

Aluminium Used Beverage Can Recycling Results, Europe 2009

COUNTRIES - Recycling Rate %		Comments on the Recycling Results
EU 27, EFTA & Turkey		
Austria	50	Green dot scheme (whole metal packaging)
Belgium (+Luxembourg)	93	Green dot scheme (average for all beverage containers)
Cyprus	70	Green dot scheme (whole metal packaging)
Czech Rep. + Slovakia	47	Combined average results green dot scheme (metal packaging)
Denmark	88	Deposit scheme (all beverage containers)
Estonia	59	Deposit scheme (cans only, exports excluded)
Finland	95	Deposit scheme (cans only)
France	51	Green dot scheme (est. whole aluminium packaging stream)
Germany	96	Deposit scheme (cans only)
Greece	34	Green dot scheme + industry collection data
Hungary	42	Incentive based collection, reports scrap dealers + green dot
Ireland	47	Green dot scheme (extrapolations for cans)
Italy	57	Green dot scheme (whole aluminium packaging stream)
Latvia	30	Green dot scheme + industry report for cans only
Lithuania	38	Green dot scheme + industry report for cans only
Malta	30	Green dot scheme – estimate for cans only
Netherlands	87	Mainly from bottom ashes at incinerators
Poland	66	Incentive based collection, combined industry reports
Portugal	40	Green dot scheme (whole metal packaging)
Romania + Bulgaria	34	Incentive based collection, extrapolation industry + green dot data
Slovenia	50	Green dot scheme – estimate for cans only
Spain	59	Green dot scheme + data industry study
Sweden	91	Deposit scheme (cans only)
United Kingdom	55	Packaging Recovery Notes (PRN) trading only
Switzerland	90	Levy based system
Norway (+Iceland)	92	Deposit scheme (cans only)
Turkey	75	Incentive based collection, incl. unregistered collection & recycling
Total recycling rate	64	
Russia + other C&E Europe	75	Incentive based collection, incl. unregistered collection & recycling

Notes to the Editor:

A detailed overview per country is provided above. For the sake of consistency with official EUROSTAT and Green Dot data, the can recycling rate per country is sometimes referred to as the rate for the "whole metal fraction" or otherwise (see comments), in particular for countries which have mixed packaging collection systems in place and / or report only the recycled 'metal packaging fraction'.

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Aluminium is all around us. It is light and strong, corrosion resistant and durable, formable and highly conductive; it has natural shine and is 100% recyclable. Aluminium provides intelligent solutions for present and future generations.

The European Aluminium Association, founded in 1981, represents the European aluminium industry from alumina and primary production to semi-finished and end-use products, through to recycling. The European aluminium industry directly employs about 255,000 people.