

# Waste and the cities: Urban level WKC evidence from Italy

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The aims of this paper are twofold: exploring the progress in decoupling local development and waste production in Italian cities and test the Waste Kuznets Curve hypothesis. It does so by proposing an econometric analysis based on a large and newly constructed municipal-level dataset that considers almost all municipalities from Italy ( $n = 7.445$ ), which were longitudinally observed between 2010 and 2020.