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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Initiative on Marine Litter and Single Use Plastics - arguments on compostable plastics  
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Thank you for your mail and feedback.

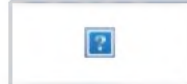
We could propose you a meeting on **19 June 2018 at 11h00** or on **26 June at 11h00**. Could you please let us know about your preferences so we can block the agenda of Ms Braun?

In order to smoothly organise the access to Berlaymont building, may I kindly ask you to complete the excel table in attachment with all required details for all the persons who will be coming to the meeting?

Also, would you be so kind to indicate the registration number of the entity in the Transparency register?

Thank you in advance and best regards,

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**Cabinet of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans**



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**To:** [REDACTED] (CAB-TIMMERMANS)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Initiative on Marine Litter and Single Use Plastics - arguments on compostable plastics

Many thanks for your interest and the time orientation below.

We would very much like to meet with Ms Braun and would suggest the following dates **18/19 or 25/26 June**. As we would fly in that day it would be great if the timing could be between 10am (or a bit later) and 15:30pm.

We hope that one of the days fits Ms Braun's agenda.

Kind regards -

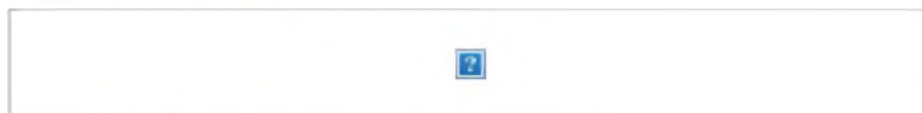
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**Datum:** Donnerstag, 26. April 2018 um 17:37

**An:** [REDACTED]@european-bioplastics.org>

**Betreff:** RE: Initiative on Marine Litter and Single Use Plastics - arguments on compostable

plastics

Thank you for your mail and all the documents sent to Ms Helena Braun, Member from the Cabinet of the First Vice-President, Mr Timmermans.

We will read your input with attention and share it among our colleagues.

With regard to your request for a meeting with Ms Braun, we could propose you a meeting in the second half of June, if this is also feasible with you.

Please let us know.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Kind regards,

**Cabinet of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans**



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**From:** [redacted] [@european-bioplastics.org](mailto:@european-bioplastics.org)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:09 PM

**To:** BRAUN Helena (CAB-TIMMERMANS)

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Initiative on Marine Litter and Single Use Plastics - arguments on compostable plastics

Dear Ms Braun,

In recent discussions with DG RTD [redacted] and DG GROW [redacted] about bio-based plastics and biodegradable plastics we also talked about the Commission's initiative to curb marine litter and manage single use packaging.

There is a lot of speculation about the scope of the legislative proposal foreseen for May and in this context we would like to share with you our input to the consultation (find attached) as well as the following thoughts.

If the Commission is following the assumption laid out in the Roadmap of the initiative that sound land-based waste management is key to curb marine litter we would like to stress that separate collection – especially of bio-waste – and (mechanical and organic) recycling are key.

Please note that a recently published study by COREPLA, Assobioplastiche and several other institutions found that compostable plastics packaging has proven to have way higher (organic) recycling rates today than the 50% recently set for plastics in the future. Find a presentation on this attached and a more comprehensive document here (sorry in Italian only so far)

[http://www.assobioplastiche.org/assets/documenti/news/Massimo\\_Centemero.pdf](http://www.assobioplastiche.org/assets/documenti/news/Massimo_Centemero.pdf).

If sound land-based waste management is a key to reduce single use plastics product littering in the sea/on beaches then compostable food packaging is a means to root for. More bio-waste is collected, kept out of waste streams in which it has nothing to loose and diverted into organic recycling. Consequently compostable plastic packaging will help to get hold of about 100 million tonnes of bio-waste 'wasted' across the EU at the moment (see data of European Compost Network). Switching certain packaging types to compostable and profiting from the proven higher recycling rates is a logic conclusion. Excluding this part of the waste management landscape (bio-waste collection and organic recycling) not only paints an incomplete picture of the waste management landscape but also would potentially render the legislative proposal incomplete.

It would be great if you could share your feedback on these thoughts with us.

We would be happy to meet you and to discuss this in more detail. Would you be available on 15 May 16/17pm or on 16 May 9:00am / 15pm?

Kind regards



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