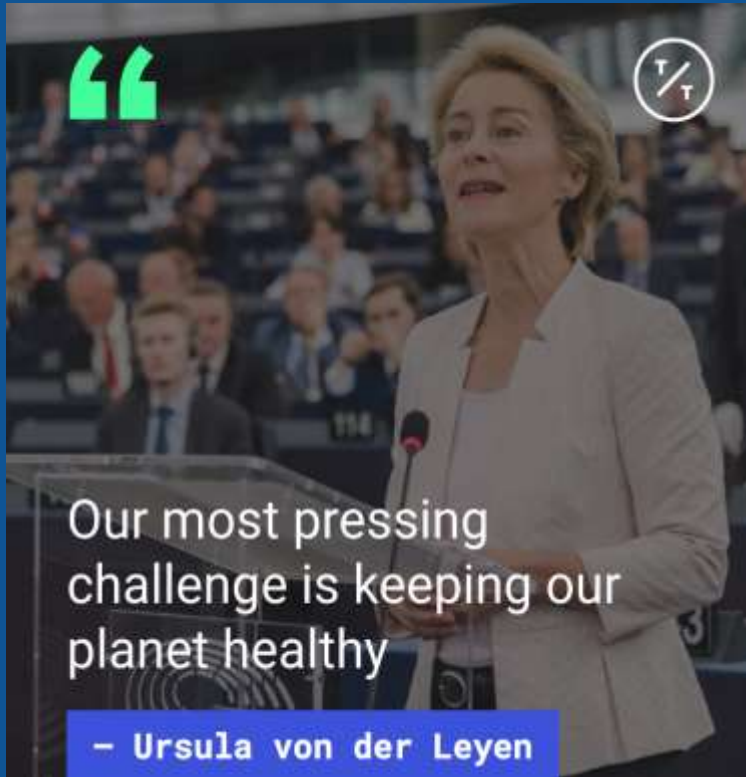




Environmental policies and legislation in the EU – latest developments

9th meeting of the EU-Central Asia
Working Group on Environment and Climate Change,
Brussels, 12 February 2020



A UNION THAT STRIVES FOR MORE

“I will propose an European Green Deal in my first 100 days in office.”

European Commission President elect Ursula von der Leyen



Communication on the EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

Announced on 11 December 2019

**CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, TRANSPORT, AGRICULTURE,
TRADE, HEALTH...**



A EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL: ENVIRONMENT

- A **Biodiversity Strategy** for 2030
- **EU Biodiversity Strategy** for 2030 in March 2020 in preparation for the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Kunming, China, in October 2020
- Follow up with concrete measures in 2021 to **address the main drivers of biodiversity loss**
- A new **EU Forest Strategy** in 2020
- Measures to support **deforestation-free value chains** from 2020

- **“Zero-pollution” strategy** to preserve the health of EU citizens from environmental degradation and pollution, addressing air and water quality, hazardous chemicals, industrial emissions, pesticides and endocrine disruptors

- **Zero pollution action plan** for air, water and soil in 2021
- Address **industrial pollution** from large industrial installations in 2021
- **Chemicals strategy for sustainability** in summer 2020



- **THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL:**

Europe as the a world leader in circular economy and clean technologies
- a **New Circular Economy Action Plan**

- **“Farm to Fork Strategy”** on sustainable food
- A **strategy for green financing** and a **Sustainable Europe Investment Plan**
- Europe to lead on the issue of **single use plastics**.



A EUROPEAN STRATEGY

FOR PLASTICS

IN A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Adopted on 16 January 2018

The Commission presented its proposal for a directive on single-use plastic products (SUPs) in May 2018.

Directive (EU) 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment published on 5 June 2019

