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# Boosting Plastic Packaging Recyclability: *Setting the Right Standards*

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• #standardisation activities should be planned in every #research project  
• #Universities curricula to help students understand #standards development



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## Three wishes –

- Innovators – when working on ground-breaking tech- make sure standardisation is part of your project
- Research – Standards should be covered in research projects so it is supported by a broad base of stakeholders
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- Maive Rute, Deputy Director-General and Chief Standardisation Officer, Directorate-General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission



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# Agenda and Speakers

- 10:00  **Setting the Scene – *Nicholas Ferguson***
- 10:10  **Plastic Packaging – Update on Regulation and M/584 - *Laure Baillargeon***
- 10:40  **Standardisation landscape: overview and how standardisation can pave the way - *Valentin Cottin & Vincent Colard***
- 11:00  **Research and Innovation Projects: Making an Impact in Europe:**
  -  **MERLIN - *César Aliaga***
  -  **CIMPA – *Maria Vera-Duran***
  -  **upPE-T – *Henar Araguzo Rivera***
- 11:30  **Panel Discussion**
- 11:50  **Wrap-up: Linking Research and Innovation with Standardisation – *Sultan Wood***



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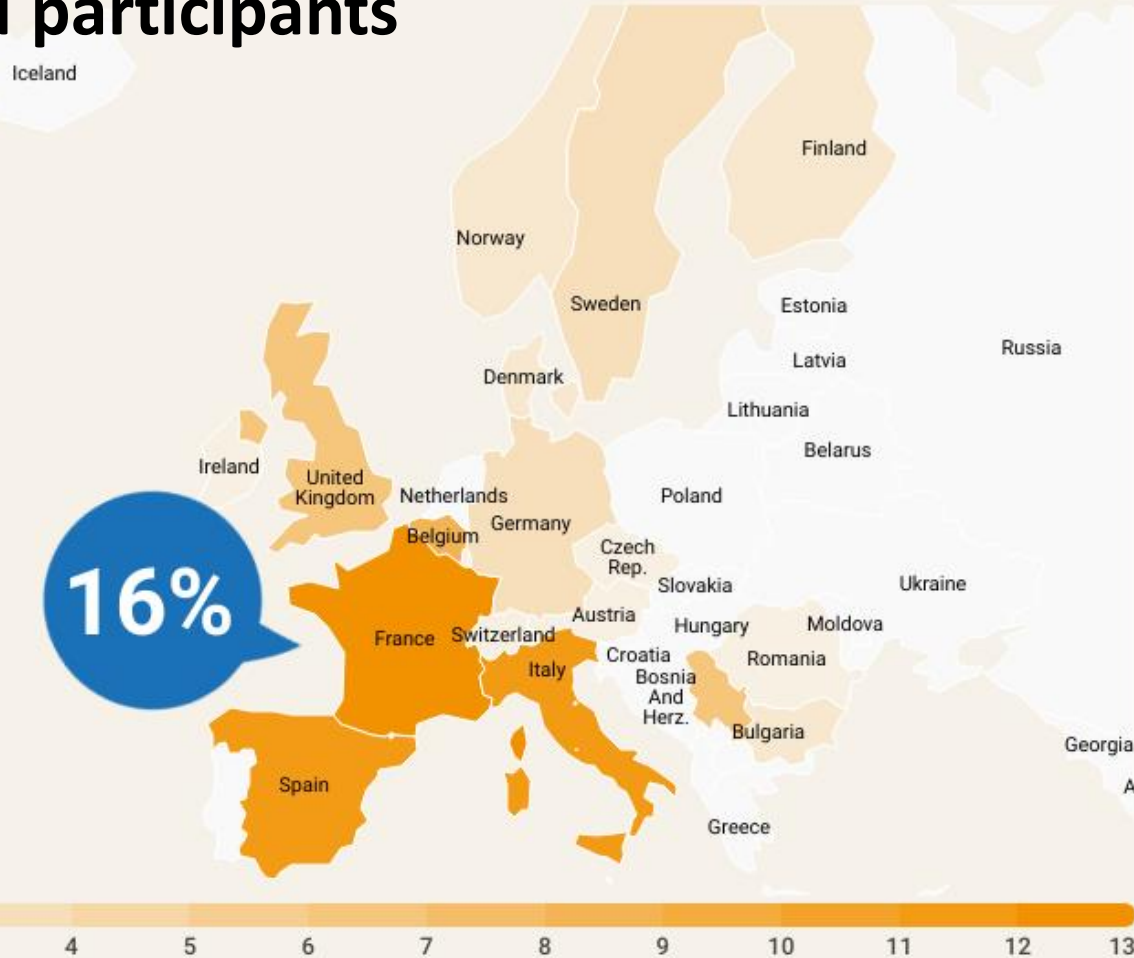
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## 79 Registered participants

### 20 Countries


- France
- Italy
- Spain
- Belgium
- Serbia



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# HSBooster webinar

## **Boosting Plastic Packaging Recyclability: Setting the Right Standards**

*27 April 2023*

*Laure Baillargeon, Unit 'Green and Circular Economy', DG GROW*

# Policy introduction

# Legislation, standards and innovation

- Innovation principle (better regulation)
- 2022 standardisation strategy
  - ⇒ Launch of standardisation booster
- Environmental requirements to steer innovation (and vice-versa)


# Recyclability of plastic packaging & innovation

**Recyclability = packaging design + available infrastructure (+ secondary use)**

- Packaging design innovation to stay within recyclability rules & standards
  - ✓ More performing packaging (e.g. new features)
  - ✓ Easier to recycle or other environmental improvements
  - ☒ Design innovation incompatible with existing rules on recyclability
- Infrastructure innovation can open new possibilities
  - ✓ Greater recyclability of existing packaging formats
  - ✓ **Allow more freedom in packaging design**

# Standardisation request on recycled plastics

M/584 of 1 August 2022



**Why a request for European standards on design-for-recycling of plastic packaging?**

# Commitment by the Circular Plastics Alliance



## European Strategy for Plastics (2018)

Europe has examples of successful commercial partnerships between producers and plastics recyclers (e.g. in the automotive sectors), showing that quantity and quality issues can be overcome if the necessary investments are made. To help tackle these barriers, and before considering regulatory action, the Commission is launching an EU-wide pledging campaign to ensure that by 2025, ten million tonnes of recycled plastics find their way into new products on the EU market. To achieve swift, tangible results, this exercise is addressed to both private and public actors, inviting them to come forward with substantive pledges by June 2018. The details are presented in Annex III.

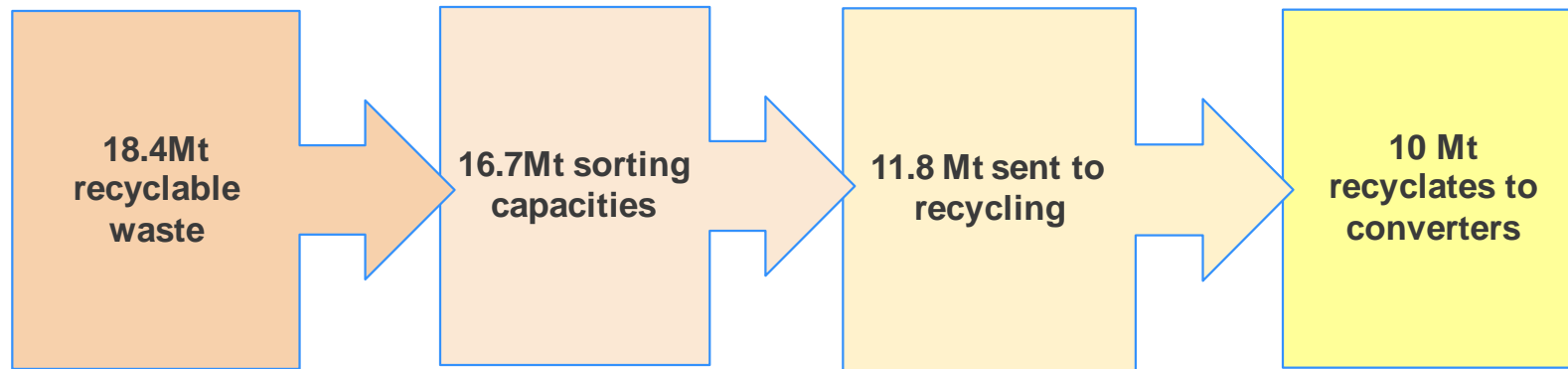


## CPA declaration (2019)

The Circular Plastics Alliance endorses the ambitious target that by 2025 at least 10 million tonnes of recycled plastics should find their way into products and packaging in Europe each year (hereafter referred to as "the 10 million tonnes target"), helping to deliver the circular economy with a life cycle approach.



## Roadmap to 10Mt



(Source: [CPA untapped potential report](#))

# Recyclability is the first step



Source: CPA [Design Work Plan](#)

# Follow up

⇒ Standardisation request [C\(2022\)5372 of 1 August 2022](#) (M/584)

