

Recent developments in the environmental policy of the EU



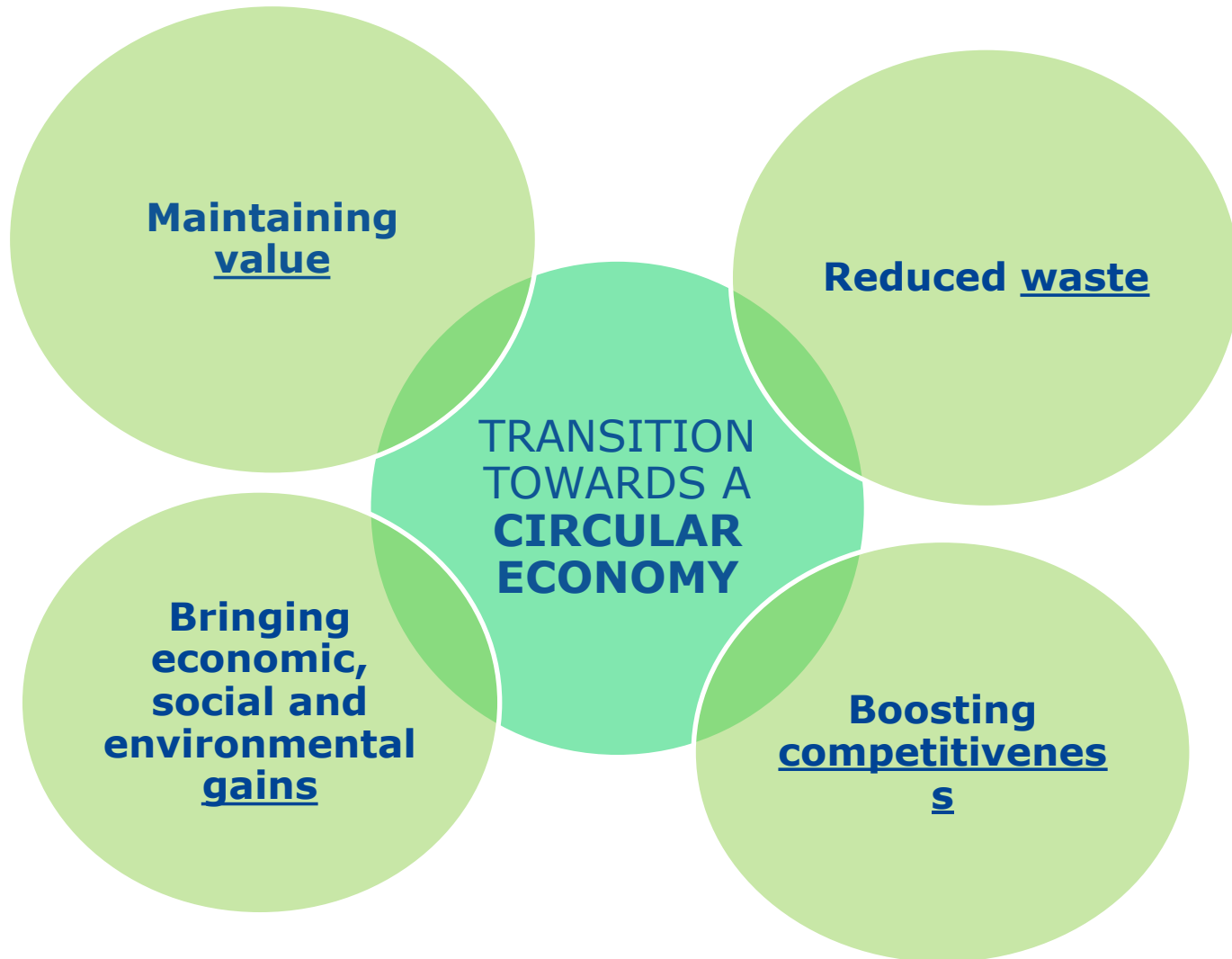
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CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Closing the loop

