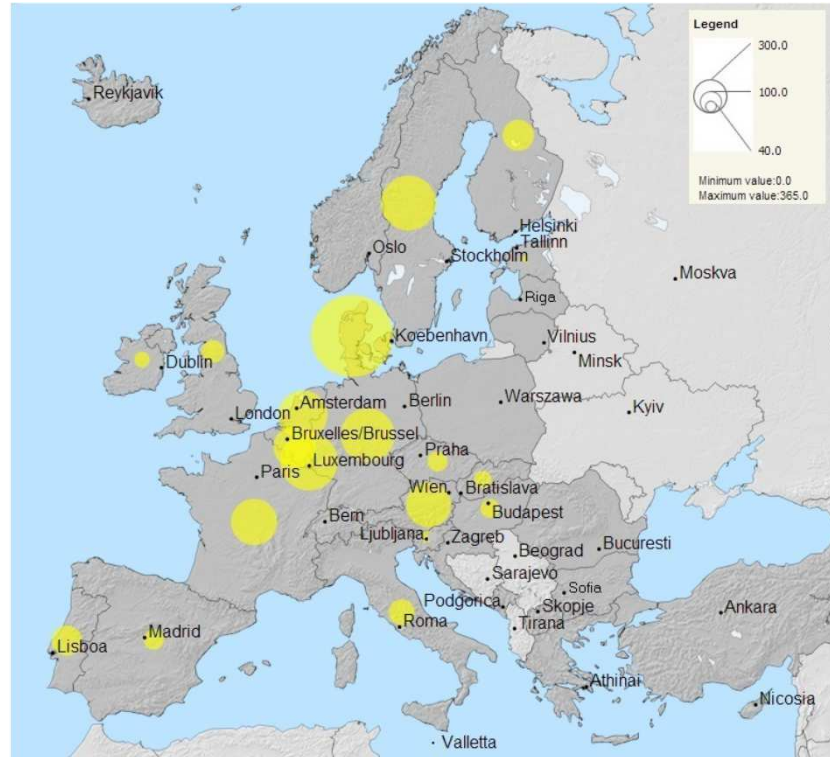
- **Global top 4 in cement, ready-mix and aggregates**
  - **Building on People, Planet and Profit**
- **Recover globally 5,5 million tons Waste Materials**
  - **We see “Waste as a Resource”**