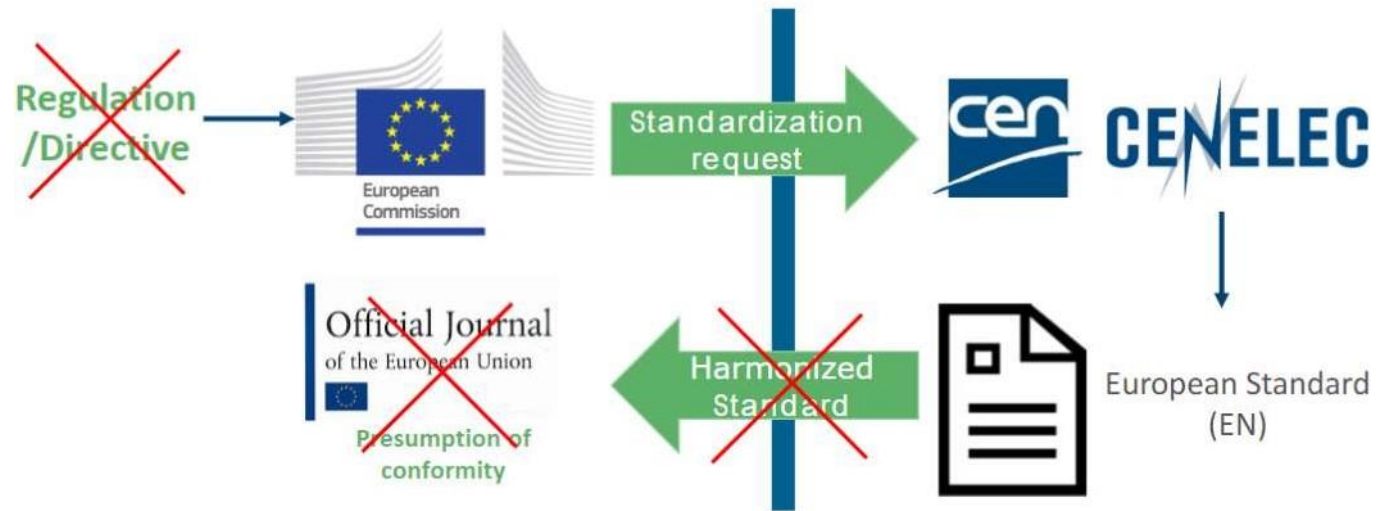
## ANNEX I

### European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in Article 1

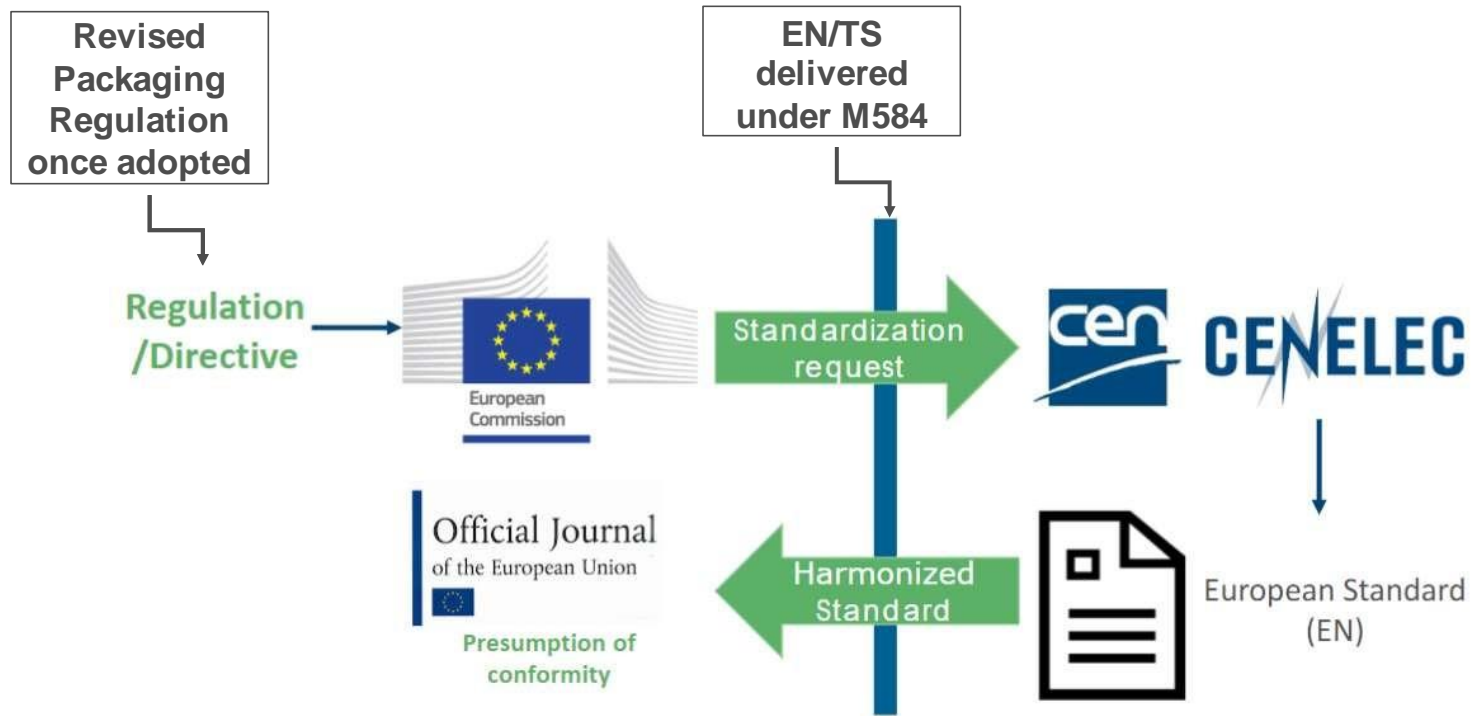
Table 1. List of new European standards and European standardisation deliverables to be drafted and deadlines for their adoption

	Reference information	Deadline for the adoption by the ESOs
1.	European standard(s) on the process and criteria to evaluate the recyclability of plastic packaging.	2 August 2025
2.	European standard(s) on the definitions and principles for design-for-recycling of plastic packaging.	2 August 2025
3	European standardisation deliverables on design-for-recycling guidelines for plastic packaging products: polyolefins flexibles; polystyrene (PS) cups, trays and dairy packaging; polyolefins rigids; polyethylene terephthalate (PET) beverage bottles; PET trays; expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging.	2 August 2025

# M/584: request for European standards (not harmonised standards)



# M/584: possible follow up



# M/584: coordination between Commission and standardisers is crucial

- Recital 14 In order to achieve the objectives of the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy<sup>2</sup>, the Commission announced in A new Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe<sup>5</sup> that it will propose mandatory requirements on recycled plastic content for key products such as packaging, construction materials and vehicles. It is therefore necessary to provide for establishment of close cooperation between CEN and CENELEC and the Commission to ensure consistency between the requested documents and those regulatory developments.
- Article 2 CEN and CENELEC shall provide the Commission with access to an overall project plan. The project plan shall include arrangements ensuring cooperation between CEN and CENELEC and the Commission for the execution of the requested standardisation activities.

# Definition of recyclability of plastics packaging

Commission proposal for a revised Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation of 30 November 2022

**What is the Commission proposal on packaging saying on recyclability?**



# Revised PPWR: recyclability definition (1/5)

## *Article 6* *Recyclable packaging*

1. All packaging shall be recyclable.
2. Packaging shall be considered recyclable where it complies with the following:
  - (a) it is designed for recycling;
  - (b) it is effectively and efficiently separately collected in accordance with Article 43(1) and (2);
  - (c) it is sorted into defined waste streams without affecting the recyclability of other waste streams;
  - (d) it can be recycled so that the resulting secondary raw materials are of sufficient quality to substitute the primary raw materials;
  - (e) it can be recycled at scale.

Point (a) shall apply from 1 January 2030 and point (e) shall apply from 1 January 2035.

## Revised PPWR: recyclability definition (2/5)

- (31) 'design for recycling' means design of packaging, including individual components of packaging, in order to ensure its recyclability with state-of-the-art collection, sorting and recycling processes;
- (32) 'recycled at scale' means collected, sorted and recycled through installed state-of-the-art infrastructure and processes, covering at least 75 % of the Union population, including packaging waste exported from the Union that meets the requirements of Article 47(5);
- (33) 'packaging category' means a combination of material and specific packaging design, which determines the recyclability with the state of the art collection sorting and recycling processes and is relevant for the definition of the design for recycling criteria;

# Recyclability definition in M/584

## (Annex II, Part B, 1.1)

For the purposes of defining ‘recyclable plastic packaging or other product’ CEN and CENELEC may consider the following definition: a packaging or other product which can be sorted and recycled in practice and at scale with state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure, and deliver recycled plastic of suitable quality to be integrated into new products.

For the purposes of defining ‘design-for-recycling’ CEN and CENELEC may consider the following definition: packaging or other product design aiming to ensure that the packaging or other product is recyclable. When defining ‘design-for-recycling’, CEN and CENELEC shall take due account of the concept of a circular economy where the value of products, materials and resources is maintained in the economy for as long as possible, and the generation of waste is minimised, and of the objective of design-for-recycling to maintain the product’s value after recycling, including by ensuring that the quality of the recycled materials is suitable for use back into the same product category or, where the latter is proven not technically or economically feasible, nor the best environmental option, into applications of equivalent quality or economic utility.

## Revised PPWR: recyclability definition (3/5)

3. Recyclable packaging shall, from 1 January 2030, comply with the design for recycling criteria as laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 and, from 1 January 2035, also with the recyclability at scale requirements laid down in the delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 6. Where such packaging complies with those delegated acts, it shall be considered to comply with paragraph 2, points (a) and (e).
4. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 58 to supplement this Regulation in order to establish design for recycling criteria and recycling performance grades based on the criteria and parameters listed in Table 2 of Annex II for packaging categories listed in Table 1 of that Annex, as well as rules concerning the modulation of financial contributions to be paid by producers to comply with their extended producer responsibility obligations set out in Article 40(1), based on the packaging recycling performance grade, and for plastic packaging, the percentage of recycled content. Design-for-recycling criteria shall consider state of the art collection, sorting and recycling processes and shall cover all packaging components.

## Revised PPWR: recyclability definition (4/5)

**Table 2: Recyclability performance grades**

Recyclability Performance Grade	Assessment of recyclability per unit, in weight
Grade A	higher or equal to 95 %
Grade B	higher or equal to 90 %
Grade C	higher or equal to 80 %
Grade D	higher or equal to 70 %
Grade E	lower than 70 %

## Revised PPWR: recyclability definition (5/5)

5. From 1 January 2030, packaging shall not be considered recyclable if it corresponds to performance grade E under the design for recycling criteria established in the delegated act adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 for the packaging category, to which the packaging belongs.

These criteria shall be based at least on the parameters as listed in Table 2 of Annex II.

11. The financial contributions to be paid by producers to comply with their extended producer responsibility obligations as referred to in Article 40 shall be modulated on the basis of the recyclability performance grade, as determined in accordance with the delegated acts referred to in paragraphs 4 and 6 of this Article and, as regards plastic packaging, also in accordance with the Article 7(6).



## In summary...

Recyclable =

designed for recycling (inter alia) =

compliant with delegated act, which may refer to a standard

# Expected content of CEN deliverables under M/584

As formulated in Annex II, Part A and Part B, 1.1, of M/584



# M/584 – expectations on deliverables

(Annex II, Part A and Part B, 1.1)

- ✓ Based on test protocols and neutral, independent interpretation of reproducible results
- ✓ Take into account existing methods and guidelines
- ✓ Qualitative and quantitative assessment of recyclability (e.g. % of a plastic packaging unit that is recyclable)
- ✓ Rules to identify reference sorting and recycling technology for the assessment (« state-of-the-art »)
- ✓ Do's and don'ts in guidelines to ensure recyclability, « *including target values and performance ranges where applicable* »

# M/584 – expectations on deliverables

(others)

- ✓ Governance
- ✓ Regular updates (based on test results)
- ✓ Innovation principle (new sorting and recycling technology)
- ✓ Cover the whole life cycle of a plastic packaging unit
- ✓ Deliver visible results on the market within a few years
- ✓ Make the methodology usable/clear to any market operator

# Background

Circular Plastics Alliance documents transmitted to CEN/TC261/SC4/WG10 as inputs for the deliverables under M/584

## Circular Plastics Alliance documents

- « Umbrella » **recyclability evaluation process** for plastic packaging, including e.g.
  - Task sharing between steering group and expert pools
  - 3 categories (green, yellow, red)
  - Recyclability ↔ intended application
  - Determination of critical points and necessary testing
  - Publicly accessible register with test results and members lists
  - Standardised communication with manufacturer

## Circular Plastics Alliance documents

- « Umbrella » **methodology to develop design-for-recycling guidelines** per plastic packaging category, including e.g.
  - General considerations (mono-polymer design, all components shall be either separable or recyclable)
  - Content of D4R guideline (list of elements to assess and classification in **green**, **yellow**, **red**, determination of separate and integrated components)
  - **Regular update and multi-stakeholder involvement**

