

**ZERO WASTE
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CORE CHANGES IN EU WASTE LEGISLATION

**10 YEARS TO REACH EU TARGETS:
HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN?**



CIRCULAR ECONOMY PACKAGE & NEW EU DIRECTIVES

- CEP: broad package of measures
- Three main directives on waste being reviewed:
 - Directive on Waste
 - Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive
 - Landfill of Waste Directive
- **Legally binding**
- To be transposed by 5 July 2020
- A new framework for waste policies across the EU

OBJECTIVES

Protect the environment through:

- Reduction of waste and its impacts to the environment;
- Reduce resource use; and
- Improve the efficiency of resources.

For that,

- At least **65% of prep for reuse & recycling** by 2035
- At least **70% packaging recycling by 2030**,
along with material-specific targets
- 10% maximum landfilling by 2035

WASTE TREATMENT

- Waste hierarchy as guiding principle
- Wide use of **economic incentives** to move up in the hierarchy
- General rule: **separate collection of waste**
- **Recycling is recycling** → input to recycling process
- Organic recycling excludes outputs from MBT as of 2027
- Outputs of MBT going to landfills → **ARE LANDFILLING!**

WASTE PREVENTION

What to do? Take measures to prevent waste, among others actions:

- Encourage reuse & repair of EEE, textiles, furniture, packaging & construction products;
- Reduce food waste and losses by 50% by 2030;
- Monitor marine litter & take actions to prevent it, *inter alia* through market restrictions;
- Reduce overall waste generation;
- Prevent hazardous waste.

SEPARATE COLLECTION

What to do? Waste must be separately collected by type and nature and not be mixed with other waste or materials with different properties

Purpose: Ensuring the preparation for reuse or recycling

Material obligations

- Paper, glass, metals & plastics (mandatory since 2015)
- **Bio-waste** (before the end of 2023) **NEW!**
- **Textiles** (before 2025) **NEW!**
- **Hazardous waste** (before 2025) **NEW!**
- **Waste oils** (before 2025) **NEW!**

Comingled collection? Only when quality isn't affected

WHAT'S NEXT?

- New legislation on Single Use Plastics on the table:
 - Prevention & reuse
 - Improved collection
 - New EPR schemes
- Commission to come up with new legislation by
 - 2023 on food waste prevention
 - 2024 reuse & prevention targets
 - 2024 preparation for reuse (stand alone)
 - 2024 targets for commercial waste, CDW, textiles, etc.