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# Enerkem biorefineries: setting a new global standard in biofuels, chemicals and waste management

**Enerkem** 



## Enerkem at a glance

- Canadian-based company producing biofuels and renewable chemicals from nonrecyclable and non-compostable household garbage (MSW or RDF) as an alternative to landfilling and incineration
- Proprietary clean technology developed in-house
- Private company founded in 2000; 200 employees
- First full-scale commercial biorefinery beginning operations in Edmonton (CND) in 2015
  - Pilot and demonstration facilities in Québec
- Developing similar facilities in North America and abroad
  - MOUs in China and EU







# **The Enerkem solution**

Feedstock



Municipal Solid Waste

Approximately

1.3B MT<sup>(1)</sup> of

trash generated

per year at global

scale

**Process** 





Proprietary Thermochemical Technology



Syngas

10 year history – Largest operating demo plant in cellulosic ethanol

#### **Products**



Ethanol / Methanol



**Renewable Chemicals** 



**Power Generation** 

Product cost competitive with those derived from fossil-based feedstocks

#### Markets



**Transportation Fuels** 



Solvents, Polymers, Coatings, Plastics, Adhesives

End Products Flexibility



# Alternative to landfilling and traditional WTE

Helping increase waste diversion to 90%



Biorefinery (liquid fuels, chemicals) 🖉 Enerkem

Waste-to-Energy (heat, electricity)

Landfill

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# Key market drivers for waste as feedstock

- Increased scarcity of urban landfill airspace and societal desire for waste diversion
- Circular economy or "cradle-to-cradle" approach
- Low cost unconventional feedstocks
- Renewable fuels mandates around the world
- Consumer pull for renewable and biobased products
- Focus on carbon footprint and GHG emissions reduction





# Benefits of using waste as feedstock

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Reduces GHG emissions
- No land use impact
- Sustainable alternative to landfilling
- Complementary to recycling
- Fuel produced close to point of consumption/feedstock (limited transportation)

#### **ECONOMIC**

- Most inexpensive feedstock (typically no cost)
- Abundant resource
- Readily available and collected
- Available in all regions (urban and rural)





Large market potential globally .....

# MSW IN THE WORLD



**420 MILLION METRIC TONS OF MSW** SUITABLE FOR ENERKEM'S TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

THE POTENTIAL: **160 BILLION** LITRES/42 B GALLONS USING ENERKEM

Source: World Bank, 2012



## ..... but also in Europe

# MSW IN THE EU



**75 MILLION METRIC TONS OF MSW** SUITABLE FOR ENERKEM'S TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

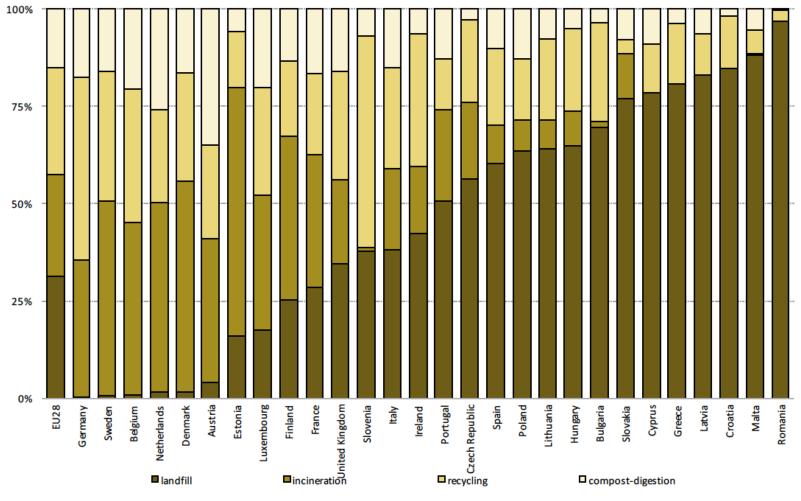
**254 MILLION METRIC TONS OF MSW** GENERATED PER YEAR

THE POTENTIAL: 28.3 BILLION LITRES USING ENERKEM'S TARGET YIELD'

<sup>1</sup> 375 litres of cellulosic ethanol per metric ton Source: Eurostat (European Commission), 2011