# Position of cement industry in Waste Management

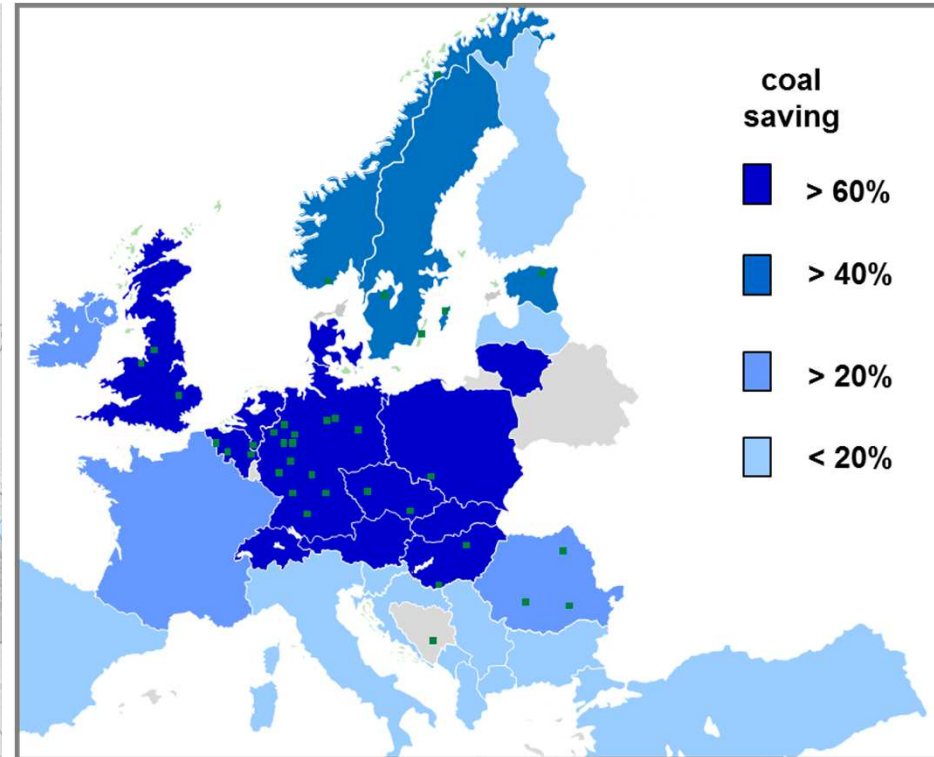


**3R economically not possible, co-processing best next option**

# Quantity of WtE versus WtC in European countries



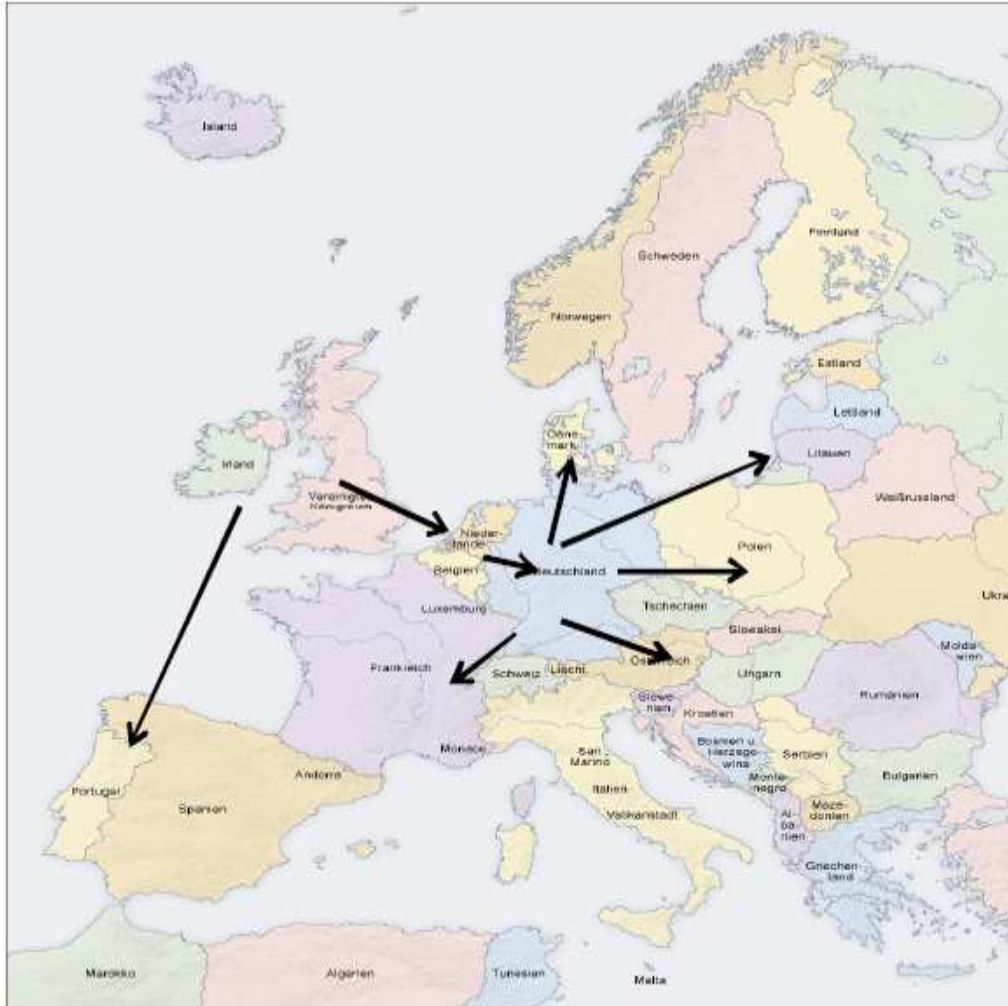
Waste to Energy in Europe (kg/cap)



Waste to Cement in Europe (estimation 2013)