# Circular Plastics Alliance documents

Per plastic packaging category: draft design and evaluation guidelines  
(follow-up on [CPA Design for Recycling Work Plan](#))

PET bottles/containers	EBPB and Petcore design guidelines List of unit operations and testing requirements Yearly update
PE-based and PP-based flexibles (natural, coloured)	Do's and don'ts (design guidelines) Recyclclass assessment protocols List of unit operations and testing requirements Yearly update
HDPE bottles, containers and tubes, and PP bottles and containers (natural, coloured)	Recyclclass design guidelines List of unit operations and testing requirements (WIP) Yearly update
PS trays and dairy packaging	Recyclclass design guidelines and assessment protocols List of unit operations and testing requirements Yearly update
EPS Food contact and protective (white goods)	Do's and don'ts (design guidelines) and ref. to Recyclclass design guidelines for fish boxes

Thank you

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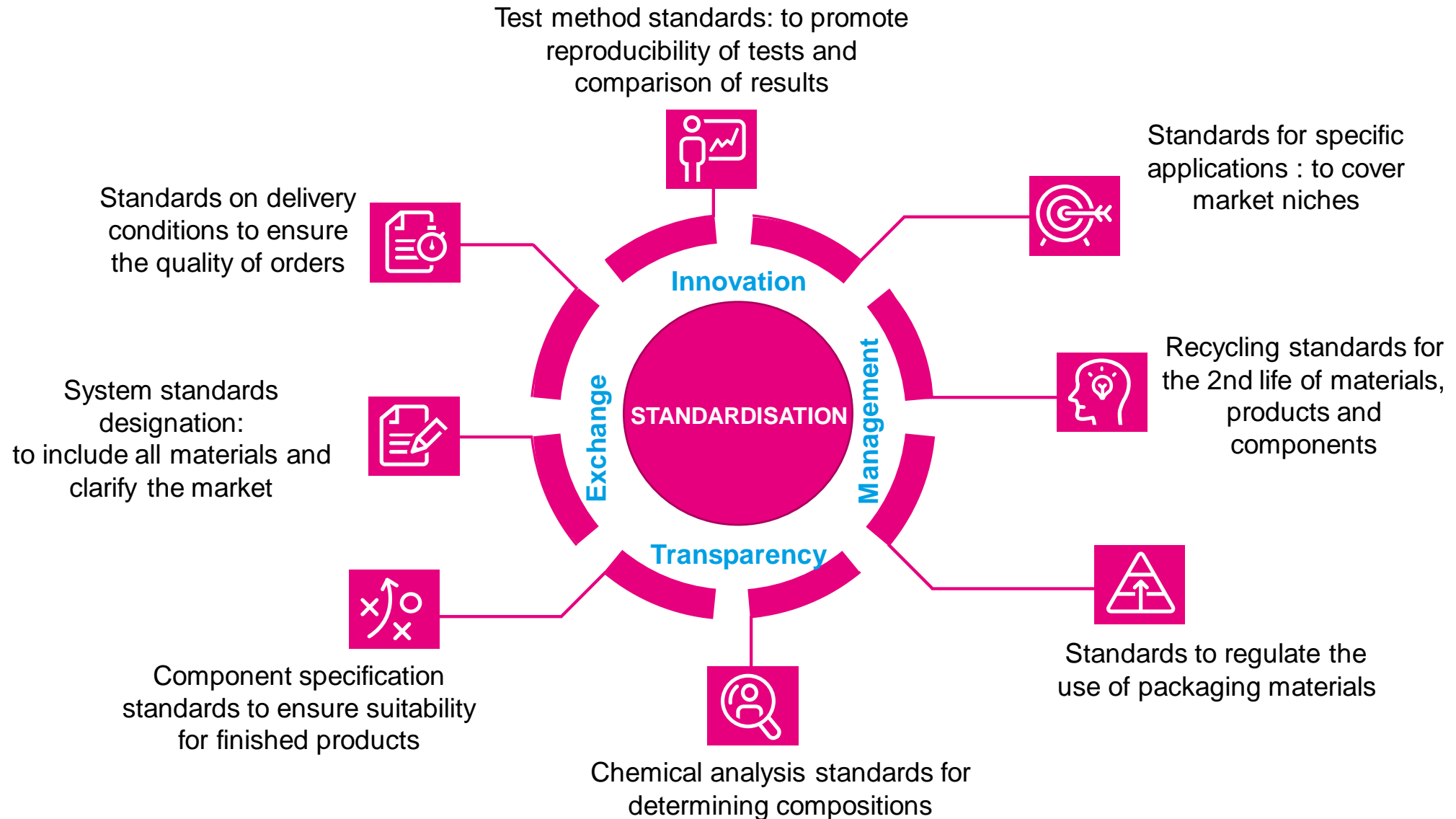
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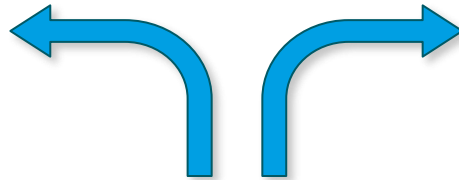
# What is the purpose of a standard?



# International standardisation

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- **CEN/TC 261/SC 4/WG 10** : Design for recycling for plastic packaging products



- **ISO/TC 122/WG 12** : Supply chain applications of logistics technology
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# CEN/TC 261

## THE EUROPEAN STANDARDISATION STRUCTURE FOR PACKAGING

**Chairmanship** : France ; Mr. Emmanuel Guichard  
(FEBEA)

**Committee management** : France ; Mr. Valentin  
Cottin (AFNOR)

**Creation date** : 1990

**Participating countries** : 34

**Several European partner organisations** : (PRE,  
FEVE, eucp, CEFLEX, ECOS, EUROOPEN ...)

**Published standards** : 346

# “Packaging”

## MAIN STANDARDS RECENTLY PUBLISHED OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PUBLISHED :

- **EN 17428**, Packaging - Determination of the degree of disintegration under simulated home composting conditions
- **EN XXXXX**, Packaging - Protocol to assess plastic packaging sorting
- **EN 17665:2022**, Packaging - Test methods and requirements to demonstrate that plastic caps and lids remain attached to beverage containers
- **EN 13048:2022**, Packaging - Flexible aluminium tubes - Internal lacquer film thickness measurement method
- **EN 17220:2019**, Packaging - Flexible aluminium tubes - Tube nozzles
- **EN 15421:2021**, Packaging - Flexible aluminium tubes - Determination of the adhesion of the internal and external protective lacquering

# From standardisation to regulation

CEN/TC 261/SC 4/WG 10 IS RESPONDING TO THE STANDARDISATION REQUEST M/584 FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION



- European standard(s) on the process and criteria to evaluate the recyclability of plastic packaging
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# Too many recyclability guidelines in Europe ! (non exhaustive list)

The image displays a collection of logos and icons for various organizations and initiatives related to recyclability and circular economy in Europe. The logos include:

- The Consumer Goods FORUM**: A logo with blue wavy lines and the text "The Consumer Goods FORUM".
- Dríade**: A logo featuring a stylized tree and the text "Dríade Soluciones Medioambientales".
- ELLEN MACARTHUR FOUNDATION**: A logo with a circular icon and the text "ELLEN MACARTHUR FOUNDATION National pact guidelines".
- interzero®**: A logo with the text "interzero® zero waste solutions".
- RecyClass**: The text "RecyClass" in a large, blue, sans-serif font.
- EPBP**: A logo with a globe icon and the text "EPBP".
- OK Recycle**: A circular logo with a checkmark and the text "OK Recycle".
- RECŌUP**: The text "RECŌUP" in a large, blue, serif font with a green arrow pointing to the 'O'.
- TRAY CIRCULARITY EVALUATION PLATFORM (TCEP)**: A logo with a blue header and a photo of a clear plastic tray with circular arrows on it.
- flustix**: A logo with a green square and the text "flustix PLASTIKFREI".
- CYCLOS-HTP**: A circular logo with a green checkmark and the text "CYCLOS-HTP".
- COTREP**: The text "COTREP" in a large, orange, outlined font.
- PLASTIC SENSE FOUNDATION**: A logo with green horizontal lines and the text "PLASTIC SENSE FOUNDATION".
- CEFLEX**: A logo with a green infinity symbol and the text "CEFLEX A CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR FLEXIBLE PACKAGING".
- WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH**: A logo with a green square and the text "WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH".
- RECYCLABILITY LABEL**: A logo with a green leaf and the text "RECYCLABILITY LABEL".
- Retailer guidelines**: A black square with a white shopping cart icon and the text "Retailer guidelines".
- cradleto cradle**: A logo with two interlocking circles (one green, one blue) and the text "cradleto cradle".
- ECR**: A logo with a white circle and the text "ECR COMMUNITY EFFICIENT CONSUMER RESPONSE".
- WPO**: A logo with a globe icon and the text "WPO WORLD PACKAGING ORGANISATION".

# National “recyclability” definitions (non exhaustive list)

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MINISTÈRE DE LA TRANSITION ÉCOLOGIQUE

Décret n° 2022-746 du 29 avril 2022 relatif à l'information du consommateur sur les qualités et caractéristiques environnementales des produits générateurs de déchets

NOR : TR22020154D

**Publics concernés :** producteurs, importateurs, distributeurs ou autres metteurs sur le marché de produits générateurs de déchets destinés aux consommateurs, y compris ceux utilisant un site internet, une plateforme ou toute autre voie de distribution en ligne dans le cadre de leur activité commerciale en France, et les consommateurs de ces produits.

**Objet :** mise en œuvre de l'obligation prévue par l'article L. 541-9-1 du code de l'environnement relative à l'information du consommateur sur les qualités et caractéristiques environnementales des produits générateurs de déchets.

**Entrée en vigueur :** l'article R. 541-223 entre en vigueur au lendemain de la publication du présent décret. Les produits ou emballages auxquels il s'applique bénéficient d'un délai d'écoulement des stocks jusqu'au 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2023, dès lors qu'ils ont été fabriqués ou importés avant la date de publication du présent décret. Les articles R. 541-220 à R. 541-222 entrent en vigueur à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2023, de façon progressive, par palier d'entreprise.

**Notes :** le décret définit les modalités d'application de l'article L. 541-9-1 du code de l'environnement, qui prévoit la bonne information des consommateurs, par les producteurs et importateurs, sur les qualités et caractéristiques environnementales des produits générateurs de déchets – notions définies dans le présent texte. Sont soumis à l'obligation d'information ainsi prévue les producteurs et importateurs qui déclarent un chiffre d'affaires annuel supérieur à 10 millions d'euros pour les produits visés à l'article R. 541-221 qui du metent sur le marché national et qui sont responsables annuellement de la mise sur le marché de plus de 10 000 unités de ces produits. Cette information est réalisée par la mise à disposition des données par voie électronique et, le cas échéant, selon des modalités définies par arrêté, par affichage, étiquette ou tout autre dispositif lisible et compréhensible au moment de l'acte d'achat. Ces qualités et caractéristiques environnementales sont notamment, selon les catégories de produits concernées, l'incorporation de matières recyclées, l'emploi de ressources renouvelables, la durabilité, la compostabilité, la réparabilité, les possibilités de réemploi, la recyclabilité, la présence de substances dangereuses, de métaux précieux ou de terres rares, la traçabilité et la présence de microfibres plastiques. Le format de mise à disposition des données relatives à ces qualités et caractéristiques environnementales auprès des consommateurs doit être aisément réutilisable et exploitable par un système de traitement automatisé sous une forme ouverte.

