

A timeline for the EU's transition to a circular economy



Waste Framework Directive (WFD)

Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD)

Landfill Directive (LD)

Single-use Plastics Directive (SUP)



New EU proposals



Mandatory separate collection



Targets for countries

4 July - Adoption of WFD, PPWD & LD

Methodology to calculate packaging waste generation

2 July - SUP Directive enters into force

Countries to start monitoring reuse based on new methodology

Countries to recycle or prepare for reuse at least 50% of household waste

Countries to recover at least 70% of construction and demolition waste

Countries to submit first report on food waste generation

Countries to introduce minimum requirements for EPR

100% of all packaging must be covered by EPR

New target for preparation for reuse & recycling of commercial and non hazardous industrial waste, textiles, biowaste, and construction waste

Revision of landfilling targets

New target for reuse of household waste

New waste reduction targets

Possible revision of the 2035 preparation for reuse / recycling targets

At least 90% of single-use plastic bottles

Countries to recycle and prepare for reuse at least 65% of household waste

Countries to put a 10% cap on landfill

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

2029

2030

2032

2035

2040

Methodology to calculate food waste generation

Reuse calculation methodology

Indicators to measure progress on waste prevention

5 July - Transposition of WFD, PPWD & LD

Countries shall stop burning or landfilling separately collected waste

2 July - Transposition of SUP

Certain single-use plastic products banned in the EU

Countries to report on implementation of article 10 of WFD (including separate collection)

New food waste reduction target

Biowaste

Textiles, hazardous waste and at least 77% of plastic bottles

Countries to recycle and prepare for reuse at least 55% of household waste

Countries to recycle at least 65% of all packaging waste

Plastic bottles to contain at least 25% of recycled content

Countries can report biowaste as recycling only if it comes from separately collected waste

Plastic bottles to contain at least 30% of recycled content

Countries to recycle and prepare for reuse at least 60% of household waste recycled

Countries to recycle at least 70% of all packaging waste

Possible time derogation for the landfill reduction and recycling targets