

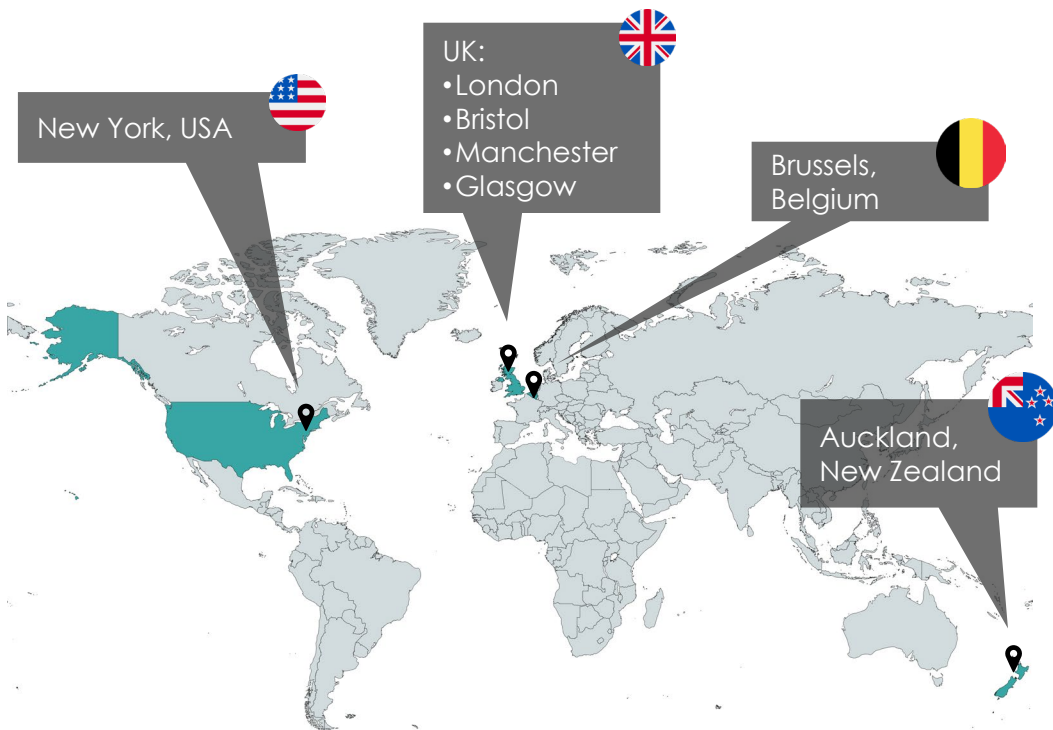
Illinois Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment

Eunomia is a trusted global leader in circular economy



Eunomia Research & Consulting, Inc. ("Eunomia") is a certified B Corporation that has extensive experience supporting local, state, and regional governments to design, implement, and evaluate effective waste and recycling services aligned to the waste hierarchy and circular economy.

Eunomia was established in 2001 in the UK and has offices worldwide. Across the organization, Eunomia has over 140 consultants encompassing economists, policy experts, and organic material experts and life cycle assessors.



Experts in circular economy and delivering data-driven solutions



Policy Experts: Widely recognized global thought leaders in EPR, packaging, textiles, product policy, strategy, and operations - European Commission's primary advisor.



Global Insight: Access to circular economy and packaging design best practice data and insight from all corners of the world.



Cross-Sector Expertise: Proven ability to work with public and private clients across sectors on innovative, cost-effective solutions to the most pressing issues.



Unbiased Credibility: Recognized for giving unbiased, independent, data-driven advice, ensuring credibility and respect across public, private and NGO sectors.



Tool Expertise: Over 20 years development of sophisticated but user-friendly analytical and decision-support tools for solving our clients' problems, including EPR fee modeling and cost assessments.

Our focus, values, and impact



OUR FOCUS AREAS



Circular Economy

Material use, reuse, recycling, and waste management strategies, assisting organizations from policy to product responsibility.



Low Carbon Economy

Low carbon economy strategies across supply chains with a focus on material impact, scope three and four emissions and sector transformation.



Natural Economy

Solutions for biodiversity enhancement, sustainable land use, regenerative farming, and nature-based investment strategies.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

240+

Published reports

Widely cited technical studies across the circular economy value chain.

Over 190

Cities supported

Through projects encompassing waste management, decarbonization, and strategy support.

300+

Private Companies and Industry Associations Supported

Proven track record in advising leading multinational companies (e.g., PepsiCo) in sustainability strategies, with deep expertise in navigating evolving regulations and legislation to ensure compliance and forward-looking action.

