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European Union policy landscape to tackle plastic pollution

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2th December 2015
COM adopted an ambitious new Circular Economy Package

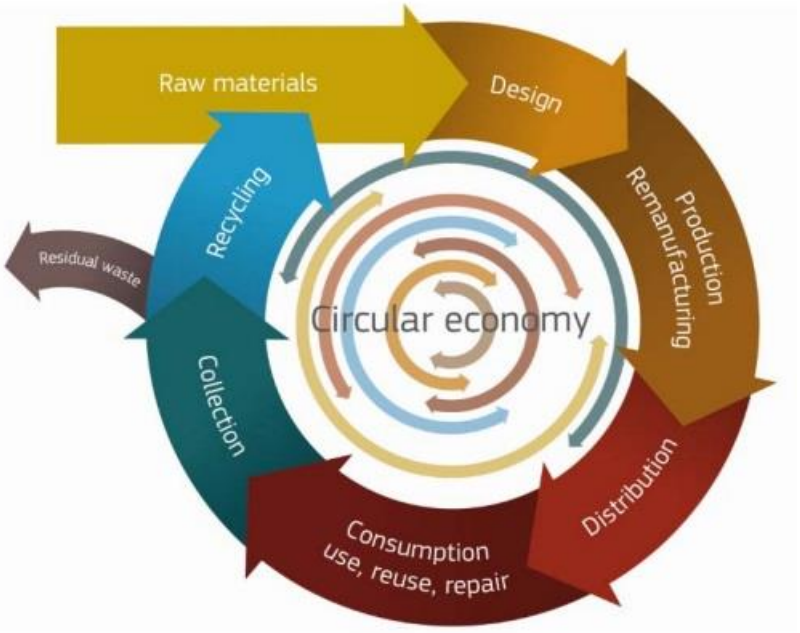
EU Action Plan for CE

5 priority areas:
- Construction demolition waste
- Food waste
- Plastics
- Secondary raw material
- Biomass and bio-based products

List of follow-up Initiatives (Annexes)

Legislative Proposal on Waste

- Directive 2008/98/EC
- Directive 1999/31/EC
- Directive 2000/53/EC
- Directive 2006/66/EC
- Directive 2012/19/EU
- Directive 94/62/EC



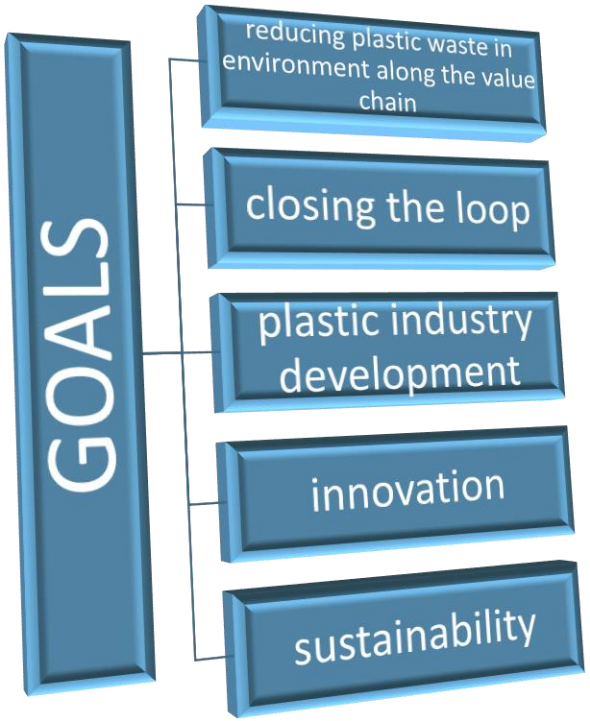
References: COM (2014) 0398; European Commission (EC): Brussels, Belgium, 2014.

16th January 2018
COM adopted Circular Economy Mini-Package

- A Communication on an European **Strategy for Plastics** in a Circular Economy
- A Communication on the **Interface between Chemicals, Products and Waste**
- A **Monitoring Framework** on the Circular Economy
- A new **Directive on Port Reception Facilities**
- Report on **Oxo-Plastics**

References: European Commission

Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy



EU measures to implement the Strategy in progress:

- the marking of biodegradable and compostable plastic carrier bags
- reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment
- amending Decision 2005/270/EC **(19th July 2018)**
  - Methodology for reporting by numbers
  - Methodology for reporting by weight

References: www.dreamstime.com

30th May 2018
Directive (EU) 2018/852 amending **Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste**