**Waste to Energy and Waste to Cement co-exist in Europe**

## RDF / SRF flows in Europe

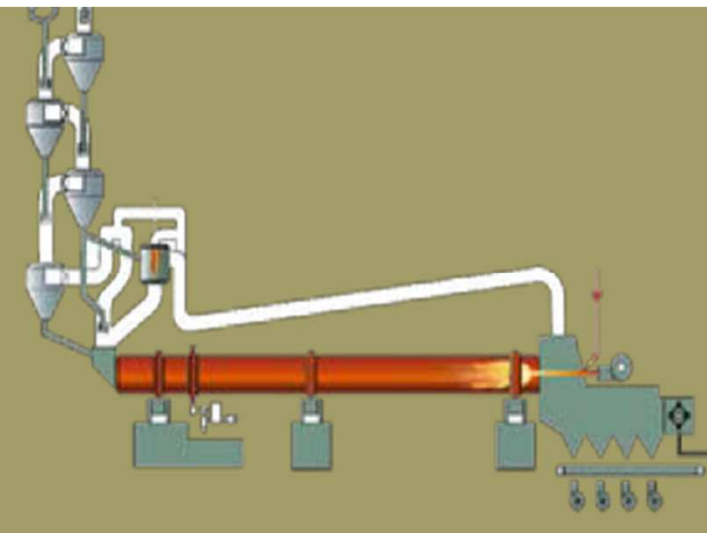


- **Export from UK is most dominant, but there are a lot of other cross border flows as well**

## Co-processing of RDF/SRF in cement kiln environmental friendly

- Long residence time at high temperature → Complete destruction organics, no PCDD/DF formation
- Combustion rich in oxygen and active lime → Neutralisation of acid gases, SO<sub>x</sub> and hydrogen chloride
- High clinker mass stream → Heavy metals stable embedded
- Ashes of fuel in clinker replacing raw material → Zero waste solution

Characteristics	Temperature and time
Temperature at main burner	>1450°C: material >1800°C: flame temperature
Residence time at main burner	>12-15 sec and >1200°C > 5-6 sec and > 1800°C
Temperature at precalciner	>850°C: material >1000°C: flame temperature
Residence time at precalciner	> 2-6 sec and >800°C



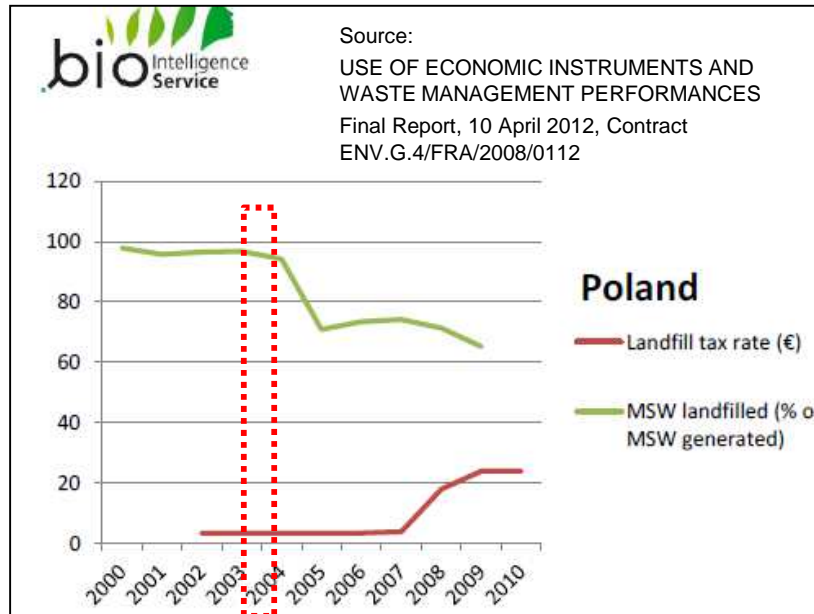
The diagram illustrates the layout of a cement kiln system. It features a horizontal main burner (kiln) with a precalciner at the left end and a clinker cooler at the right end. The precalciner is a vertical cylindrical vessel with a conical bottom, connected to the main burner. The main burner is a long horizontal cylindrical vessel with a conical bottom, supported by several rollers. The clinker cooler is a vertical cylindrical vessel with a conical bottom, connected to the main burner. The diagram shows the flow of material from the precalciner to the main burner and then to the clinker cooler. The main burner is shown with a glowing orange interior, indicating high temperature. The precalciner and clinker cooler are shown with a grey interior. The diagram also shows various pipes, valves, and control systems connected to the kiln.

