

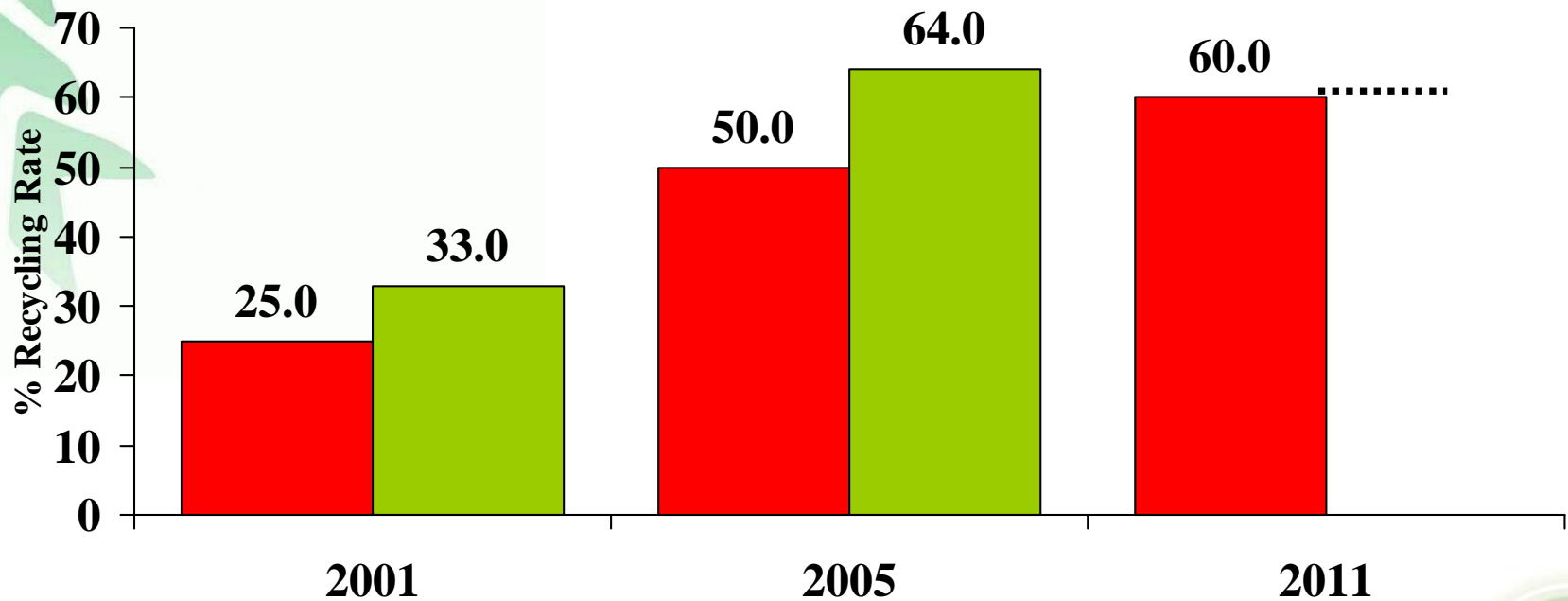


Repak Service Providers Conference 2006
Andrew Hetherington – CEO Repak