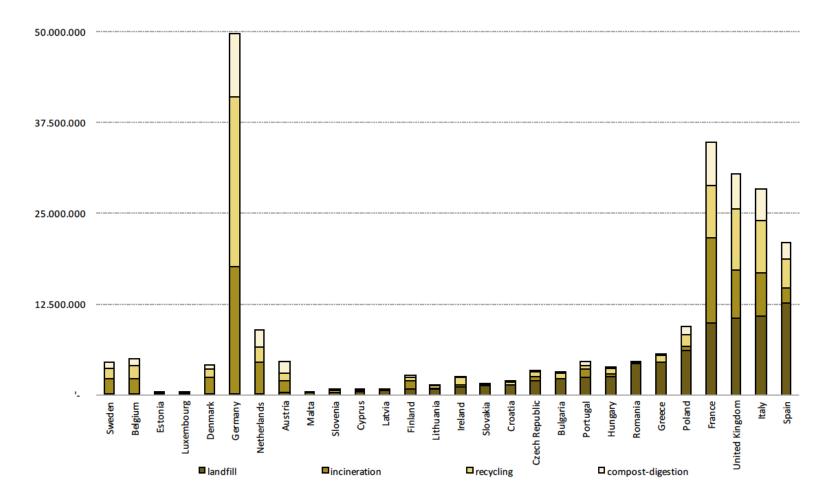
## MSW treatment in EU MS in 2013



Source: Eurostat 2016



## MSW treatment in EU MS in 2013 (in tons)



Source: Eurostat 2016



# Large Global Market with Regulatory Upside

2014 Global Ethanol Demand

#### (84 Bn L) (102 Bn L) Middle East North America & Africa Asia Europe 11% 4% 5% South 7% America 3% Europe 16% North South America America 59% 29% Asia 65%

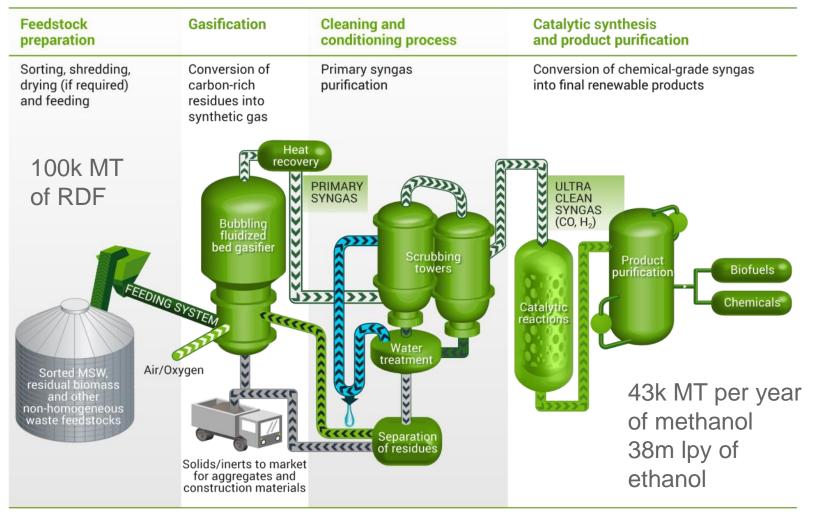
- North American ethanol market highly incentivized by Canadian and US Renewable Fuel Standard mandates.
- Ethanol and biomethanol are used as a transportation fuel blend in some EU states (RED) and China
- Unique opportunity in EU and China for blending methanol in fuels (instead of selling as chemical intermediate)



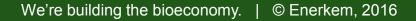
2014 Global Methanol Demand



## An efficient "carbon-recycling" process



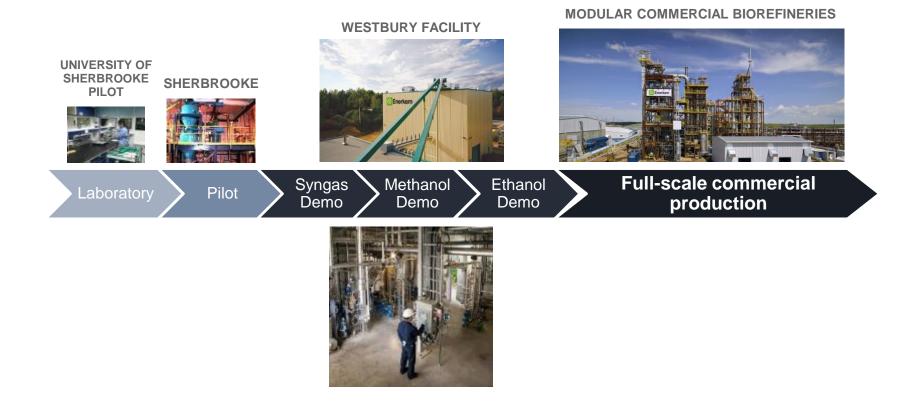
\* Municipal solid waste





## Bringing the model to reality

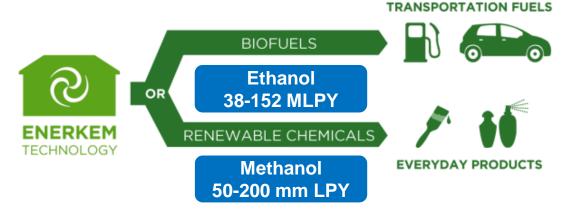
#### **Rigorous path to commercialization**





