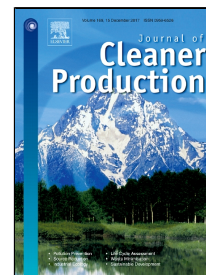


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Highlights

- A novel DEA method has been used to assess efficiency in the development of regional recycling markets.
- Efficient expansion of recycling markets must be accompanied by the attainment of EU 2020 goals regarding MSW generation and collection.
- A majority of regions may reach higher efficiency levels through greater investments in the recycling sector.
- Per capita income and population density significantly explain regional efficiency disparities.
- Replicability of policy measures implemented in benchmark regions may improve country's overall performance.

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