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The Role of Anaerobic MBR for Resources Recovery in a Circular **Economy Context**

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The current management of the urban wastewater and the organic fraction of municipal solid waste is mostly based on aerobic processes (mostly activated sludge systems and composting, respectively), which are known as energy consuming technologies. However, the new Circular Economy (CE) framework, together with the increasing need for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (see, e.g., European Green Deal) will guide the future tendency in policy making and encourage the use of more sustainable technologies. With the currently used aerobic processes, energy is consumed to oxidize organic matter and nitrogen to CO2 and NOx, which contribute directly and indirectly to global warming while resources such as organic matter and nutrients are eliminated. In contrast, anaerobic-based systems allow recycling organic matter (transformed to biogas as an energy resource) and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) from organic waste and wastewater. [...] For further reading, please follow the link to the Special

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