Repak is delivering and exceeding Ireland's targets

Packaging Recycling Targets/Results



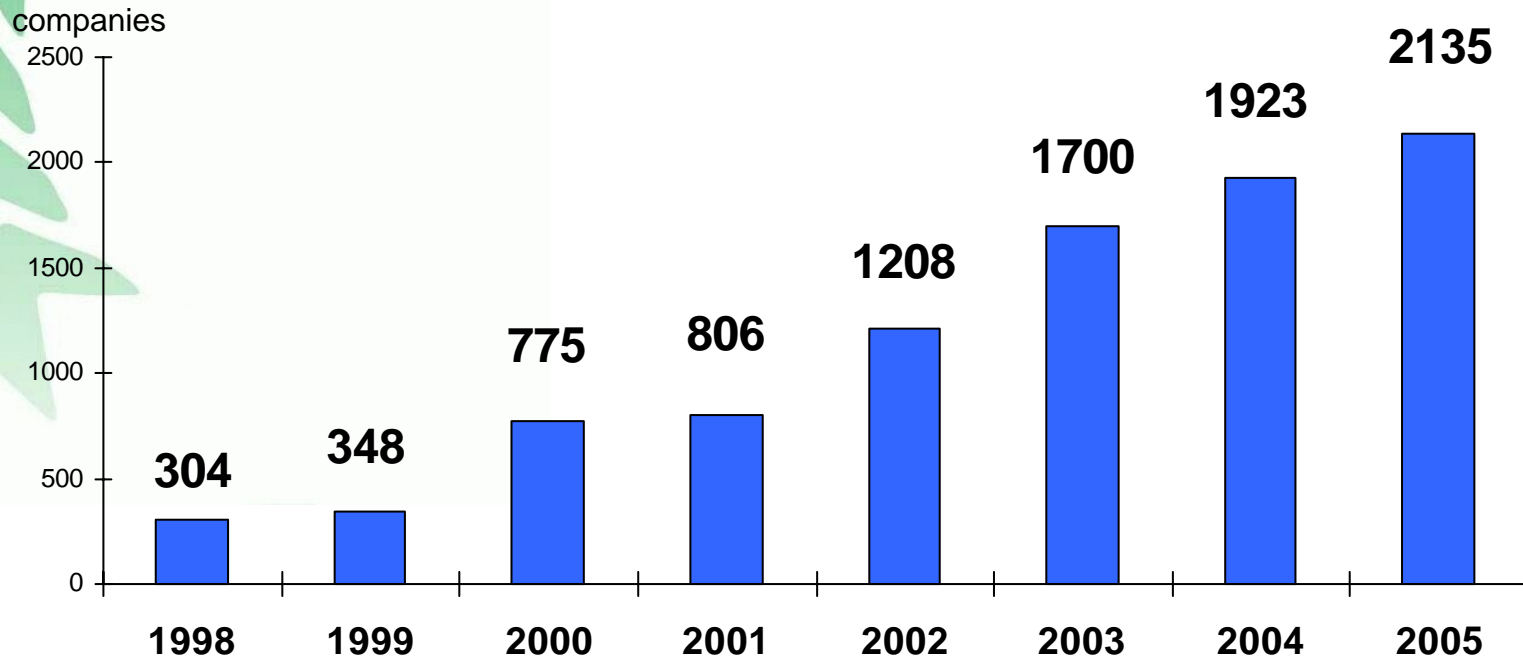