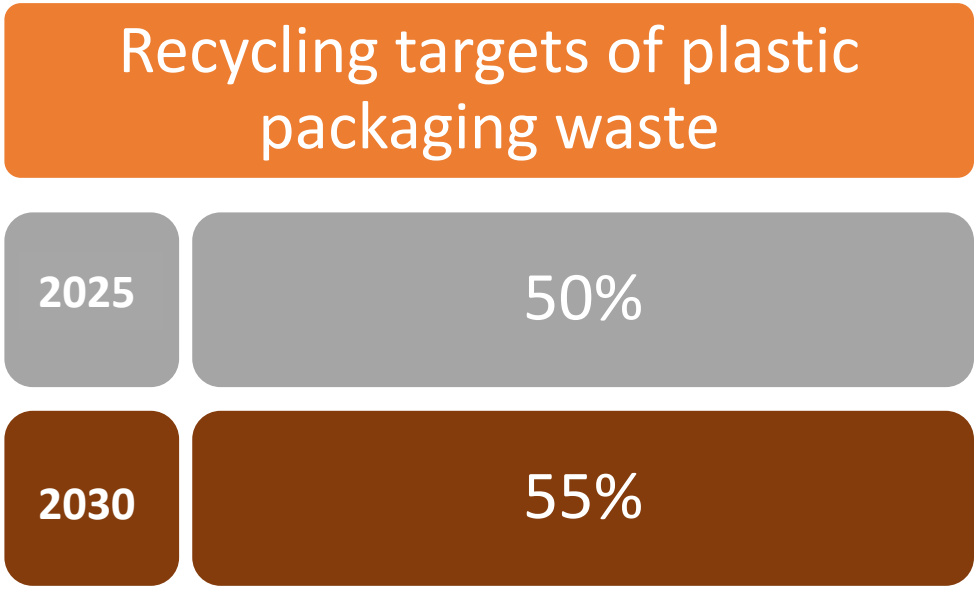
Member States shall take measures to encourage the increase of reuse, what may include, inter alia:

(a) the use of deposit-return schemes;

(b) the setting of qualitative or quantitative targets;

(c) the use of economic incentives;

(d) the setting up of a minimum percentage of reusable packaging placed on the market every year for each packaging stream.



Directive 2015/720/EU on reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags

Annual consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags per person:

- **by 31 December 2019 ≤ 90 pieces**
- **by 31 December 2025 ≤ 40 pieces**

OR

By 31 December 2018:

lightweight plastic carrier bags are **not** provided **free** of charge at the point of sale of goods or products

References: https://northendwaterfront.com

Currently in Hungary

So far Hungary's solution for plastic pollution:

Environmental Product Fee: Revised in 2011

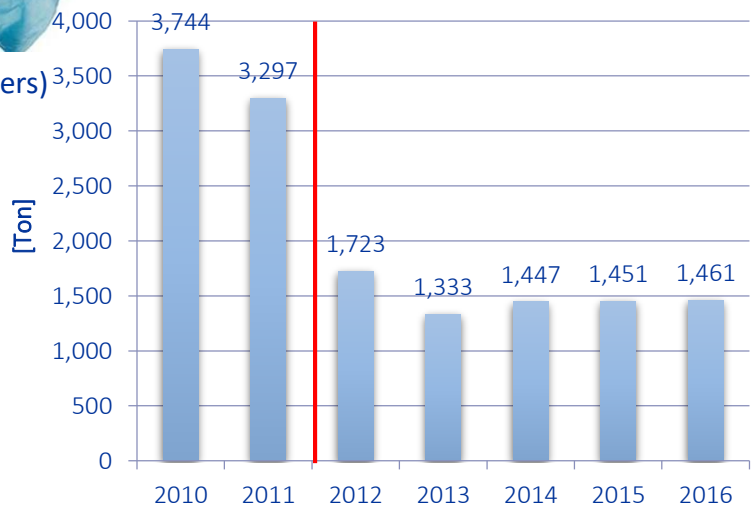
(Act No. LXXXV of 2011) applied from 2012

For example:

- Plastic package
- Other plastic product (from 2015)(for example: artificial flowers)

Payment for plastic carrier bag in the shop

Reduction of the plastic carrier bag consumption resulted by the Act on Environmental Product Fee in Hungary



Extended Producer Responsibility System

Polluter-pays Principle

Implementation in Hungary

References: www.frsz.hu

Cooperation with stakeholders, manufactures, distributors, ministries, authorities

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Elaboration of National Action Plan

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Inspection of the different measures and economic incentives

⇒To discover the right regulation

Transplantation of the text of Directives

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References: https://fyouture.met.com

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