2018 Circular Economy Package





Circular Economy Package

2 December 2015



**Action Plan
Communication**



List of Initiatives



**4 Legislative
proposals on Waste**

Legislative proposal on waste

- 65%** target recycling **municipal waste** by 2030
- 10%** target to reduce **landfill** of municipal waste by 2030
- 75%** target recycling **packaging waste** by 2030



- **One calculation method**
- **Prevention**
- **Simplification**

2018 Circular Economy Package



A European Strategy for Plastics in the Circular Economy

Interface Chemicals Products Waste Legislation

Revision of Directive on Port reception facilities

Circular Economy Monitoring Framework

Report on oxo-degradable plastics

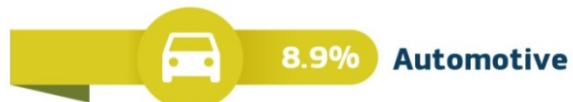
Report on critical raw materials

Plastics in Europe

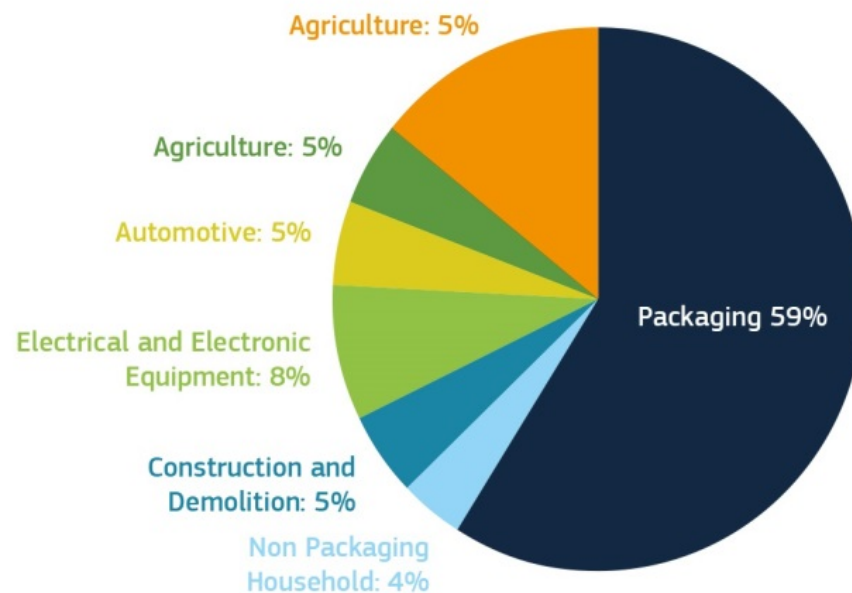


EUROPEAN PLASTICS DEMAND IN 2015

49 million tonnes



EU PLASTIC WASTE GENERATION N 2015



Source: Eunomia (2017)

A EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR PLASTICS IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- **Smart**
- **Innovative**
- **Sustainable**



- **Opportunities**
- **Social innovation**
- **Environment**

Four main axis





Better separate waste collection

Boosting recycled content

Stimulate design for circularity



all plastics packaging
**reusable or recyclable
by 2030**



**Actions on single use
plastic**

Tackling marine litter

**Improve harmonisation
(framework)**

**Litter National plans
(Waste Package)**



**Strategic Research Innovation
Agenda for Plastics (2018)**

**H2020 additional €100 million
Investments (*up until 2020*)**



Call for global action

**Support to multilateral
initiatives on plastics**

**Development in cooperation
funding (European External
Investment Plan)**

Safer Drinking Water





EC Proposal for a revised Drinking Water Directive

1 February 2018

4 main new elements:

- 1) ***Improved standards for the safety of water.***
- 2) ***A reduced risk for Member States and citizens.***
- 3) ***Obligation to improve access to water.***
- 4) ***Increased transparency.***

Multilateral Environmental Agreements





Multilateral Environmental Agreements

- EU accepted the **Gothenburg Protocol amendment** – July 2017
- EU approved **Minamata Convention on Mercury** – May 2017
(New regulation on Mercury adopted on 25 April 2017)



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