

## **NATIONAL WASTE** PREVENTION PROGRAMME

Preventing Waste Driving the Circular Economy





## WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION **OPPORTUNITIES DURING CONSTRUCTION**

## WHY SHOULD I IMPROVE WASTE MANAGEMENT ON SITE?

The volume of waste per m<sup>2</sup> of a project's floor area can equal up to

0.69m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>

while the costs can equal

of the project's floor area

or 10% - 75%

of the project's profit

(based on 9 case studies and an assumed profit margin of 1.5%)



Segregate timber and metal on site.



Set up separate bins for canteen and office waste.



Reuse site hoarding elements.



Pack and stack skips carefully to minimize void space.



Set up take-back schemes for pallets and cable drums.





Use a reusable shuttering system.



Reduce the amount of packaging placed in skips. Ensure subcontractors remove their own packaging.





POTENTIAL **COST SAVING** OF BETWEEN €1.44/m² AND

POTENTIAL **SAVING OF UP** TO 0.72% OF THE PROJECT VALUE

POTENTIAL SAVING OF UP TO 48% OF A PROJECT'S PROFIT

(based on 9 case studies and an assumed profit margin of 1.5%)



