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Good and different use of compost and digestate-based products starts with a good plan

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“CORE aims at mainstreaming composting in rural ecosystems and environments to maximize the efficient use of bio-waste.”



Good Practice – Good and different use of compost and digestate-based products starts with a good plan

Description

- Problem addressed
- Context where the practice was introduced
- Objective

Implementation

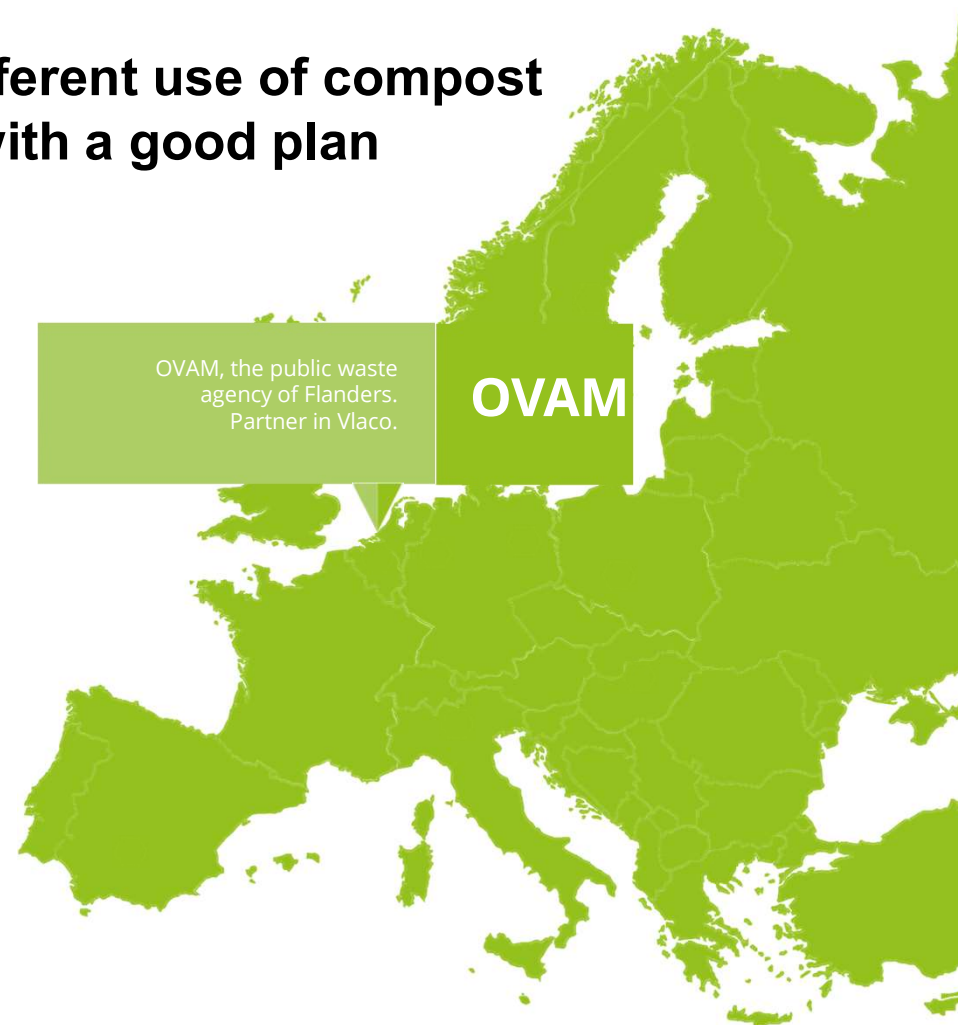
- Timescale
- Resources needed
- Actors involved