3 July 2021: Transposition into national law



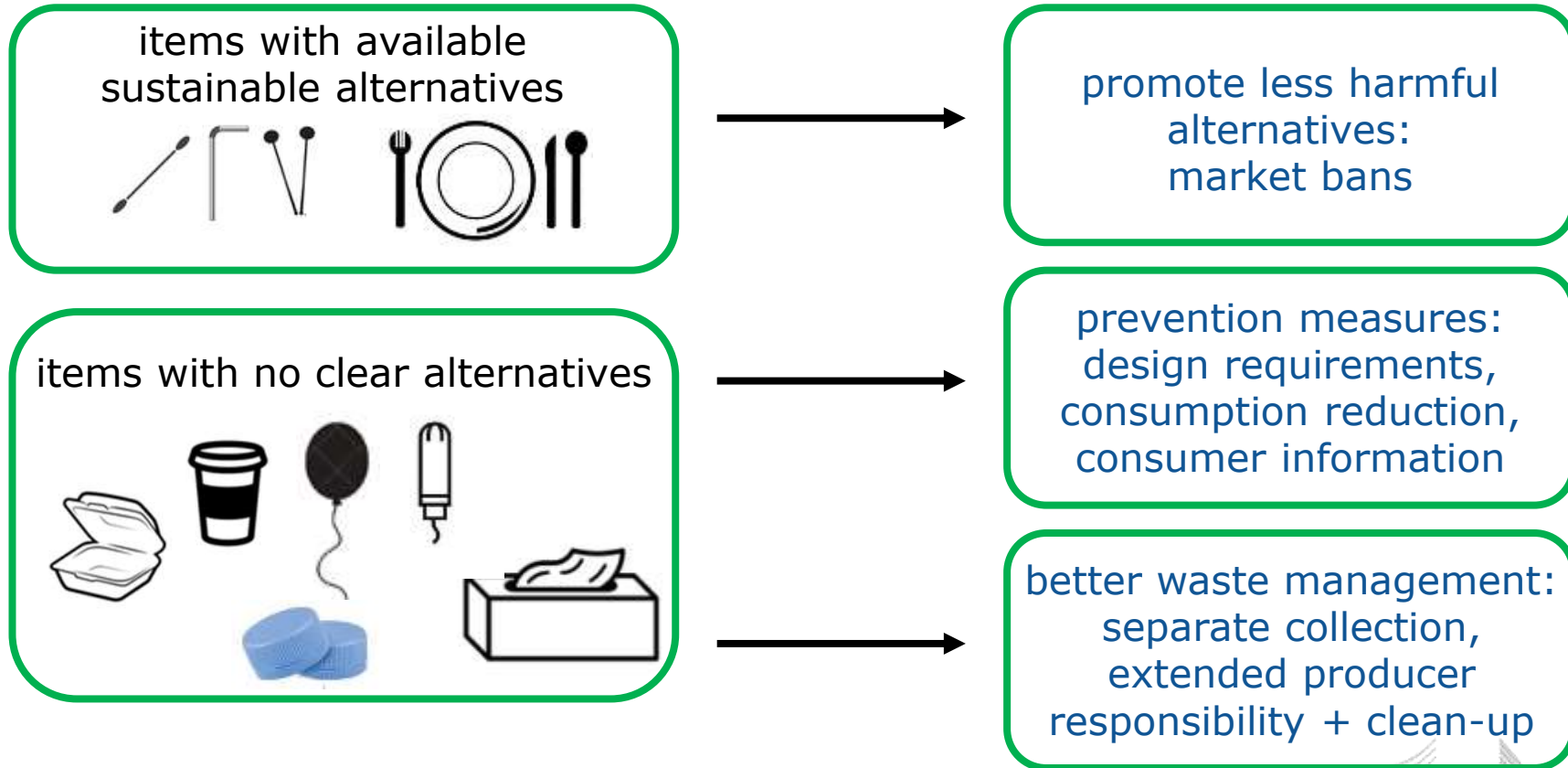
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Proposed EU-wide measures on water reuse for agricultural irrigation

Minimum requirements for reuse of
treated waste water from urban waste
water treatment plants

(covering microbiological elements
and monitoring requirements)

Risk management

(any additional hazards must be
addressed for water reuse to be safe)

Increased transparency

(access to information online about
water reuse practice in their Member
States)





Environmental Assessments - a cornerstone of environmental governance

Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2014/52/EU)

applies to a wide range of defined public and private projects (dates back to 1985)

- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive was amended in 2014** to simplify the rules for assessing the potential **effects** of projects on the **environment**. It is in line with the drive for smarter regulation, so it reduces the administrative burden.

- **Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive
(2001/42/EC)**

on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programs on the environment

REFIT Evaluation of the SEA Directive

Timeframe: July 2017 - December 2019

Evaluation has examined the extent to which the SEA Directive is fit for purpose by looking into what works and what can be improved, the extent to which the objectives of the Directive have been achieved and why some elements or features are successful or not.

The SEA Directive remains fit for purpose.



Thank you for your attention

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