**Références :** le décret ainsi que le code de l'environnement qu'il modifie peuvent être consultés sur le site Legifrance (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr>).

Le Premier ministre,

Sur le rapport de la ministre de la transition écologique et du ministre de l'économie, des finances et de la relance,

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Vu la directive 94/62/CE du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 20 décembre 1994 relative aux emballages et aux déchets d'emballages ;

Vu la directive (UE) 2015/1535 du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 9 septembre 2015 prévoyant une procédure d'information dans le domaine des réglementations techniques et des règles relatives aux services de la société de l'information ;

French definition by law for communication purpose, link with EPR methodology, Cotrep for plastic packaging



Please note: This English version is a convenience translation – the German version shall prevail

## Minimum standard for determining the recyclability of packaging subject to system participation pursuant to section 21 (3) VerpackG

in consultation with the German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt)

Osnabrück, 31 August 2021

German approach for design and bonus/malus system, based on single methodology and experts



## Recueil des textes légaux et réglementaires de l'Agence suédoise de protection de l'environnement

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### Règlement de l'Agence suédoise de protection de l'environnement sur la détermination des taxes sur les emballages en tenant compte de la recyclabilité;

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adopté le XX janvier 2023.

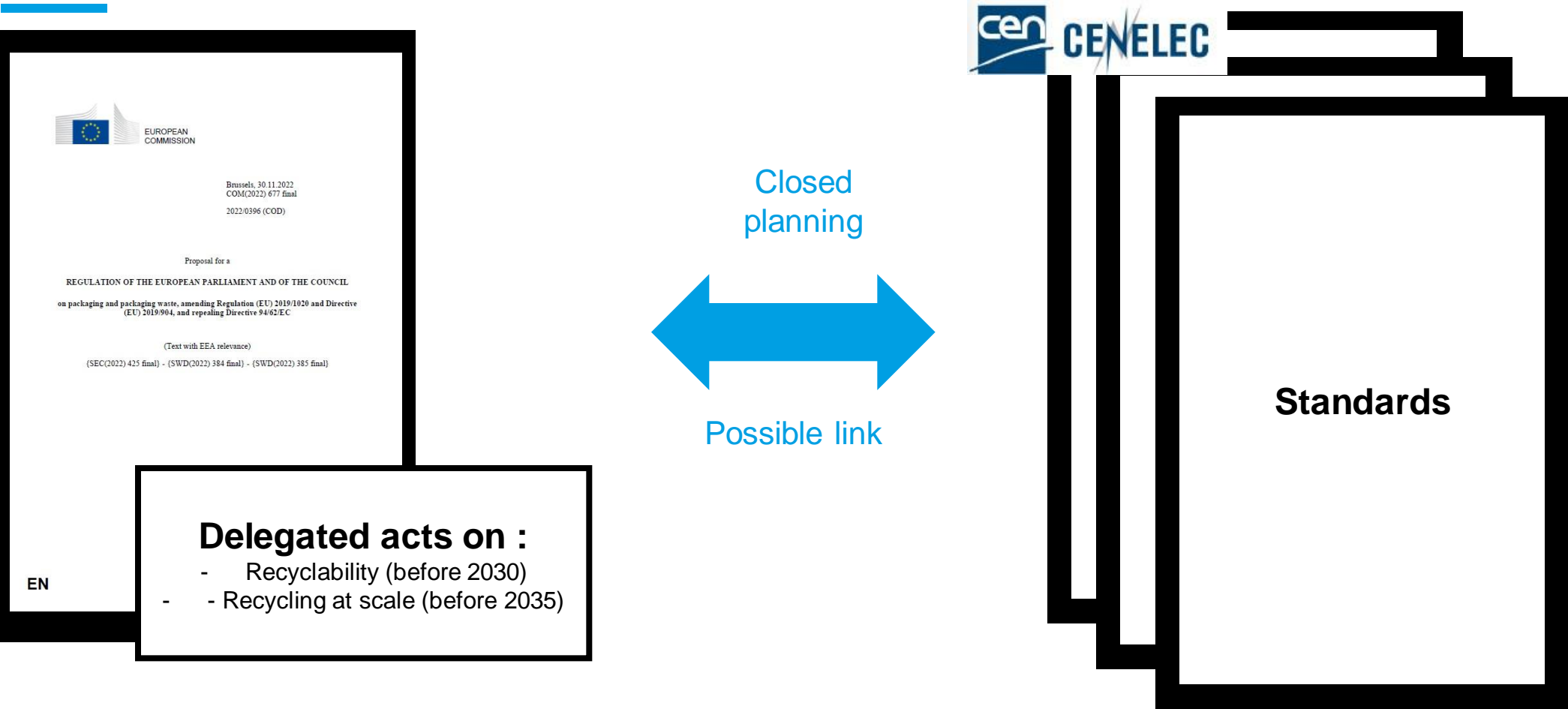
L'Agence suédoise de protection de l'environnement établit<sup>1</sup> ci-après, en vertu du chapitre 5, section 30 de l'ordonnance (2022:1274) sur la responsabilité du producteurs pour l'emballage.

#### Champ d'application

**Artikel 1** Ce règlement contient des dispositions sur la façon dont une organisation compétente en matière de responsabilité des producteurs (PRO) doit tenir compte de la recyclabilité d'un emballage lors du calcul de la taxe sur l'emballage qu'un producteur paie à une organisation de responsabilité

Swedish draft law for packaging design, which introduce the 5% rule barrier and foreign material

# Strong need of harmonization at European level



Moving from « voluntary » design criteria to enforced one to reach 100% of recyclable packaging



# **Deliver consensual standards which could be used by PPWR**

A unique opportunity for plastic packaging

# Committee Internal Balloting on NWI

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## **2 items on methodology**

- Definition and principles
- Process and criteria

## **6 items on guidelines**

- PET bottle
- PET other rigid packaging
- PE and PP rigid packaging
- PE and PP flexible packaging
- PS rigid packaging
- EPS packaging

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- Sorting
- PET bottle recycling
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# Decision from TC and Convenor on project leaders

PET bottles  
(2 standards)

PETCORE

PET rigid  
(2 standards)

SULAYR

PE & PP  
rigid  
(2 standards)

CITEO

PE & PP  
flexible  
(2 standards)

CEFLEX

PS rigid  
(2 standards)

SYNDIFRAIS

EPS  
(2 standards)

BEWI

Methodology  
(2 standards)

CITEO

Sorting  
(1 standard)

P&G

# Methodology – recyclability scope



VS

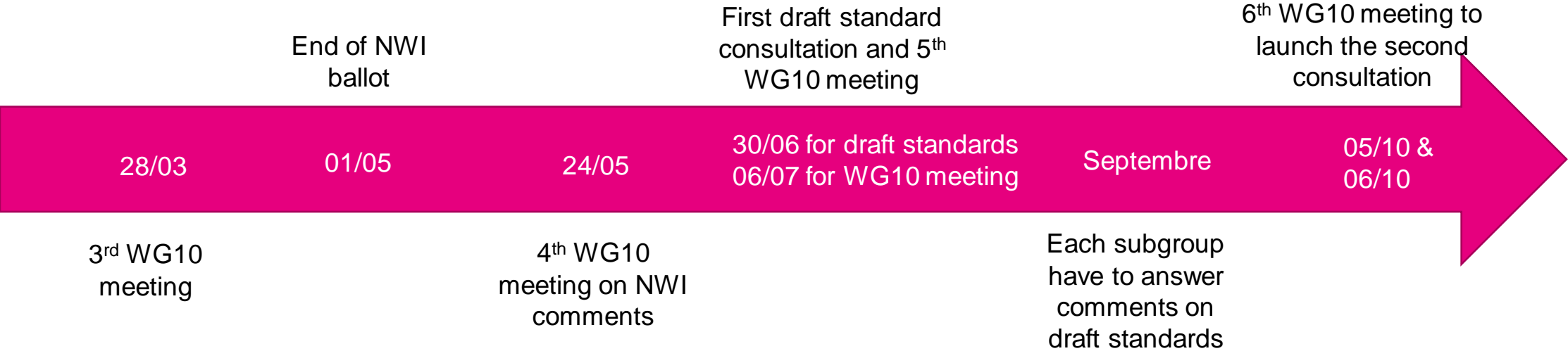


# Recyclability criteria – table construction

- Most of the recyclability tables look like :