Evidence of success

- Results achieved
- Users/ beneficiaries

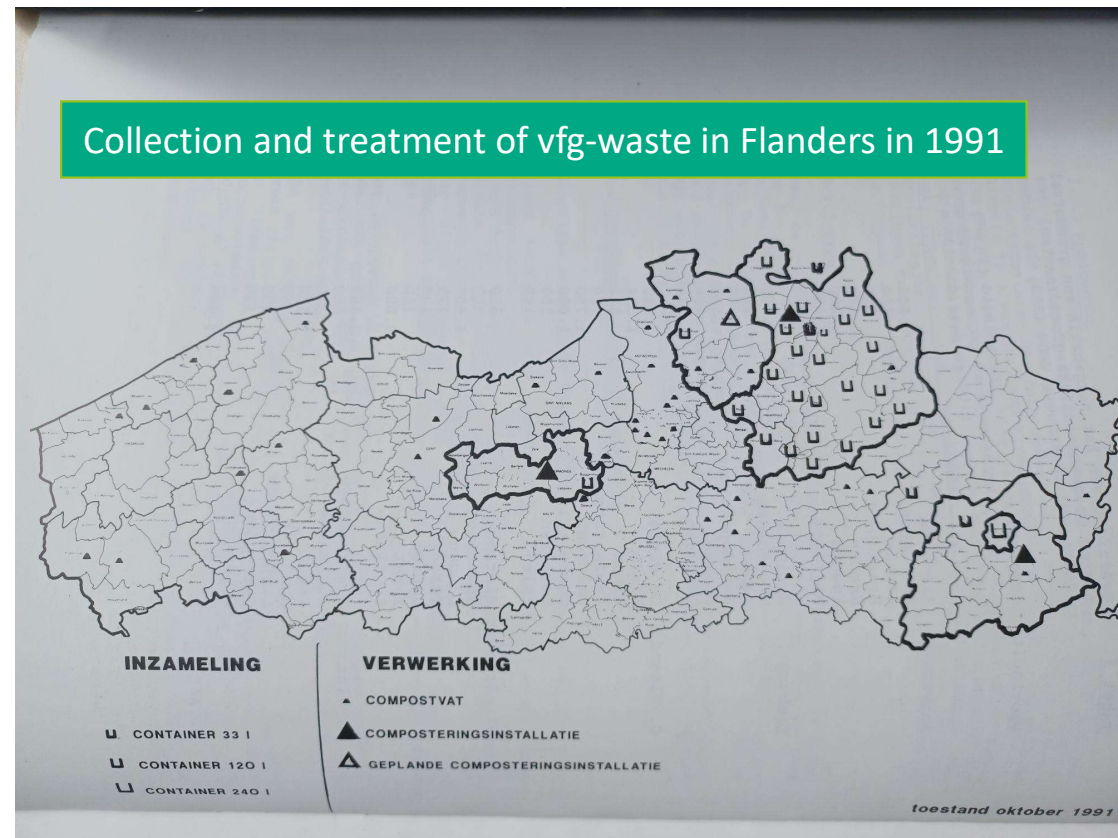
Lessons learnt

- Positive
- Negative
- Challenge



Description

- Problem:
1988-1990: Bad quality of compost, made by industrial composting of residual waste.
- 1991:
 - Prohibition of composting residual household waste.
 - Start of separate collection of vfg-waste at home.
 - Start of recycling parks was stimulated by 90% OVAM-subsidy. Start of separate collection of greenwaste at the recycling parks.
 - OVAM-subsidy for the compost bin at home.
 - No experience in the quality and the market of soil improvers.



Description

- 1991: Flemish Action plan biowaste launched.
Objective: closing the organic cycle by an integrated quality approach on green and vfg-waste with all intermunicipalities and composting plants.
- 1992: °Vlaco as a public private partnership between the intermunicipalities, the composting plants and the public waste authority OVAM.
- Objective: setting up an integrated market and quality approach for biowaste compost.
=> a circular economy approach in Flanders.



