

# Planning needed to deal with waste

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One of the most delicate problems facing Italy today is that of waste disposal and management of the waste sector.

A problem affecting all citizens, sometimes making front page news, there is also the problem of special waste, requiring specific technical, organisational and legislative experience.

It is in short an industrial sector like any other, governed by precise laws that have to comply with EU directives, “even though in many cases we still remember

the ‘pioneers’ of the 1980s, who in the absence of specific legislation implemented their industrial plans without taking the environment into consideration. And now we are paying the consequences, as it left an indelible mark in people’s minds, preventing popular agreement when new projects are being discussed, whatever they may be.

This creates fertile ground for political propaganda aimed at capturing more voters rather than fostering a genuine debate on the topic”.

These are the words of Bruno Bella, who after years of experience in the field, founded in 2005 Vibeco, a Saronno based-group now involved in the sphere of industrial reclamation and the design and management of landfills and disposal plants.

“From my vantage point I see, unfortunately, a country that still has many problems in this sector. It is in a perennial state of emergency due to the shortage of plants.

Regions in the centre and south of the country, from Latium to Sicily, do not have efficient integrated waste cycles, due to the

dearth of waste-to-energy and waste disposal plants. This goes against the principles of self-sufficiency and proximity. Unfortunately this ongoing emergency falls nicely into the hands of criminal organisations, which are increasingly attracted to the sector”.

News stories frequently show us images of major cities – Naples or Rome for instance – that are overrun with rubbish.

“Many communities wait in hope that a new class of wise politicians will come along and take responsibility for drawing up plans for the management of waste, based on concrete facts rather than political ideologies.

Plans that can stop the migration of waste overseas, towards member States that have developed more concrete and efficient management systems.

Many entrepreneurs like myself are waiting for Parliament to define a framework within which we can act.

I would be very pleased to make my experience and expertise available for the creation of infrastructures that can put a stop to this degradation...”. 