Perfect	Intermediate	Not recyclable or disturb recycling

# Planning



# Upcycling of PE & PET wastes to generate biodegradable bioplastics for food and drink packaging

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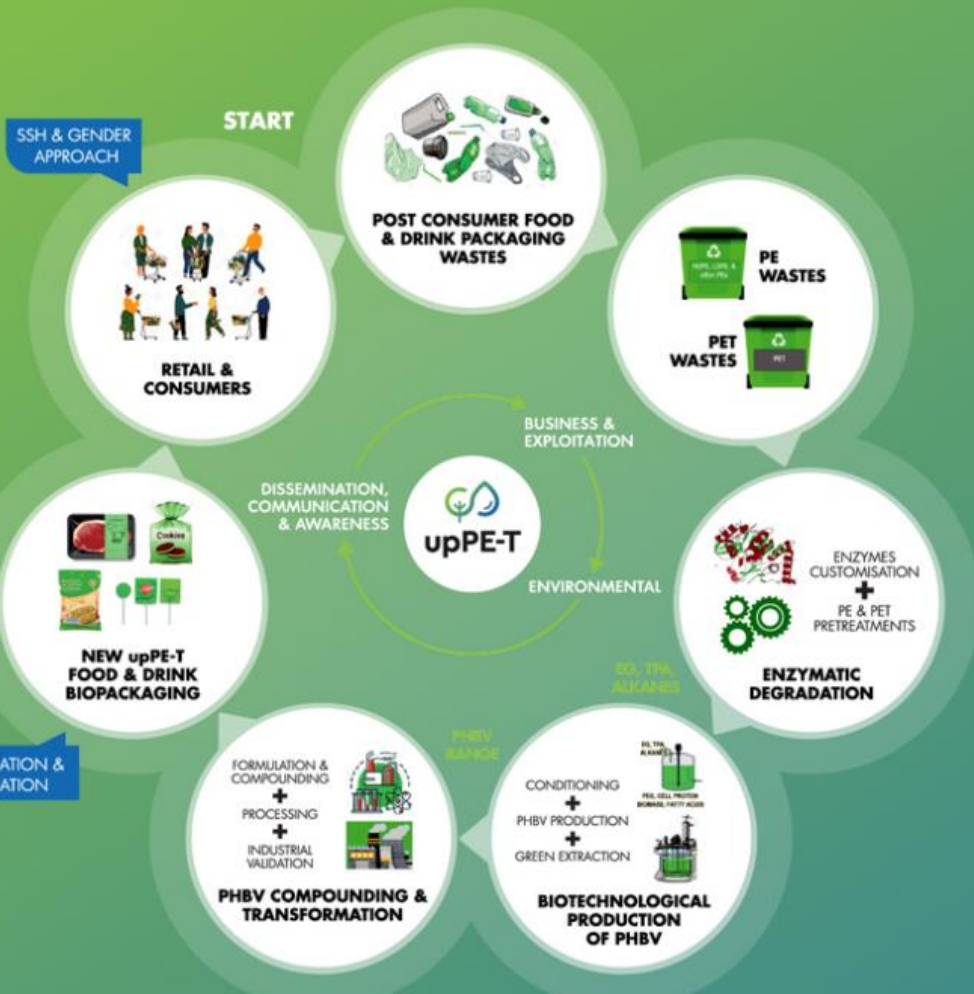
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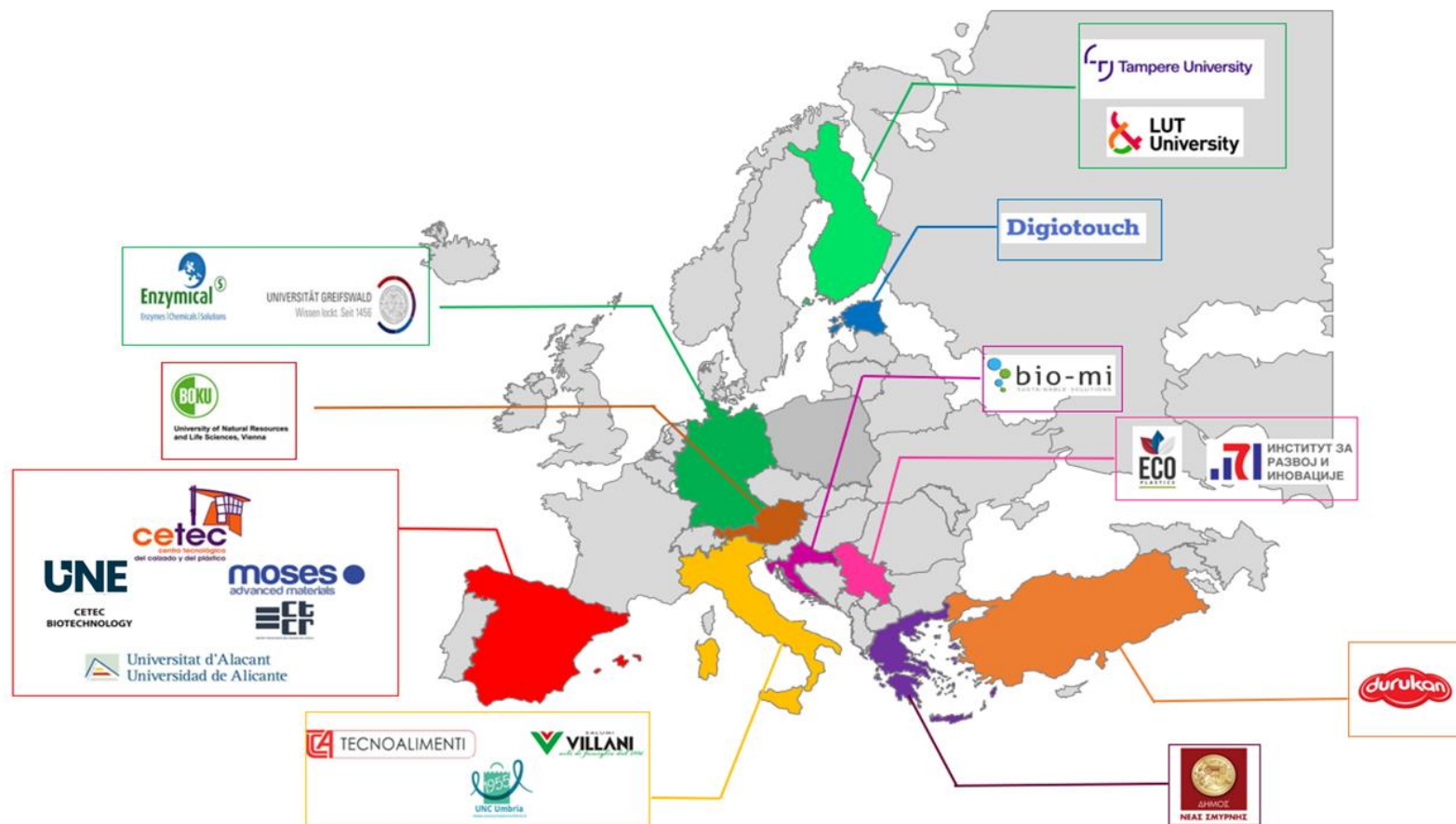
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upPE-T

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**Grant agreement ID:** 953214

**Funded under:** H2020-EU.2.1.4

**Status:** Ongoing project

- Start date: 1 November 2020
- End date: 31 October 2024

**Coordinated by:**

ASOCIACIÓN EMPRESARIAL DE INVESTIGACIÓN CENTRO TECNOLÓGICO DEL CALZADO Y DEL PLÁSTICO DE LA REGIÓN DE MURCIA (CETEC)



**UNE, Spanish Association for  
Standardization**

## UNE, Spanish Association for Standardization



- ✓ **Non-profit, private** and independent organization
- ✓ Spanish official **National Standardization Body** since 1986 (formerly known as AENOR)
- ✓ Location: **Madrid**.
- ✓ **Staff:** 70 persons (60% female)
- ✓ **Activities:** National, European & International **Standardization**, Integration of **standardization in R&I (>100 projects)**

## UNE, Spanish Association for Standardization



### Main role in upPE-T project:

- ✓ UNE provides support to the Consortium regarding standardization aspects
- ✓ Not participating as national organization, but as member of European and International Standards Organizations:



### Main objectives of standardization activities within the project:

- ✓ Facilitate exploitation and dissemination of project results by **using** standards and **generating** new standards
- ✓ Increase the **long-term impact of the project outside the consortium**



Activities in the context of European  
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### upPE-T project:

#### 8 Technical Committees contacted

- **CEN/TC 249** Plastics
- **CEN/TC 261** Packaging
- **CEN/TC 261/SC 4** Packaging and Environment
- **ISO/TC 61** Plastics
- **ISO/TC 122** Packaging
- **ISO/TC 122/SC 4** Packaging and the environment
- **ISO/TC 61/SC 14** Environmental aspects
- **ISO/TC 207** Environmental management

#### Participation of experts in 5 working groups:

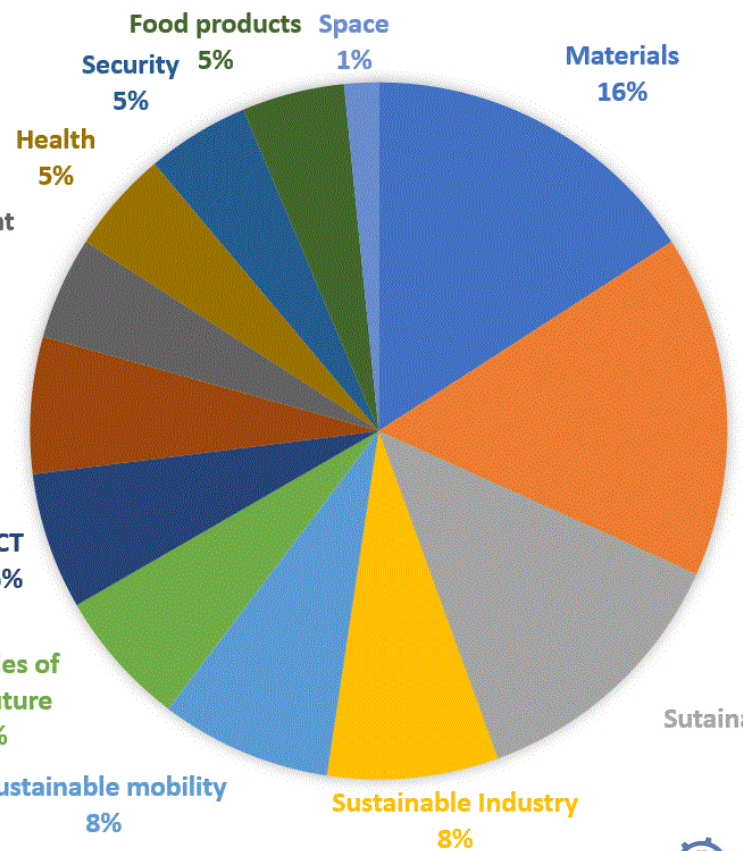
- **CEN/TC 249/WG 9** BioBased and biodegradable plastics
- **CEN/TC 249/WG 11** Plastics recycling
- **CEN/TC 261/SC 4/WG 2** Degradability and organic recovery of packaging and packaging materials
- **CEN/TC 261/SC 4/WG 10** Design for recycling for plastic packaging products
- **ISO/TC 61/WG 14** Environmental aspects

**PLANNED: Development of a “CWA” (CEN/CLC WORKSHOP AGREEMENT)**



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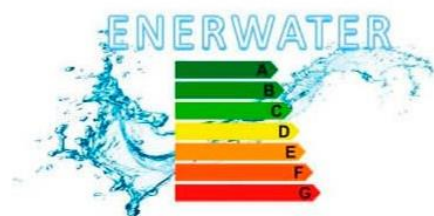


## Activities of UNE and success stories



### Circular Process for Eco-Designed Bulky Products and Internal Car Parts

- 2 CWAs developed on recyclability of composite materials in the automotive sector (CWA 17806 and CWA 17807)



### Standard method and online tool for assessing and improving the energy efficiency of wastewater treatment plants

- CEN/TR 17614:2021 on measurement and improvement of energy efficiency in wastewater treatment plants, published in CEN/TC 165.



### Advanced materials solutions for next generation high efficiency CSP tower systems

- CWA 17726 on accelerated ageing of ceramic tiles for solar receivers.
- Leading the review of ISO 18755.

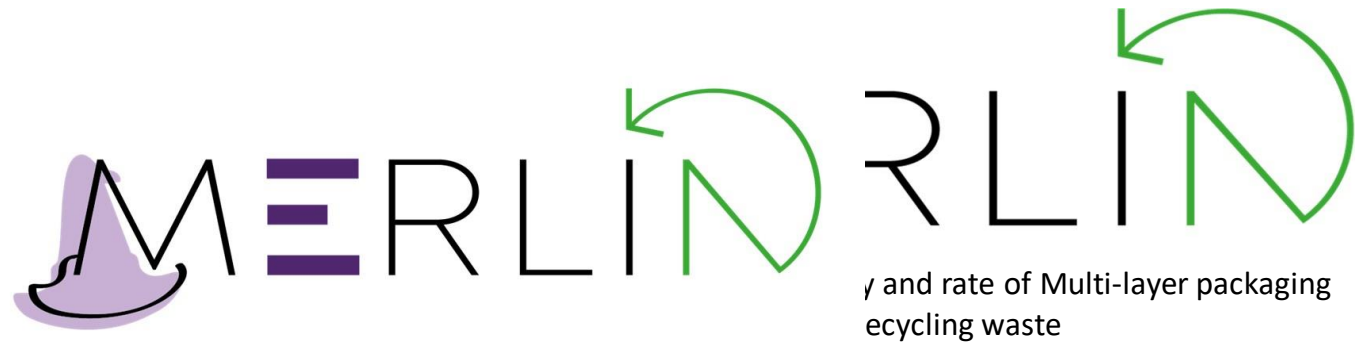


### Next-generation Dynamic Digital EPCs for Enhanced Quality and User Awareness

- Creation of CEN/TC 371/WG 5 Operational rating of energy performance of buildings.