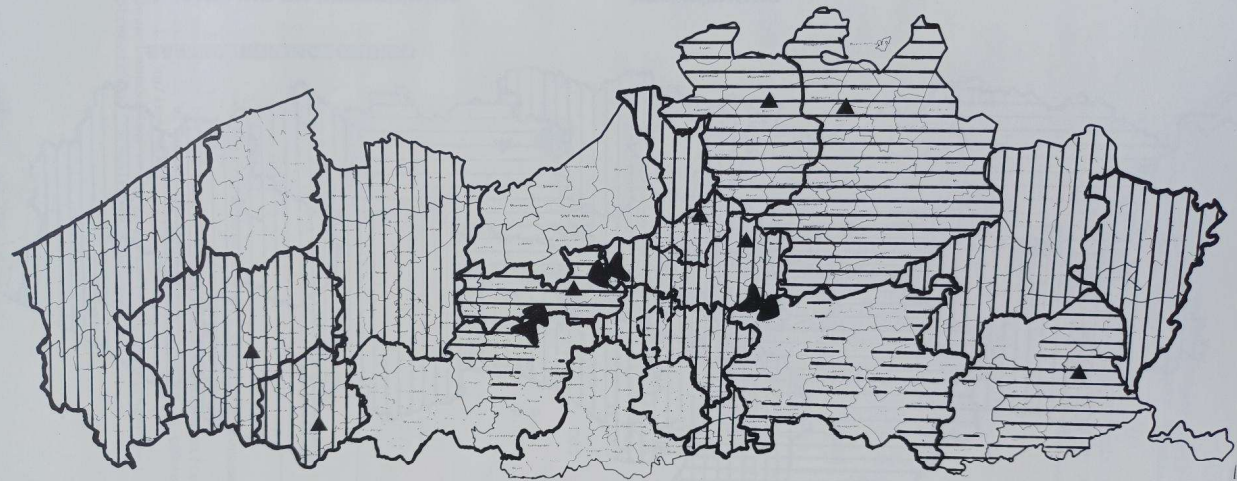
Implementation

■ Timescale

5-year biowaste management planning,
meanwhile >30 years



Planning separate collection of vfg and garden waste and composting plants in Flanders at the end of 1993



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Implementation

Resources needed

A legal framework and financial resources from Flemish government, intermunicipalities and biowaste treatment plants.

OVAM:
<40% in
Vlaco npo
530.000 EUR
in 2024

Actors involved

- governments responsible for waste (OVAM) and soil improvers (Federal),
- intermunicipalities,
- the composting plants,
- research centres,
- laboratoria
- agrimarketing experts,...



Implementation

Selling point for compost:

- Professional use: composting plant

- Hobby gardeners: recycling park or composting plant

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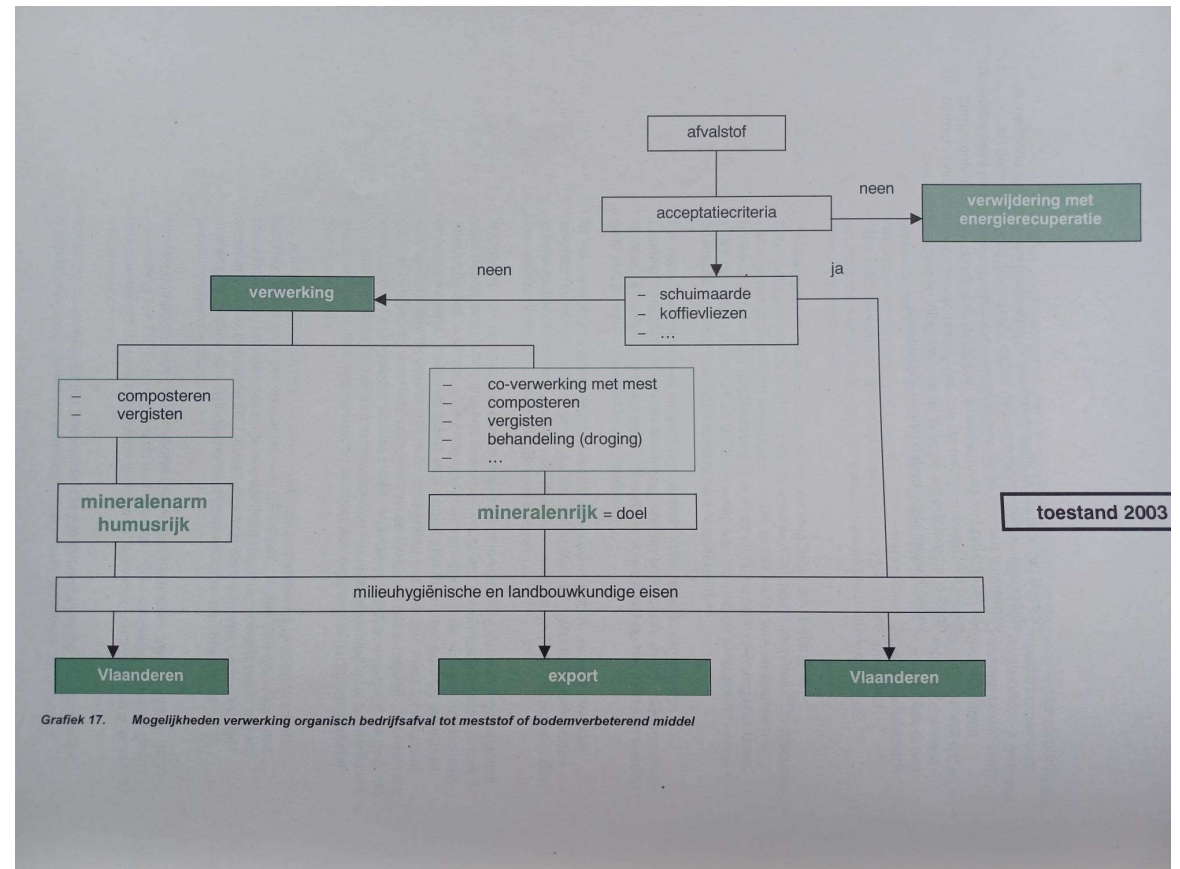
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Evidence of success