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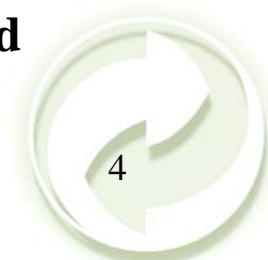
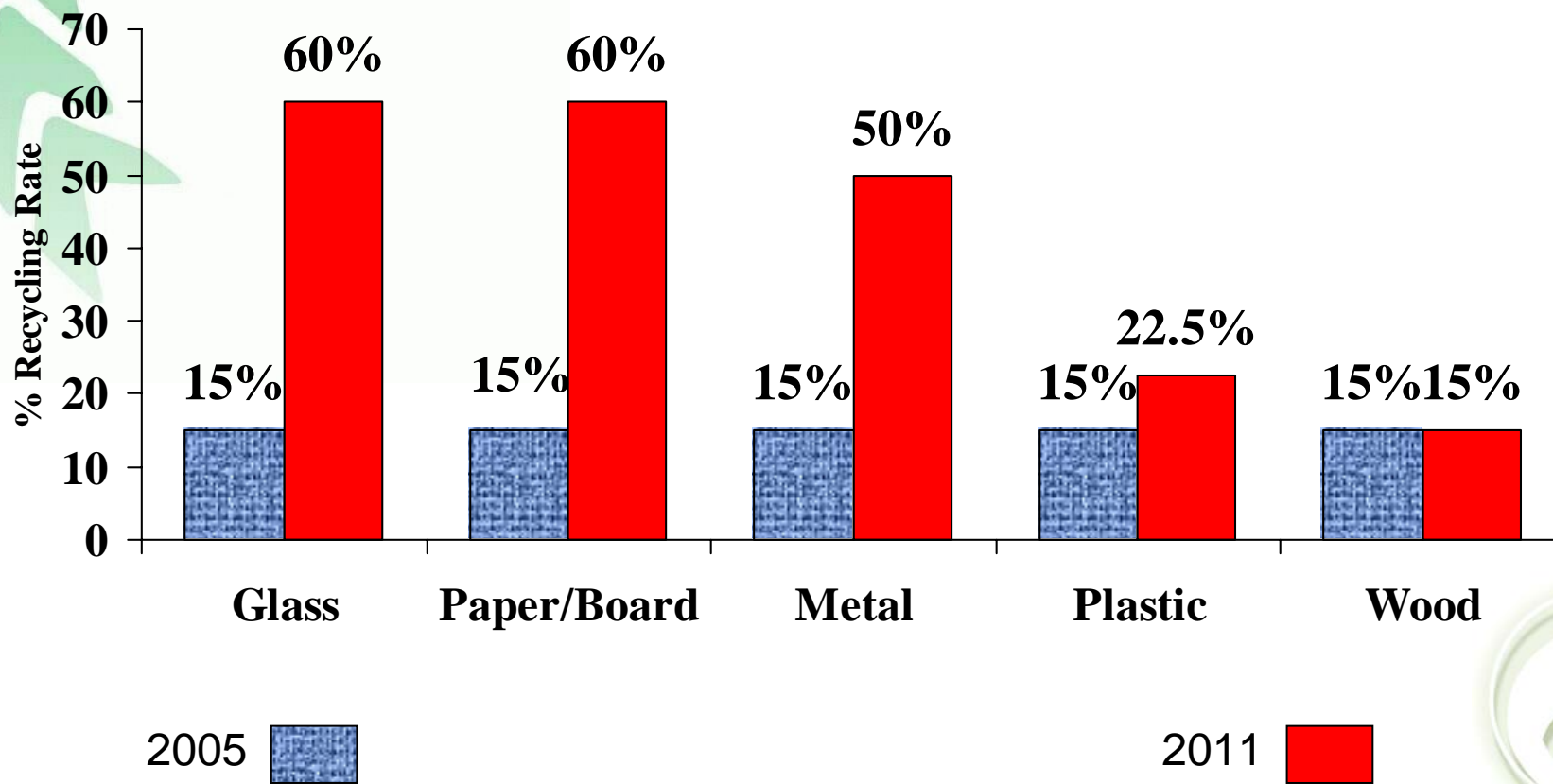
Source: EPA 2004 database