## **SRF potential benefits versus RDF**

- 1. Quality control more explicit executed at the SRF-supplier  
→ cement industry as user can limit control efforts**
- 2. Supplier A and supplier B better exchangeable**
- 3. Network of several suppliers and several off-takers is easier to build when standards are applied**
- 4. Cross border flows will become less complicated:**
  - a. Reduce paper work load**
  - b. Shorten timeframe between application and approval**
- 5. Stakeholder – acceptance by cement plant is easier realized when EU-standardization is applied on waste fuels**



## Best practice example: Poland



- Cement Industry in Poland already in 2004 replaced 10% of coal by SRF/RDF
- Landfill diversion only 2% and very low landfilling costs
- Imports from Germany were the driving force for the early development

**Cross border flows SRF® are essential for market development !**

## Best practice example: Poland – Quality Control



- **HC-plant in Gorazdze:**
  - receives > 50 trucks per day
  - > 15 suppliers
  - LHV ranging from 15 to 22 GJ/t
  - Cl- ranging from 0,6 to 0,9 %
  - Each truck is sampled + analysed
  - > 10.000 samples per year!
- **SRF classification will reduce the huge effort on quality control at this plant**



## SRF classification system is “only” 1 element

Table 1 — Classification system for solid recovered fuels

Classification characteristic	Statistical measure	Unit	Classes				
			1	2	3	4	5
Net calorific value (NCV)	Mean	MJ/kg (ar)	≥ 25	≥ 20	≥ 15	≥ 10	≥ 3
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Chlorine (Cl)	Mean	% (d)	≤ 0,2	≤ 0,6	≤ 1,0	≤ 1,5	≤ 3

### Calculation example

<b>Class</b>	<b>NCV 3, CI 3</b>	<b>NCV 3, CI 3</b>
<b>Analysis:</b>	<b>18 GJ/t; 0,7% Cl-</b>	<b>16 GJ/t; 0,8% Cl-</b>
<b>Feed to kiln</b>	<b>60% (thermal)</b>	<b>60% (thermal)</b>
<b>Cl- input:</b>	<b>100 units</b>	<b>130 units</b>

A cement kiln operating 24 hours on 30% more Cl- than expected will block completely !!

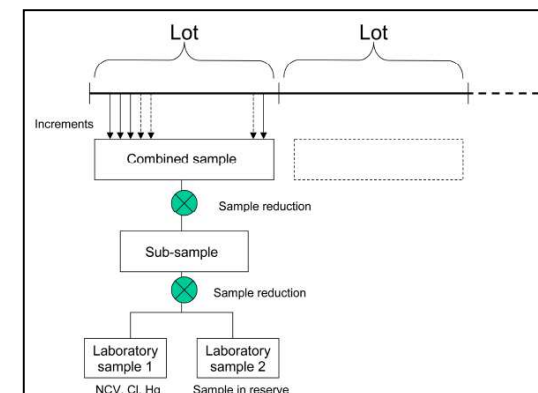
**Constant /predictable quality remains key also in classified SRF!**

## Value SRF classification in stakeholders acceptance



- **WID, BAT for cement, IED, permits etc:**
  - Waste co-processing limits cement kilns = incinerator
  - (Online) monitoring has become fully mature
  - Development on input-side ongoing :
    - end-of-waste;
    - mixing ban; BREF waste treatment ;
    - LCA, sustainable supply chain
  
- **Added value for acceptance co-processing at cement kilns if suppliers comply with:**
  - Classification standards according to CEN/TC 343
  - ISO-standards + OHSAS-standards