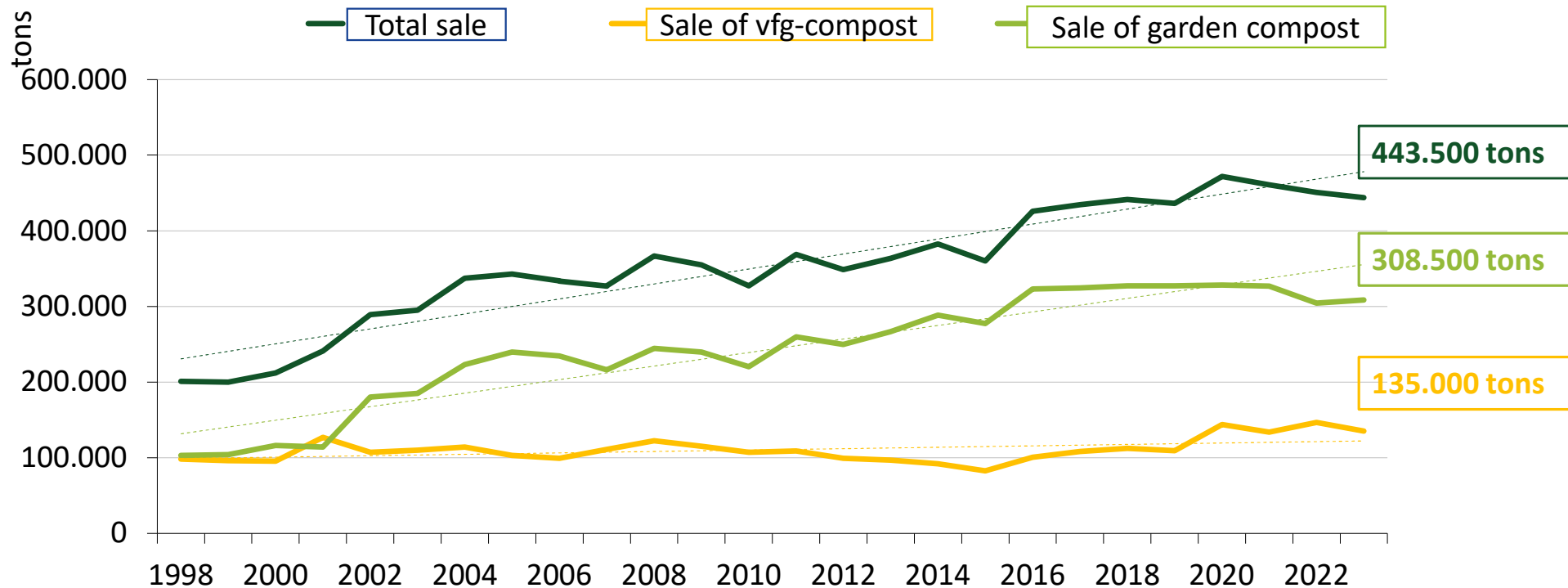
Results achieved

-Developing an **integrated quality** approach from the separate collection to a Vlaco certified **quality compost** takes time, step by step.