This includes keeping up to date on packaging EPR legislation developments in the U.S. and Canada to help shape responsive strategies tailored to emerging requirements and client priorities.

OUR VALUES



Maximize our impact



Provide solutions



Walk the talk

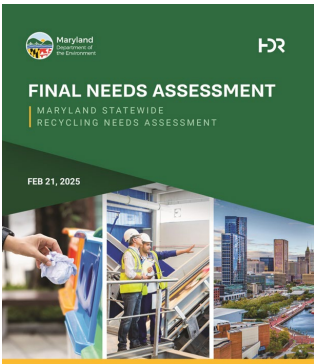


Behave with respect and integrity



Actively inclusive

OUR REPORTS

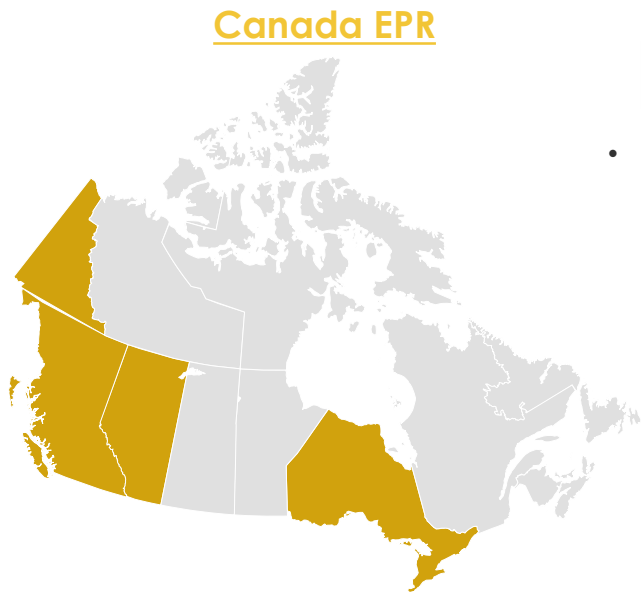


Eunomia is the only consultancy to work on all state needs assessments in the U.S. and similar studies in Canada



State-wide Needs Assessments Supported by Eunomia

Our active work guiding and advising State departments and the US PRO ensure that Starbucks is supported by a team that has the insights to enable informed future proofed decision making.



Canada EPR

Alberta

- Designed and costed EPR System for Alberta that led to legislation passing

Yukon

- Evaluated the benefits of EPR

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Ontario

- Better together report looking at the benefits of EPR and DRS together (contracted by Canadian Beverage Association)

British Columbia

- Designed a framework to evaluate access across multiple product categories

Washington

- Modelled the current and future recycling system including EPR and DRS to determine costs and benefits. Also modelled baseline and source reduction

Colorado HB 22-1355

- Colorado Needs Assessment (contracted by Circular Action Alliance)

Maryland SB 222

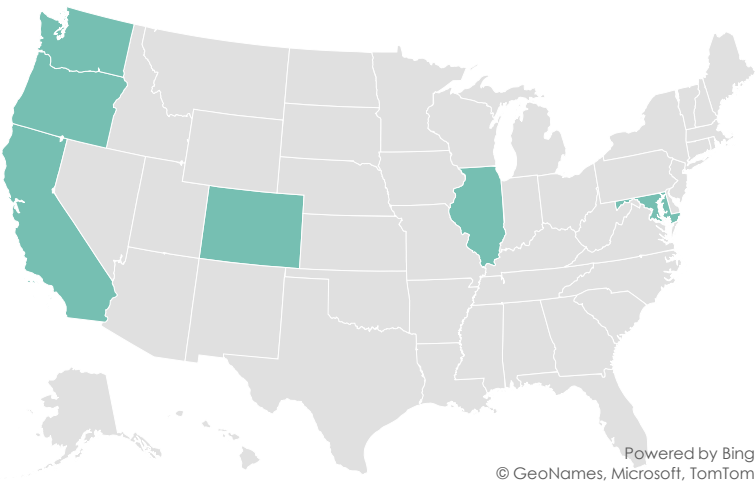
- Maryland Recycling Needs Assessment

Oregon SB 582

- Oregon Collections Needs Assessment

California SB 54

- SB54 Needs Assessment: Collection, Processing, and End Markets
- Source Reduction Materials Design Needs Assessment