**Thank you!**





γ and rate of Multi-layer packaging recycling waste

## Increasing the quality and rate of Multilay<sup>ER</sup> packaging recycl<sup>ING</sup> waste

César Aliaga



**HS BOOSTER** 27/04/2023



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# MERLIN



**MERLIN:** Increasing the quality and rate of **MultilayER** packaging **recycliNG** waste

Call: **H2020-SC5-2020-2** - Improving the sorting, separation and recycling of composite and multi-layer materials

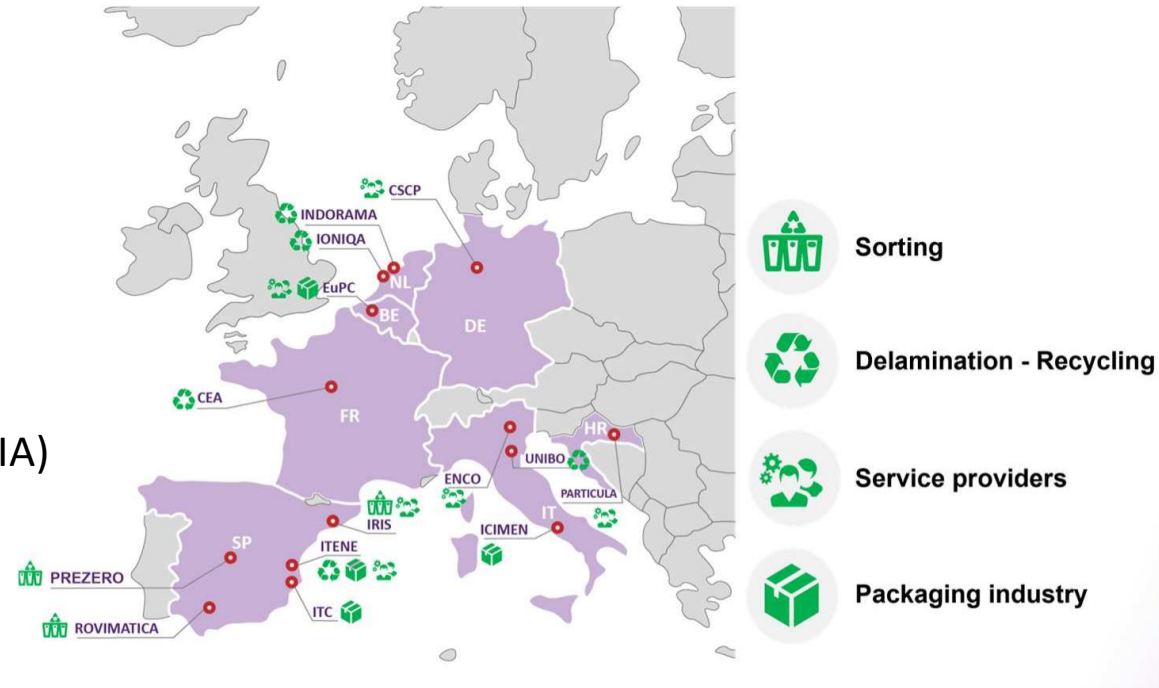
**36 Months**

Budget: **4.9 Million €**

**14 Partners**

**7 Countries**

**Research and Innovation Action (RIA)**



# MERLIN consortium



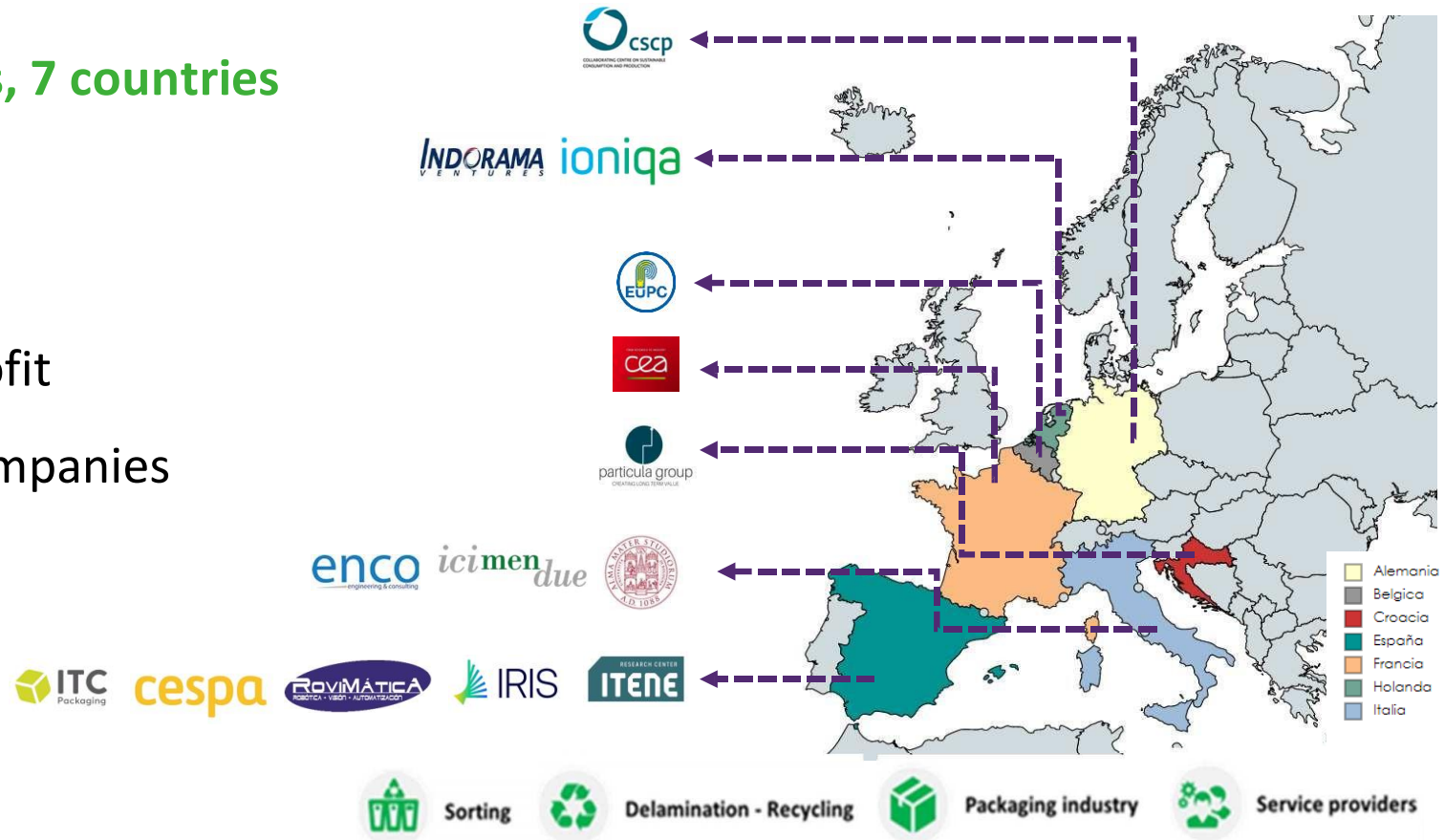
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6 SME

4 RTOs

1 Non - profit

3 Large Companies



# Summary of Merlin

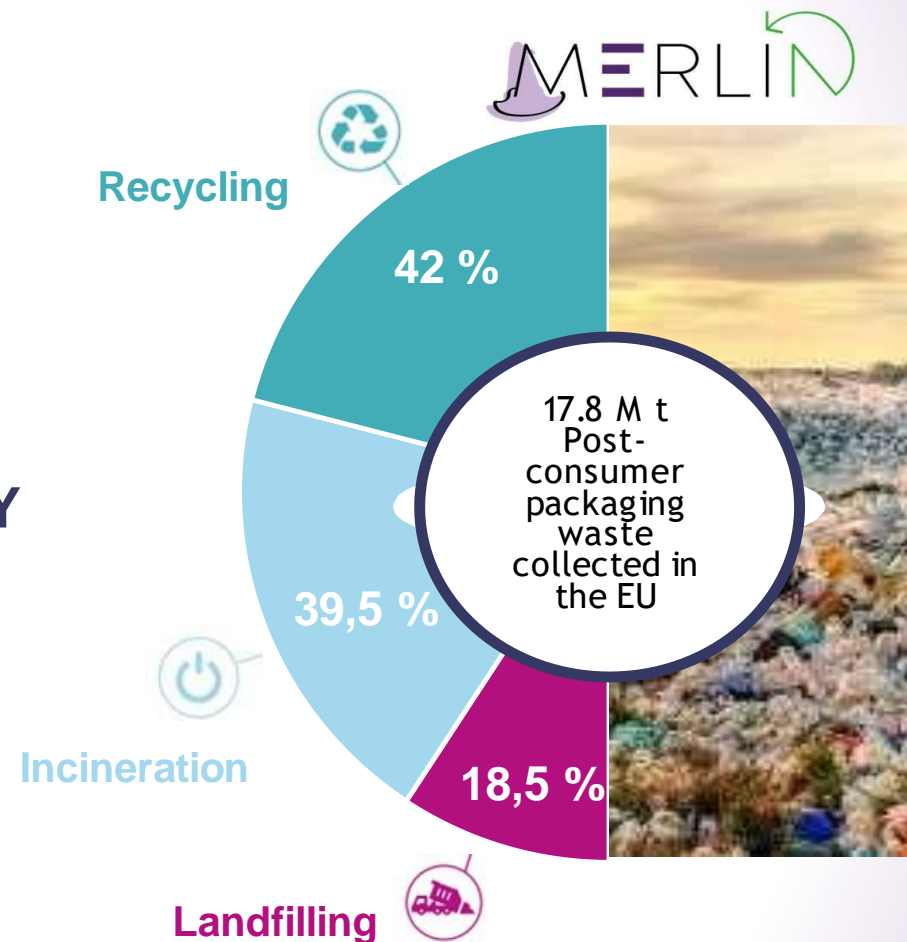
## PROBLEM

- 👤 Post-consumer packaging waste in the EU - 17.8 M Tn (2018)
- 👤 Recycling rate - 42%.
- 👤 Economic impact - 10.605 M€.
- 👤 Environmental Impact - 7.42 MT of CO2

## FRACTIONS CURRENTLY NOT WIDELY RECYCLED

- 👤 Rigid multilayer packaging (PET/PE)
- 👤 Flexible packaging (PET/POs(i))
- 👤 Metallised flexible packaging (PET/met/POs)

(i) POs: polyolefins.



