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“The UK is increasingly moving away from a throwaway society to a ‘circular economy’ that recognises the importance of preventing, reusing and recycling waste. However, governments face the challenge of creating innovative schemes and offering greater facilities to guide and motivate householders to recycle more.”  
 – Ambreen Ahmad, Research Analyst

## This report looks at the following areas:

- What are the key determinants driving the recycling industry?
- How have UK governments influenced and shaped the development of recycling in each respective country?
- How have EU directives and individual behaviour shaped market demand and supply?
- What are the key issues the industry needs to address to expand and improve recycling in the long term?
- What does the future hold for the UK’s recycling industry?

The MBD recycling market report explores a wide range of recyclable materials, some of which are grouped as follows:

- WEEE  
 , electrical goods falling under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive, including household appliances, IT equipment and electrical tools.
- Co-mingled recycling  
 , also known as single-stream recycling. Where paper, card, plastic and metal recycling are collected in a single container rather than separately.
- Non-metallic wastes  
 , which includes glass, plastic, rubber, wood, textiles, paper and card.

Metal recycling can be further segmented by type of metal, namely:

- Ferrous metals waste and scrap  
 , which includes: waste and scrap of cast iron and alloy steel; other ferrous waste and scrap comprises of tinned iron or steel; as well as turnings, shavings, chips, milling waste, sawdust, filings, trimmings and stampings, largely obtained from the machining of parts.
- Non-ferrous metals waste and scrap, including aluminium, nickel, zinc, copper, lead and tin.
- Municipal waste arisings  
 in the UK includes all wastes under the control of local authorities or agents acting on their behalf, which means all household waste, municipal parks and garden wastes, and council office waste. It also includes any waste collected by local authorities from businesses. This waste is referred to as Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW).

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