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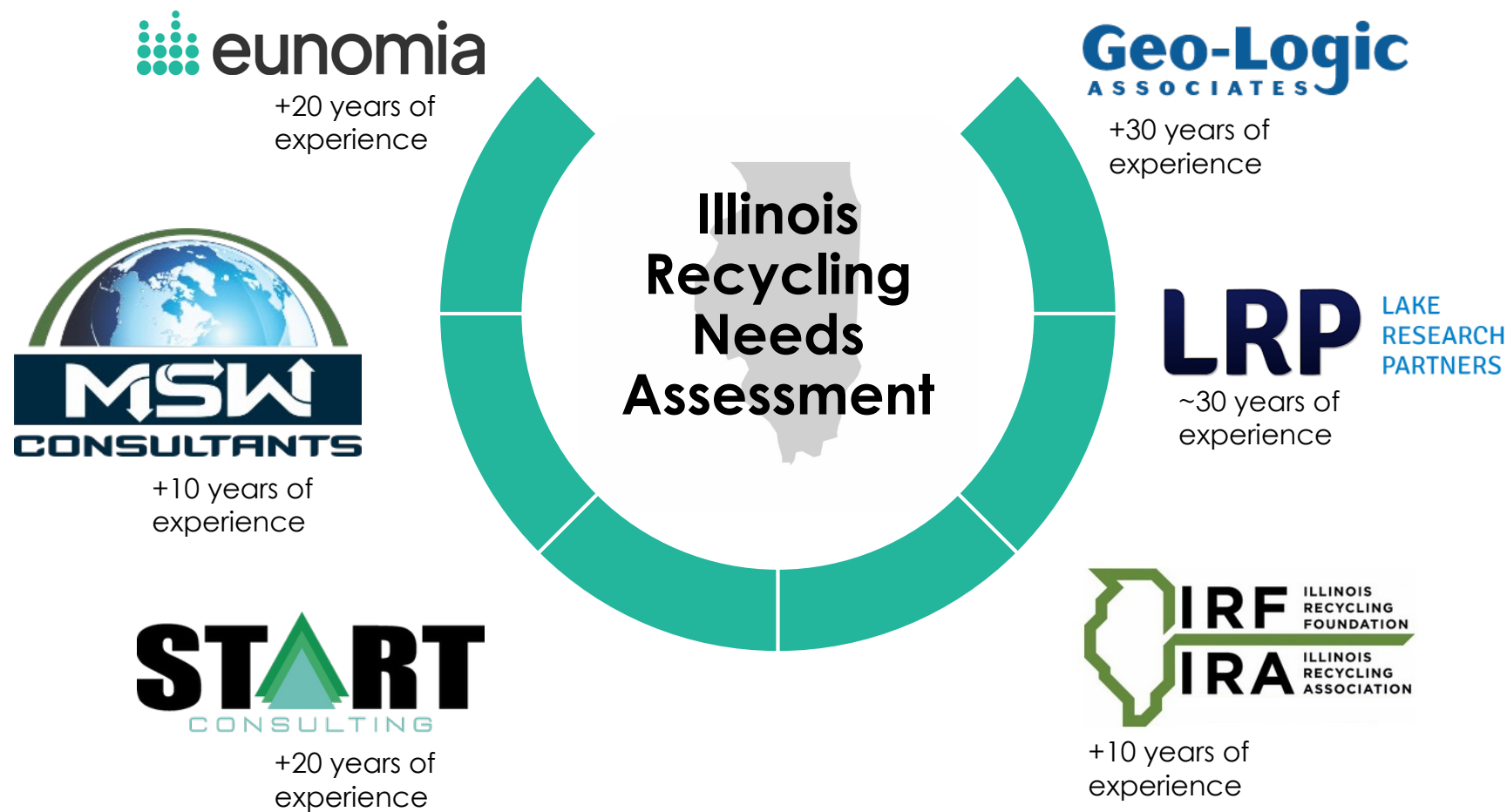
Illinois SB 1555