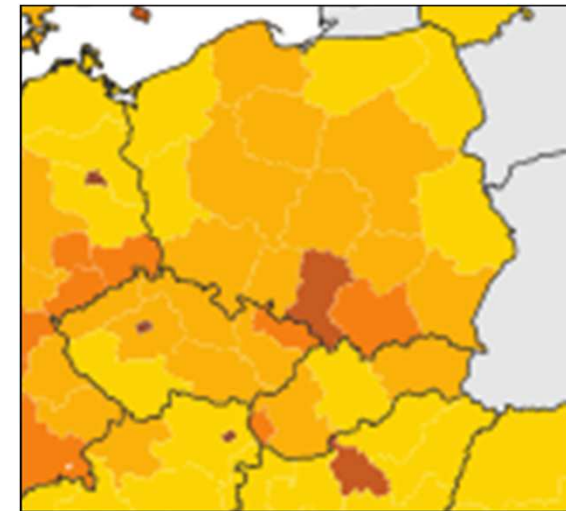
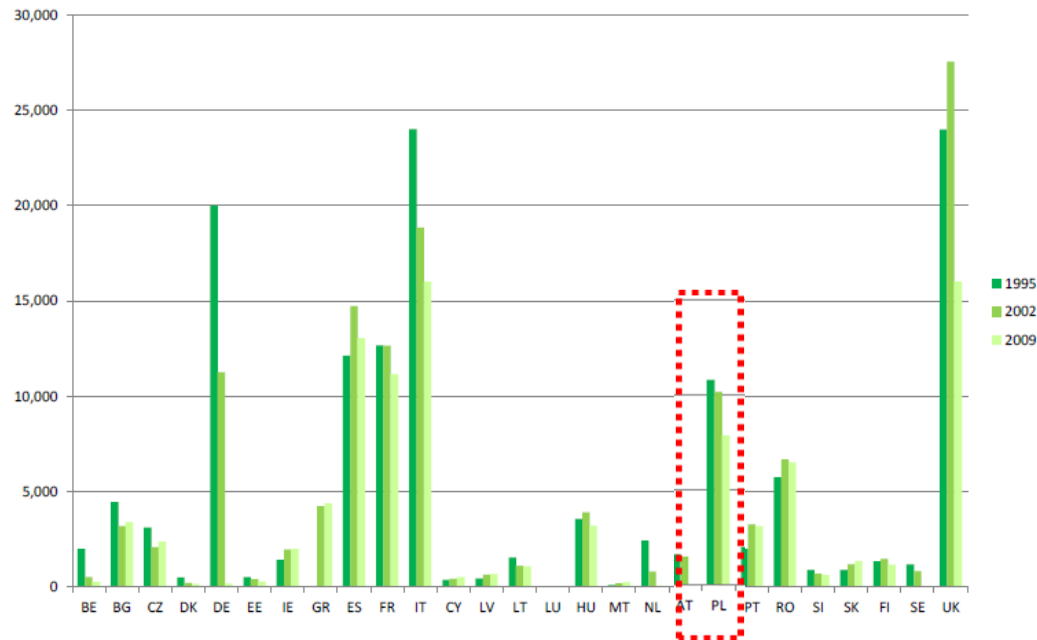
			Gorazdze	
			permit	realization
<b>Process related emissions</b>				
Dust		mg/Nm3	30	5
Carbon Monoxide	CO	mg/Nm3	2000	1560
Sulphur Dioxide	SO2	mg/Nm3	500	250
Nitrogen Oxides	NOx	mg/Nm3	800	709
<b>Waste burning related emissions</b>				
Hydrogen Chloride	HCl	mg/Nm3	10	2.3
Hydrogen Fluoride	HF	mg/Nm3	1	0.2
Total Organic Carbon	TOC	mg/Nm3	100	15
Cadmium + Tallium	Cd + Tl	µg/Nm3	50	3
Mercury	Hg	µg/Nm3	50	7
Sum of Lead, Arsenic, Chromium	Pb, As, Cr	µg/Nm3	500	75
Total Dioxines and Furanes	PCDD/F TEQ	ng/Nm3	0.1	0.02



**Standardization requires professionalism in QA-QC and supports to respond on concerns of stakeholders !**

## Best practice example: Poland – Future

Figure 3 Municipal waste landfilled, EU 27, 1995-2002-2009 (1,000 tonnes)