Repak membership is increasing each year



EU Material Targets 2005-2011





Changing Environment

- Population increase – very rapid
- Smaller household size (one in 5 households is single person)
- Uneven distribution of population – urban v rural
- Greater recycling awareness – but more consumerism
- Most packaging (80%+) in Ireland imported

This means that our ability to determine and control recycling activity is limited !



Domestic recycling

- Dramatic changes !
- Pay by weight a factor
- Infrastructure improving
- Greater awareness
- Higher costs



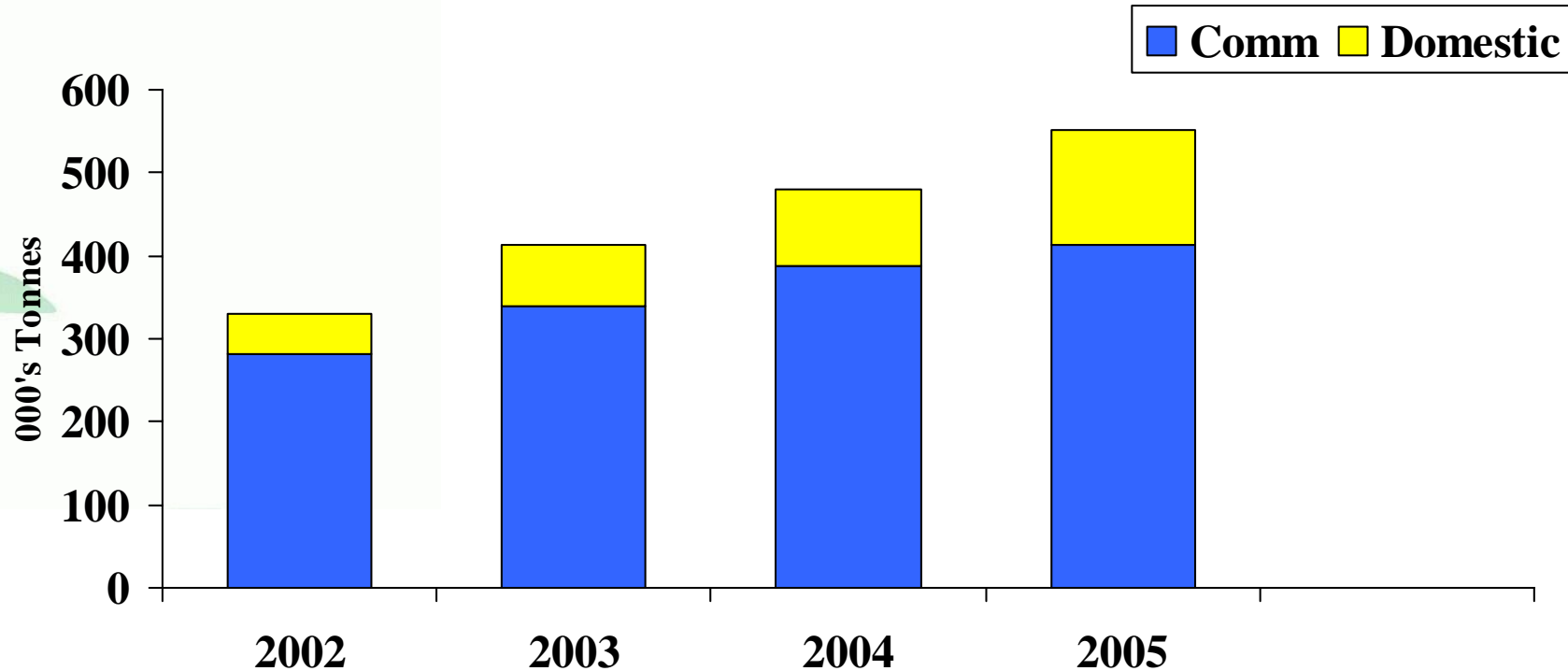


Domestic Recycling Infrastructure is growing

- 820,000 kerbside collections
 - 56 % of households,
 - Packaging, Newspapers/Magazines, Paper, Cans and Plastic Bottles
- 2,000 bring sites
 - Glass, Cans and Plastic Bottles
- 70 recycling centres
 - Packaging, WEEE, Newspapers etc



Domestic recycling was relatively small –but is growing



**Pay By
Weight**





National Strategy Group on Packaging Waste Recycling (NSGPWR)

- Established October 2004
- Requirement to complete Strategic Plan for 2006 to 2011
- Review legislation to ensure national recycling targets are delivered
- Partnership based approach



Structure

National Strategy Group on Packaging Waste Recycling

Public Sector Group (8)
Chair: Tom O'Mahony
DoEHLG

DoEHLG x 4

CCMA x 3

[Assistant Manager Dublin

City Council x1

Co. Manager x1

Director of Service x1]

EPA x1

Strategy Group Meetings

Joint Chairpersons

Public Sector: Tom
O'Mahony, DoEHLG

Industry: Adrian Goodrich,
Repak Ltd.

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IBEC x 1

Reprocessors x 1

Brandholders x 2

Collectors x 1

Retailers x 2



Issues for Strategy Group

- Balanced legislation & effective enforcement
- Future EU policy trends & legislation
- End markets, recyclables subject to global markets (Market Development Group)
- Reinforcing best practice, promoting awareness/education programmes
- Development of infrastructure
- Costs – who pays ?





Strategy Group

Current issues

- Do the current Regulations facilitate evasion and free riders ?
 - Changes needed to ensure level playing field
- Should more companies be making a contribution ?
 - Reduction in thresholds recommended
- Domestic recycling increasing rapidly – but much more costly.
 - Who pays, and how much ?
 - Full cost recovery ?



Full Cost recovery – European model

- Local authorities have responsibility but may subcontract to recovery operators
- Compliance scheme involved in pricing and tendering process
- Payments made only on best-in-class benchmarks
- Anti-competitive behaviour prohibited. Competition and transparency essential
- Compliance scheme owns the materials recovered.
- Very large fee increase to member companies of compliance scheme



Current cost issues in Ireland

- Local authorities must justify claim for higher subsidies
- National Strategy Group (NSGPWR) involved
- Repak board – review and examination
- Key stakeholders consulted



Thank you

