

### **Revision of EU Waste Legislation Package on track to final adoption**

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The new rules establish legally binding targets for waste recycling and the reduction of landfilling with fixed deadlines. These targets will increase the share of municipal waste and packaging waste which is recycled, with specific targets for the recycling of materials used in packaging. The rules also include targets for reducing the amount of municipal waste which is landfilled.

Proposals for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste;  
amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste;  
amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste;  
amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulator, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Targets for preparing for reuse and recycling of municipal waste:

	by 2025	by 2030	by 2035
Municipal waste	55%	60%	65%

Member states will have to set up, by 1 January 2025, separate collection for textiles and for hazardous waste from households. In addition, they have to ensure that by 31 December 2023, bio-waste is either collected separately or recycled at source (e.g. home composting). This is in addition to the separate collection which already exists for paper and cardboard, glass, metals and plastic.

Targets for packaging waste:

	by 2025	by 2030
All packaging	65%	70%
Plastic	50%	55%
Wood	25%	30%
Ferrous metals	70%	80%
Aluminium	50%	60%
Glass	70%	75%
Paper and cardboard	75%	85%

These targets will encourage the use of recyclable packaging and reusable packaging.

This package also establishes minimum requirements for all extended producer responsibility schemes. Producers of products under these schemes must bear responsibility for the management of the waste stage of their products. Producers will be required to pay a financial contribution for that purpose. In addition, mandatory extended producer responsibility schemes for all packaging have also been introduced in Union legislation.

Landfilling of waste leads to pollution of surface water, groundwater, soil and air. Therefore, the legislation also contains a specific landfill reduction target. Member states shall endeavour to ensure that as of 2030, all waste suitable for recycling or other recovery, in particular in municipal waste, shall not be accepted in a landfill. The only exception concerns waste for which landfilling delivers the best environmental outcome. In addition, member states will ensure that by 2035 the amount of municipal waste landfilled is reduced to 10% or less of the total amount of municipal waste generated.

Compared to the ambitious original proposal by the Commission, several elements have been watered down in the negotiation process. Environmental NGO European Environmental Bureau (EEB) concluded "This is not the outcome we all hoped for, but it is nonetheless a significant improvement compared with the laws that are

currently in place. We are happy the discussions are now over. Now member states and EU institutions need to build on this decision to fully transition to a circular economy. ... Member states lacked the ambition shown by the European Parliament and Commission throughout the negotiations, especially with regards to recycling and preparation for reuse." (Piotr Barczak, EEB waste policy officer, quoted from Euractiv <https://www.euractiv.com>)

For further reading, the agreed texts

- Consolidated text of the proposal amending the Waste Framework Directive
  - Consolidated text of the proposal amending the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive
  - Consolidated text of the proposal amending the Landfill Directive
  - Consolidated text of the proposal amending the ELV/Batteries/WEEE Directives
- are available at

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2018/02/23/eu-ambassadors-approve-new-rules-on-waste-management-and-recycling/>

The minutes of the European Parliament Environment Committee meeting of 28 February 2018 agreeing the above texts are available at

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=COMPARL&reference=PE-619.047&format=PDF&language=EN&secondRef=01&occ=first&part=1&cid=481386#ctx1>