- Illinois Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment

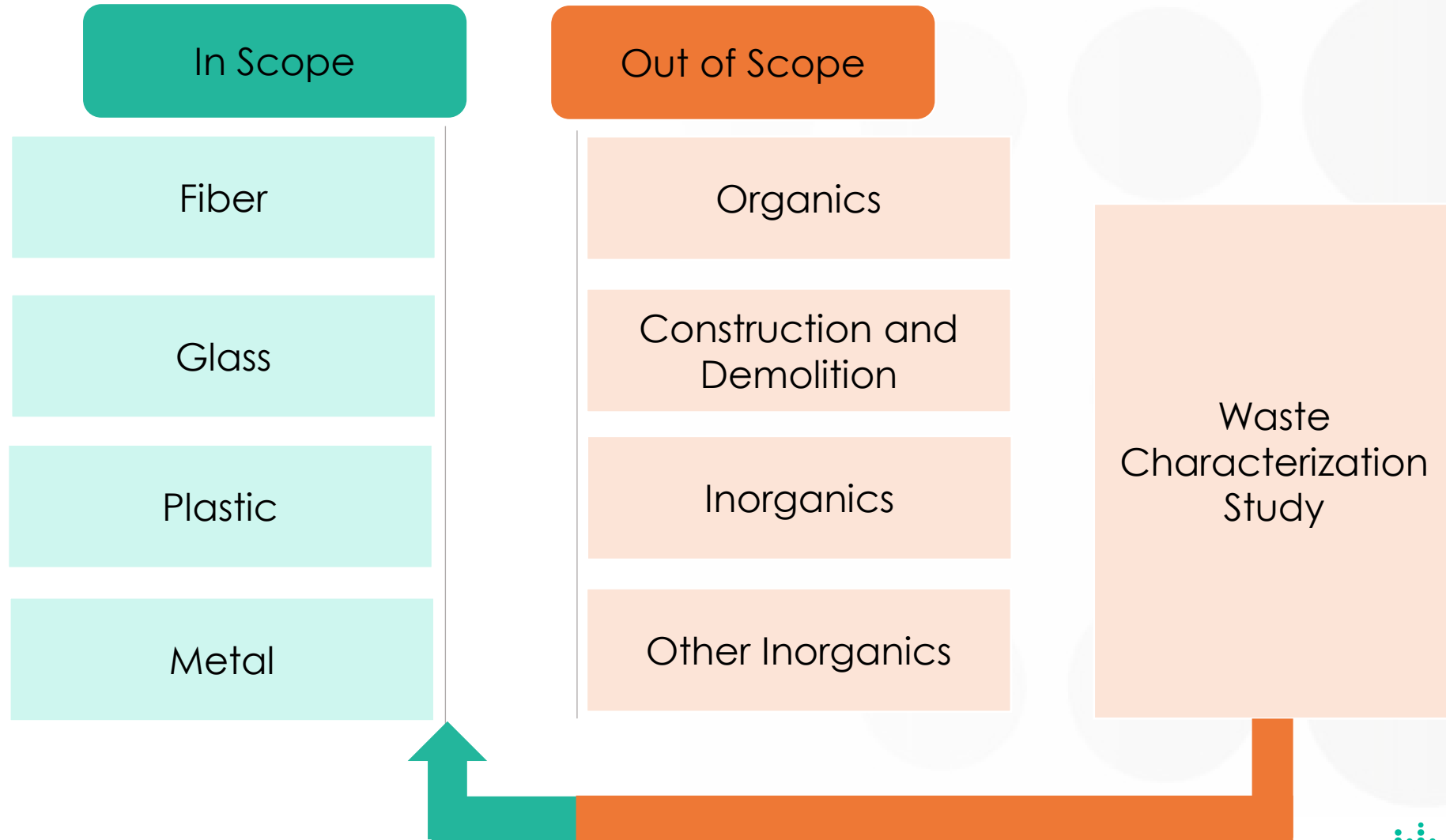


Scope of the Project

Project Team



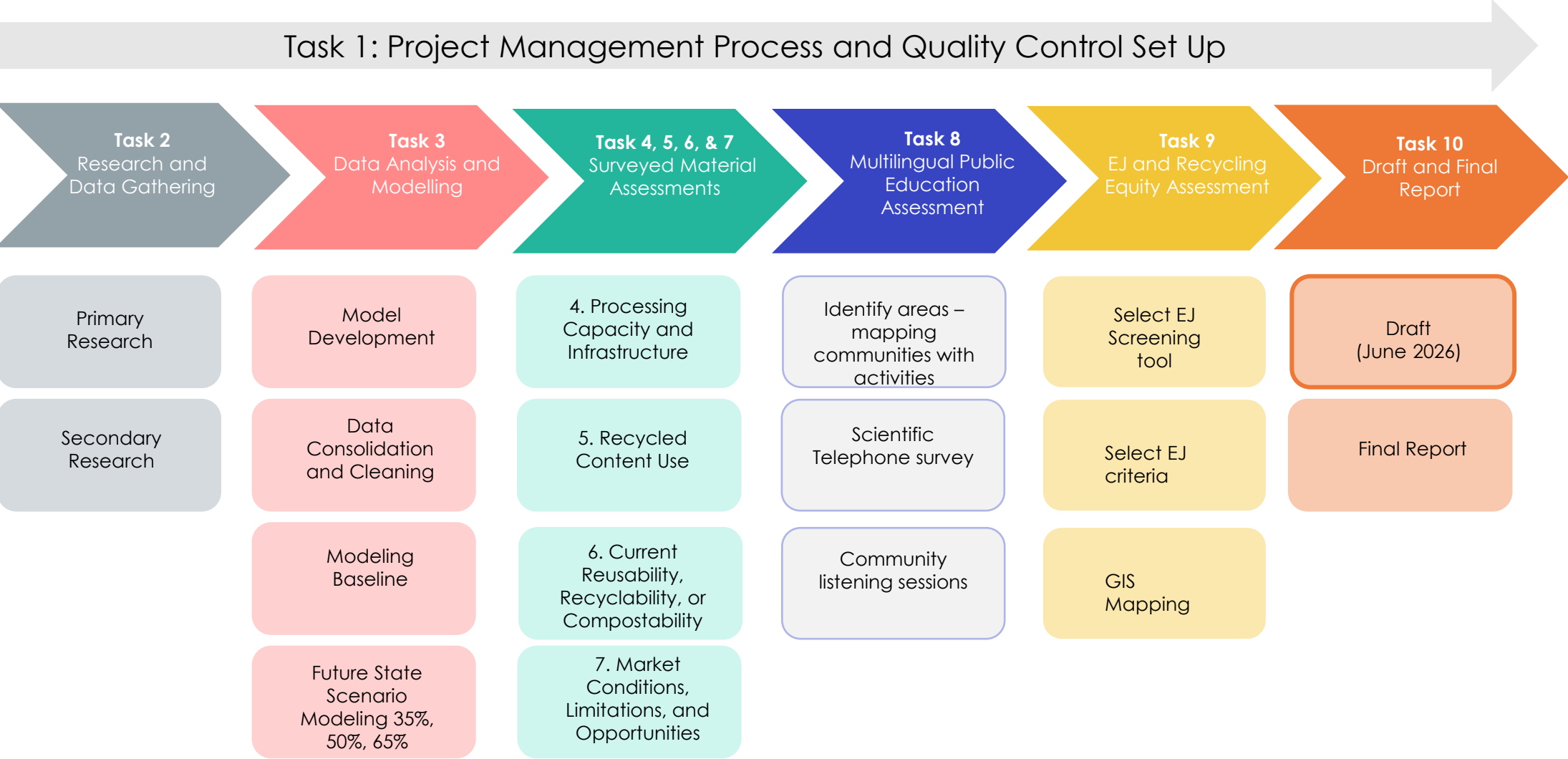
Scope of Needs Assessment



*Data generated will inform the analysis
and modeling for the needs assessment*

Overview of Project Timeline

Project Overview



* Original project schedule proposed, will be adjusted to initiation of project

* Showing total of months per tasks. tasks overlay each other

Overview of Task 2 – Research and Data Gathering

Task	June	July	August	September	October	November
2 Research and Data Gathering						
Database Development and Plan						
Primary Research						
Municipality Survey Design and Delivery						
Facility and Hauler Survey Design						
Interviews (Municipalities, Facilities, Haulers)						
Waste Characterization						
Secondary Research						
Municipality Research to Fill Gaps from Primary Research						

Key Stakeholders for Outreach

- Municipal Governments
- Waste Haulers
- Processing Facilities

We would value collaboration with AC in receiving any input, support on outreach and fostering connections with the stakeholders above. This can be discussed in August and other future meetings.



Eunomia x Advisory Council Preliminary Engagement Plan

August Meeting

- Discuss data needs and how AC can support outreach
- Crowe to present plan for distribution of surveys and process for aggregating data in a way that ensures:
 - anonymity for service providers
 - quality data for the needs assessment

Future Meetings [TBD]

- Discussion of covered materials
- Discussion of proposed levers for system improvement

June 2026

- Present draft report high-level findings to guide AC review



Thank You

**We Look Forward to
Engaging**



About Eunomia

Eunomia is an independent sustainability consultancy driven by a genuine passion to make a positive change to the clients we work with and the communities they operate in. Founded in 2001, we have been pioneers in the sector - early advocates for helping NGOs as well as leading public and private sector organisations in the UK and overseas to adapt their approach and adopt more sustainable processes.

Our consultants are experts in the field, deeply immersed in the subject with the technical knowledge and skill to offer clients innovative, clear and practical recommendations. We are committed to finding solutions to better protect the planet, while supporting the wider aims and needs of our clients.

Each client is treated as an individual, with consultants taking the time to understand their objectives and how best we can support them. This personal service ensures a strong relationship is forged, based on honest and regular communication. It also ensures if these objectives change, there is the flexibility to adapt.

As an established leading independent consultancy, clients can have complete confidence that consultants will offer evidence-led solutions based on robust, impartial thinking that offer both pragmatic and positive outcomes.