-A compost **organisation**, **Vlaco**, where all **stakeholders** work together and exchange their knowledge.



Success: Sale of Vlaco-certified compost 1998-2023



Sale of compost: about 2.5 million euro in 2023

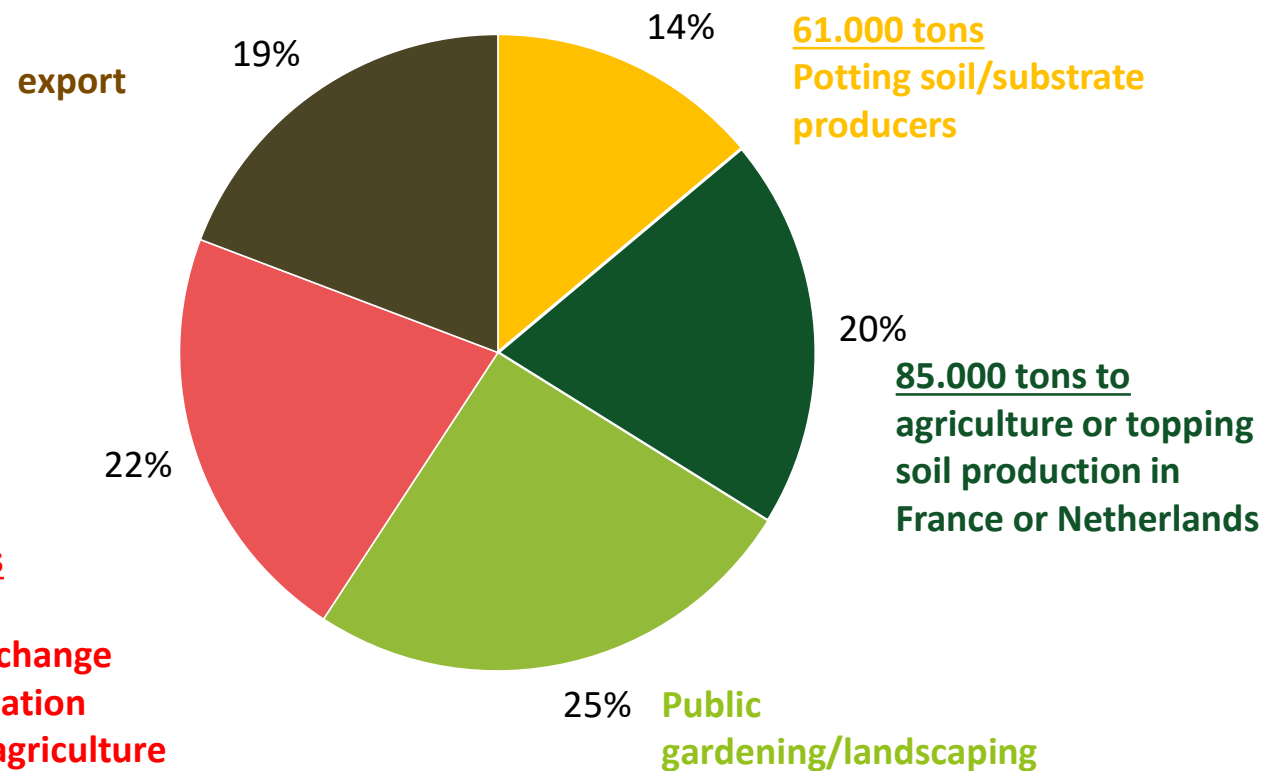
Evidence of success

- Users/ beneficiaries

Higher quality compost for hobby gardeners, professionals in substrates,...



Success: Sales market of compost 2023



Lessons learnt

- **Positive**

An integrated quality **biowaste management plan** forms a good basis for bringing all **stakeholders** together in the right way for reaching a good quality product and marketing of it.

The example of Vlaco shows that **partnership of Flemish/local governments and treatment plants** creates a positive synergy on quality improvement, marketing, technical experience,...

- **Negative**

Be aware of a **competitive** market and the impact of changing (European) legislation.

- **Challenge**

Each year **new challenges** (technically, legislation, economic feasibility,..)



**Time for
questions**



Thank you!

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