## WHY multilayer packaging ?

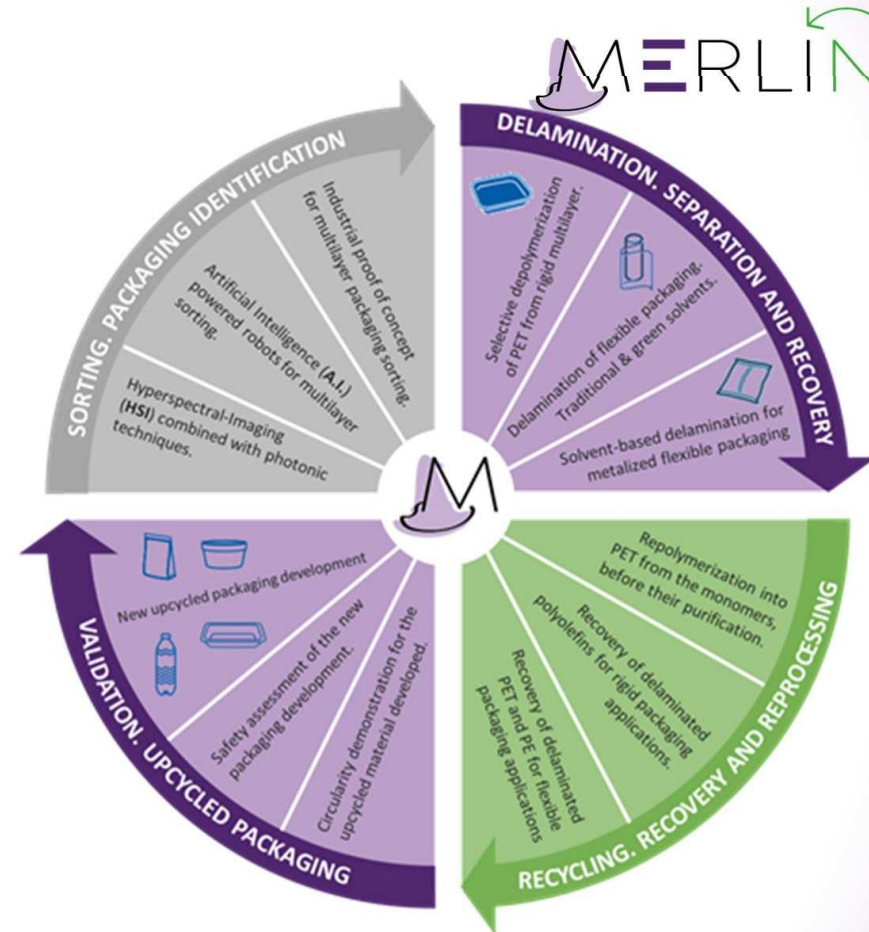
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- ⬇ Type of packaging widely used due to its high performance (17% of packaging).
- ⬇ Its identification in plant is complex and inaccurate (only external side).
- ⬇ Different nature of the layers (e.g. PET/PE) makes recycling difficult (need for additivition).
- ⬇ Delamination suitable for certain very specific structures (certain adhesives and layer configurations).

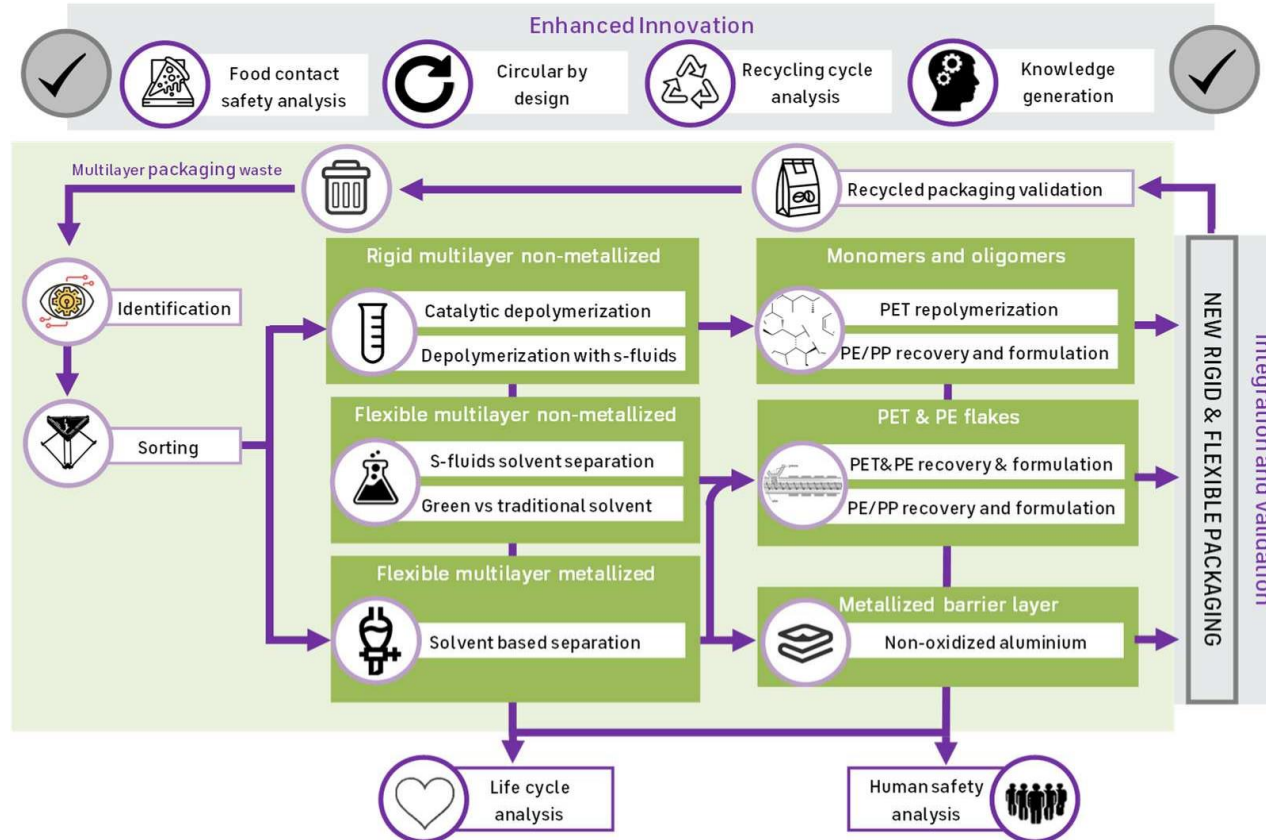


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## CONTRIBUTION TO THE EU PLASTICS STRATEGY

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**Expand** the emerging **smart waste management sector** introducing smart technologies in sorting plants.

**Delaminate** multilayer structure in packaging: **rigid, flexible, and metallized flexible** multilayer.

**Develop and promote** new **sorting, delamination, recycling and validation processes** for both flexible and rigid **multilayer post-consumer packaging**, in order to produce new packaging solutions (flexible and rigid) for food packaging.

**Improve** the properties of the recovered material PET and PE.

**Produce** new packaging prototype to value **retention** in the economy, rather than downgrading the multi-layer materials.





# MERLIN Clustering opportunities

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## What we are looking for

- Industry inputs on **MERLIN's** developments
- Validation of how **MERLIN's** is in accordance with the European Legislation
- Inputs from policy makers on where legislation is heading in the future
- Extrapolation of the value chain for other types of plastic waste
- Adding new members to the **Advisory Board**



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a circular  
multilayer plastic approach  
for value retention of end-of-life  
multilayer films



# **CIMPA: Making multilayer plastics more circular**



**Maria Vera Duran**  
**EuRIC – European Recycling Industries' Confederation**

**Hsbooster.eu webinar “Boosting Plastic Packaging Recyclability: Setting the Right Standards”, 27 April 2023**



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**Our goal is to turn multimaterial films waste into valuable and circular resources through cutting-edge technology and contribute to Europe's Green Deal agenda**

# CIMPA AT A GLANCE

Grant agreement ID: 101003864

Start date: 1 June 2021

End date: 31 May 2024

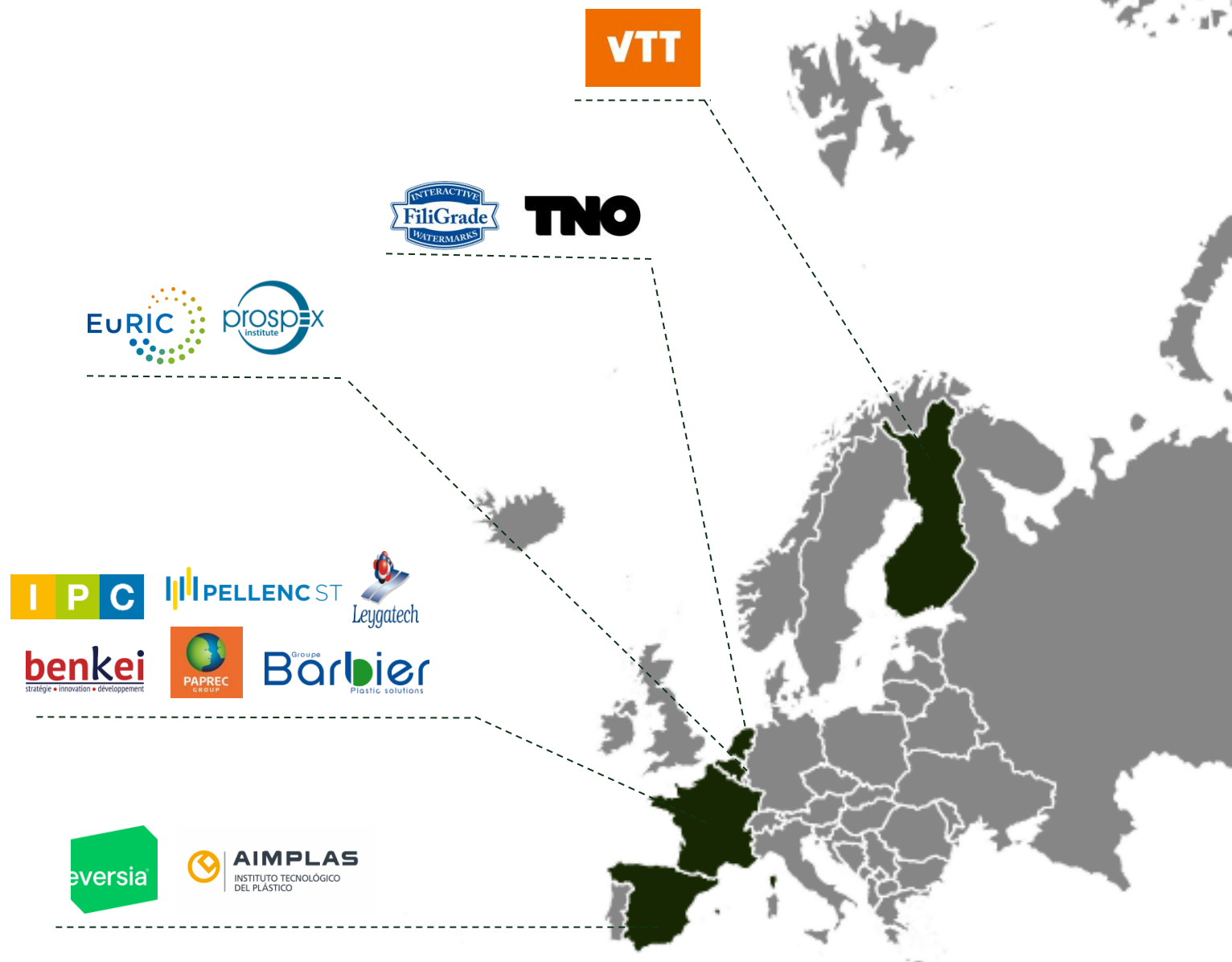
Funded under: H2020 programme

Overall budget: € 4 984 396,25

EU contribution: € 4 984 396,25

Coordinated by:

CENTRE TECHNIQUE INDUSTRIEL  
DE LA PLASTURGIE ET DES  
COMPOSITES, France



# EU PLASTICS & PACKAGING STRATEGY



**50%** plastic packaging recycling rate in 2025 (actual rate=38%, 2020)

Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive



**All packaging is recyclable** on the EU market by 2030

Circular Economy Action Plan



By 2025 at least **10 million tonnes of recycled plastics** should find their way into products in Europe each year.