## Cost-competitive and sustainable solution

NON-RECYCLABLE WASTE

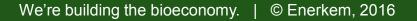


#### **Municipality:**

- Supplies between 100,000 to 400,000 tons of MSW per year (as available)
- Long-term contract
- Pays tipping fee attractive compared to status quo
- Suggests sites

#### **Enerkem:**

- Technology provider and joint venture partner in project
- Converts MSW into biofuels and renewable chemicals up to 4x scale of Edmonton
- Works with the waste and municipal partners to optimize MSW sorting into commodities and for site selection
- Manages business risks incl. sale of final product
- Creates high-quality jobs
- Generates \$C65 M/year in net economic benefits in the region (for 1 X standard Enerkem system of 100,000 tons / year)





# Modular approach

- Modular manufacturing approach enabling global expansion
- Pre-fabricated modules assembled on site





World's first commercial MSW-to-biofuels and chemicals facility

#### **ENERKEM ALBERTA BIOFUELS**

Capacity:38 million litres per year<br/>(i.e. 1 X standard Enerkem system)Feedstock:25-year agreement with City of Edmonton<br/>for 100,000 dry tonnes of MSW per yearProducts:Biomethanol, cellulosic ethanol

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City of Edmonton's Integrated Waste Management Centre



Recycled	•	20%
Composted	•	40%
Biofuels	•	30%
Landfill	•	10%

Waste diversion = 90%



Integrated Processing and Transfer Facility

Recycling center

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3 4 Composting center

ENERKEM biorefinery

Alberta Innovates Energy and Environment Solutions

# Edmonton Waste-to-Biofuels Initiative

#### Integrated Processing and Transfer Facility



- Funded by City of Edmonton
- Owned / operated by City of Edmonton
- Prepares waste materials for composting and biofuels facilities

#### Enerkem Alberta Biofuels Waste to Biofuels Facility



- Funded by Enerkem Inc.
- Supported by:
  - AI-EES (\$20M this grant is administered by the City of Edmonton)
  - ✓ Alberta Energy (\$3.35M)
- Owned / operated by Enerkem

#### Advanced Energy Research Facility



- Funded by AI-EES
- Owned / operated by City of Edmonton
- Powered by Enerkem technology
- Hosts a laboratory and other technologies







Advanced Energy Research Facility

# Edmonton





# Delivering new technology (1)

#### **Key challenges Enerkem has overcome**

- Scaling-up from pilot to demonstration to commercial plants
  - Iterative design improvements based on operational performance
  - Move from 'custom' to modular delivery
- Funding / financing demonstration facility and 1<sup>st</sup> commercial plant
  - 15 year development programme
  - Capital scarcity during economic downturn
- Project deliver challenges
  - Modularisation and transport of modules to site
  - Building a reliable and costs effective supply chain
  - Construction in the Albertan winter!



# Delivering new technology (2)

#### **Ongoing challenges...**

- EU market policy variability and uncertainty
  - 28 sets of member states' biofuels policies RED vs FQD?
  - Approach to 0.5% advanced sub-target?
  - Lack of clarity over policy post 2020 all set to change?
  - Where are the highest value markets?



## Target growth areas for global partnerships



- Strategic partnerships with leading industrial groups
- Selection based on market attractiveness:
  - public policies
  - tipping fees
  - proximity to petrochemical infrastructure
  - population



#### Next projects

- Biomethanol facilities in Europe
- Projects under development in Canada and the U.S.

 MOUs in China and other regions of the world

#### VANERCO First advance

First advanced biofuels facility in Canada to be co-located with a conventional biofuels production facility

Capacity: Feedstock: Status: 38 million litres Urban waste (industrial, commercial, institutional, construction, etc.) Pre-construction work started









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The Canadian firm transforming your sofa into biofuels

of life as a source of renewable energy

Enerkem's waste

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#### Waste-To-Fuel: How To Make A Challenge An Opportunity

An entrepreneurial company is planning to take a new approach to the old adage 'making money from old rope'.

Freddie Dawson

Instead of splitting used hemp to re-sell, Enerkem – the company in question – is taking solid municipal waste and turning it into fuels and chemicals through a proprietary process that involves further sorting of waste feed material and then chemistry conversion of the remaining feedstock through a gasifier as well as a fluidised bed.

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