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CEMBUREAU responds to biowaste consultation

Earlier this month CEMBUREAU responded to the European Commission's Green Paper on the management of bio-waste in the EU, highlighting that co-processing in the cement industry is the optimum way of recovering energy and material from waste. It offers a safe and sound solution for society, the environment and the cement industry, by substituting non renewable resources with societal waste under strictly controlled conditions.

In its response, CEMBUREAU indicated that life-cycle assessment studies could play a greater role in the choice of the treatment of bio-waste diverted from landfills as the whole value chain would be considered rather than the final treatment option. In addition, the Association notes that energy recovery from biomass can make a valuable contribution to sustainable resource and waste management in the EU.