Circular Plastic Alliance



**Plastic recycled content targets** by 2030

New EU Regulation on Packaging and Packaging Waste

# EXAMPLE OF FOOD PACKAGING

✓ Recyclable

✗ Non Recyclable

PET bottles  
PET punnets



3.6 Mt



PS, XPS pots  
and tubs



1.2 Mt



HDPE, PP bottles  
PE, PP punnets &  
pots



2.5 Mt



**Complex packaging  
(mainly multilayers  
and mutimaterials)**



2.1 Mt  
**20 %t**



HDPE and  
LDPE flexible  
films



1.2 Mt



PVC packaging



0.3 Mt





# MULTILAYER FILMS APPLICATIONS

Multimaterial plastic films are used as **packaging for the protection of food** (2Mt/year) and **agriculture for crops** (0.6Mt/year)

FOOD

**PA/PE**

Vacuum packaging

**PET/PE**

Cheese, cooked food



**BOPPmet/BOPP**

Snacks, candies



**PET/Alu/PE**

Crisps, pet food



**PE/EVOH/PE**

Stand up pouches



**PE/EVOH/PA/PE**

Fresh meat, cooked meat

**PP/PA/EVOH/PA/PE**

Snacks, baby, frozen food

**PET/PVDC/PA/PP**

Coffee



AGRI.

**PE/PA/PE**

Barrier fumigation film



**PE/EVOH/PE**

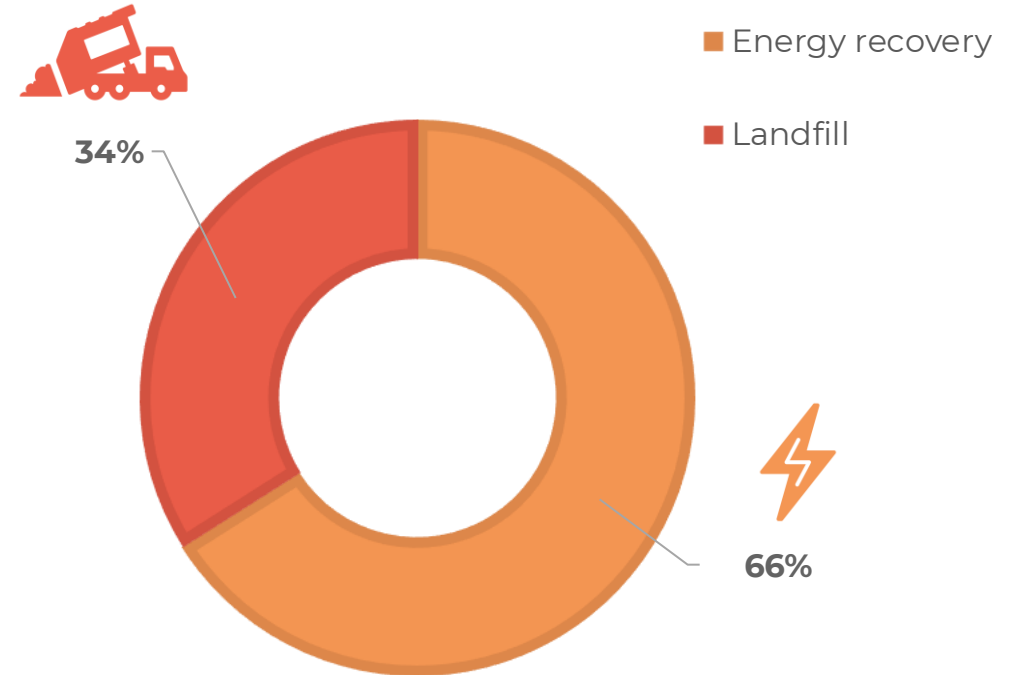
Barrier fumigation film, cover silage film



# AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUE

In the last decades, development has focused on the improvement of multi-layer materials properties (barrier, mechanical resistance etc) rather than their recyclability

- ❖ Due to current lack of sorting and recycling technologies, multilayer films are mostly incinerated or worse landfilled
- ❖ As a consequence, each year, the equivalent of 650M€ to 950M€ economic value is not recovered for the EU economy.



To create a value chain for multilayers recycling and reuse in the food and agriculture packaging markets, in a systemic way, considering all aspects of the value chain



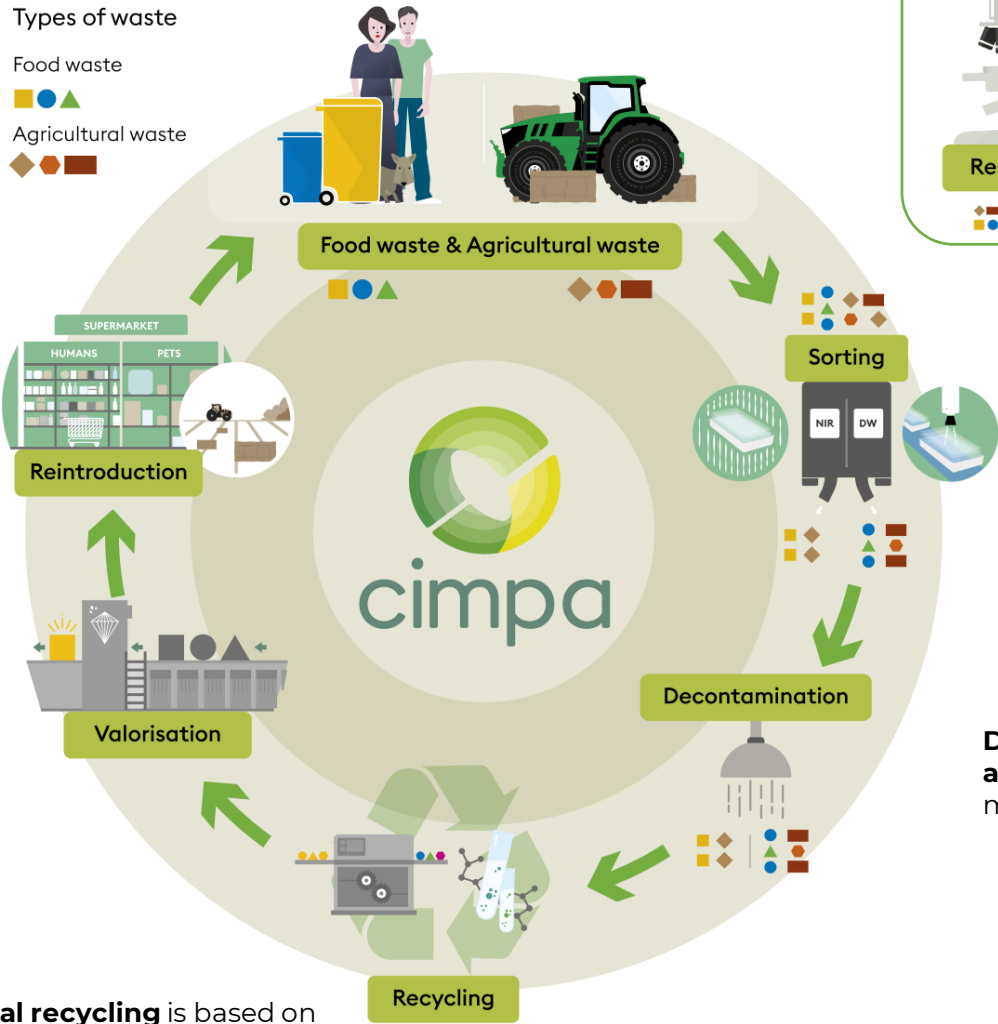
Review of **legislation and standards and updates will be proposed** to increase multilayer films recyclability.

Normalization



**New designs will be proposed** including :  
 Multilayer structures more recyclable  
 Multilayer compositions including recycled materials

Research



A novel pilot recycling line with in-line adaptive melt rheology control and additivition will be used **to stabilize and upgrade targetted properties of recycled stream**

**Innovative compositional sorting:** combination of NIR and Digital Watermarking is used

**Decontamination will remove toxic and hazardous substances**, but also more than 80% reduction of VOCs

**Physical recycling** is based on dissolution and precipitation of the polyolefin contained **in the Multilayer films that cannot be mechanically recycled.**

**Mechanical recycling to make new high gas barrier films**



Waste characterisation

Report on Characterization of multilayer in incoming waste flows

Sorting solutions

Joint Prototype FiliGrade and Pellenc ST



Mechanical recycling

Decontamination

Physical recycling

Upgrading

## Pre-normative studies

### Report on legislative and pre-normative actions

This report offers a panoramic description of the legislative context in Europe and at national level in some specific CIMPA partner countries, as well as the standardization landscape.

Available [here](#)

### HSbooster

European Standardisation Booster: expert assigned to CIMPA project

CIMPA partners involved in CEN/TC249/WG11 and CEN/TC261 Packaging

### Dissemination and clustering activities

Workshop in Brussels gathering industry, policy makers, NGOs, etc.

Online webinar with PRIMUS project on the food contact regulation and PPWR



# CIMPA IMPACT

- ❑ Moving from ~ 2% of ML recycling to a projected **recycling rate** between **12%** (short-term worst-case scenario) **up to 72%** (in a high impact scenario including return to food contact)
- ❑ **Reduction of virgin material use** by to 1.17M ton / year
- ❑ **Reduction of waste incinerated or landfilled** by up to 2.34M ton / year
- ❑ **Reductions of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** by 2 to 4Mt/y
- ❑ **Average value retentions in EU** (= economic value saved in a circular vision) between 0.3B€ / y up to 2.2B€ / y



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