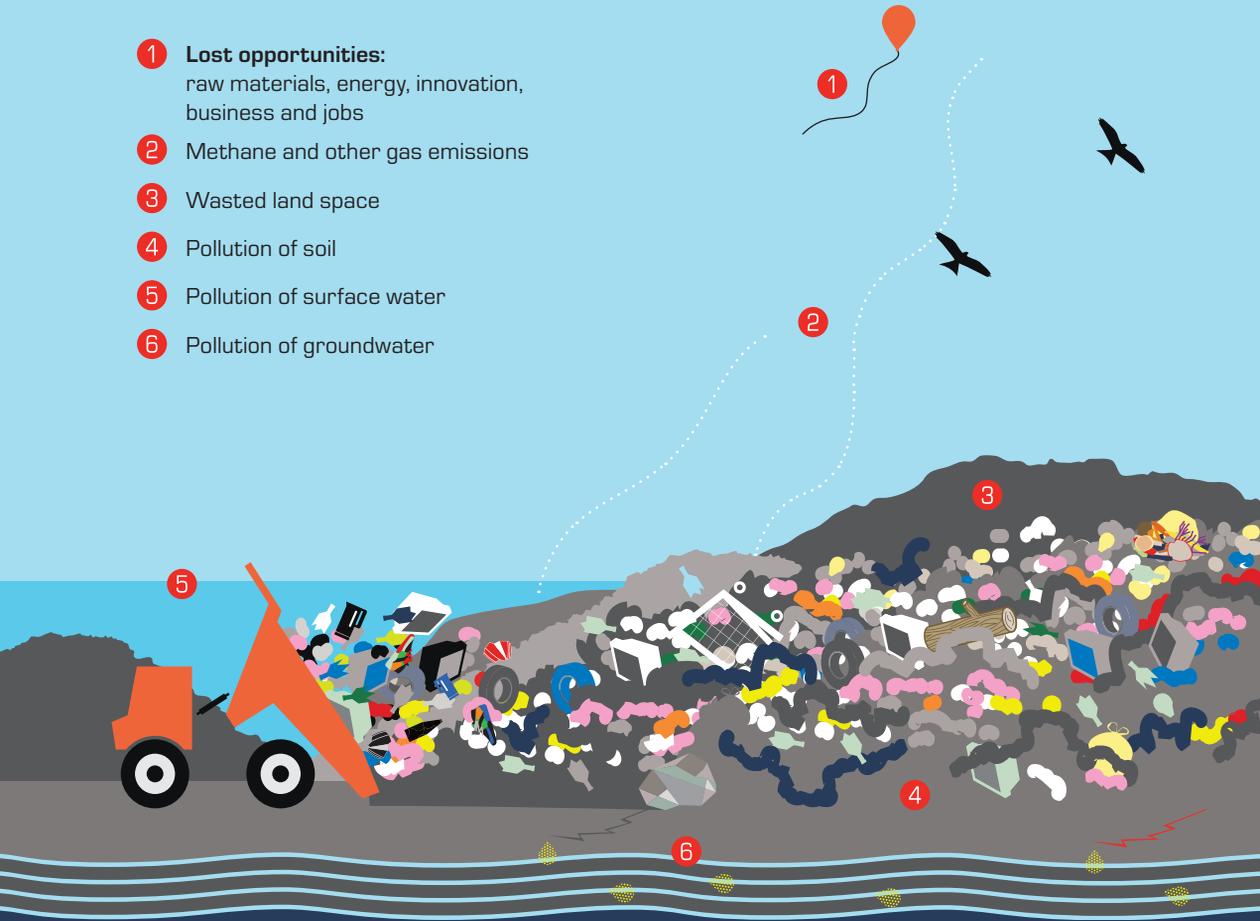


Why should we avoid sending waste to landfills?

Diverting waste away from landfills prevents pollution that can harm our health and the environment. Reducing, re-using and recycling waste can bring economic gains and secure access to critical raw materials. More jobs at higher income levels are also created by recycling than by landfilling or incinerating waste.

- 1 **Lost opportunities:**
raw materials, energy, innovation, business and jobs
- 2 Methane and other gas emissions
- 3 Wasted land space
- 4 Pollution of soil
- 5 Pollution of surface water
- 6 Pollution of groundwater



In the EU,

37%

of municipal waste ends up in landfills.

According to estimates by the European Commission,

€ 5250 Mio.

worth of material is sent to landfill in the EU every year, and over

400.000

new jobs could be created by full implementation of the EU waste legislation.