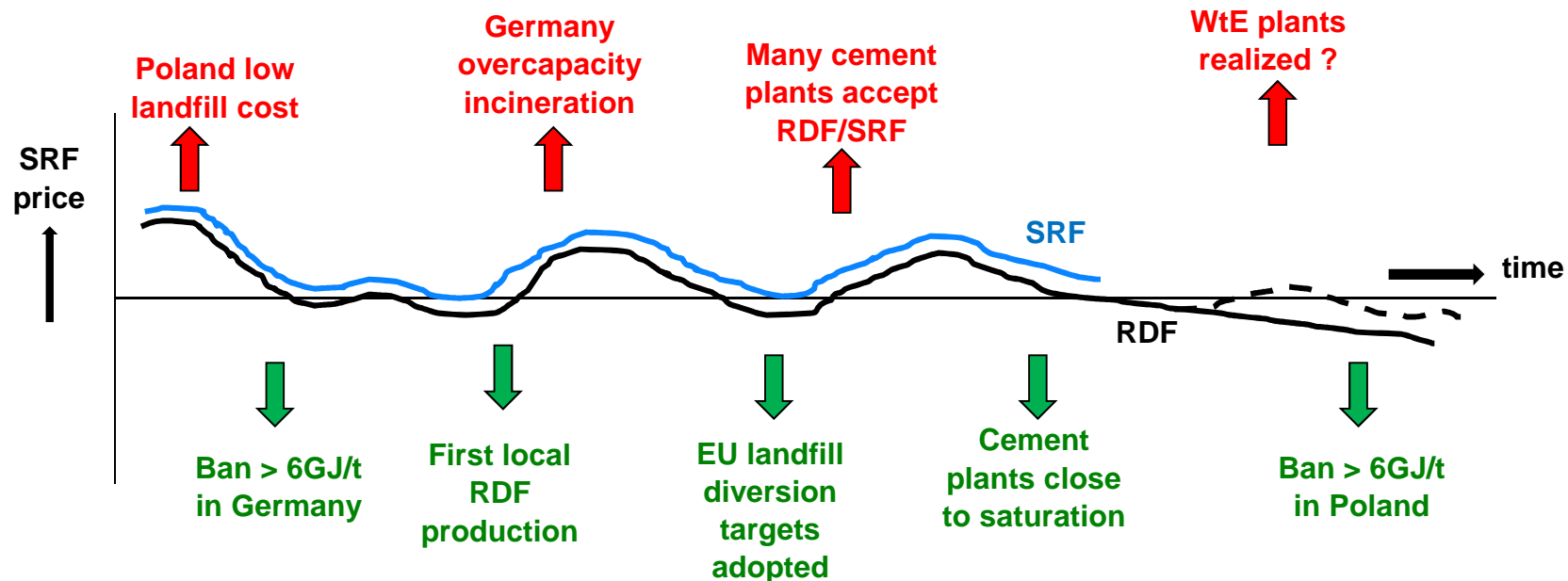


- **Poland 2012: 8 mio ton to landfill**
- **Capacity: cement plants 1,5 mio tons + 6 incinerators 2015: 1,2 mio tons**
- **2016 ban on landfill of MSW > 6 GJ/t**

**Classification SRF important for export out of Poland!**

## Poland – market value RDF / SRF

- Actual market price of coal limited influence – long term trends do
- Regulation is influencing market price significantly
- SRF will follow same path as RDF, probably with some premium



**Classification results in price premium, but impact less than other price drivers!**

## Concluding remarks

1. The use of SRF / RDF is widely adopted in the European Cement Industry
2. SRF classification has a major importance for
  - Reducing complexity and crucial lead time in approving cross border flows
  - Minimizing the required quality control efforts at cement sites that are managed on lean as possible operations
  - Stakeholder acceptance of co-processing waste derived materials from solid organized suppliers working with approved and standardized methods
3. SRF classification will give a price premium compared to RDF of similar specification although other drivers are more dominant in pricing
4. SRF classification will support faster development of RDF co-processing in cement kilns in upcoming waste markets in- and around Europe