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Reporting on Plastic Packaging Waste: Recent Developments
- Commission's PPT

In view of the WP on Own Resources on 8 April 2019, delegations will find attached the slides that the Commission will use for presenting "Reporting on Plastic Packaging Waste: Recent Developments".
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Reporting on Plastic Packaging Waste: Recent Developments

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Working Party Own Resources
8 April 2019
Own Resource based on existing reporting requirements

- Directive 94/62/EC on Packaging and Packaging Waste
- Decision 2005/270/EC establishing the reporting format
- Eurostat collects data since 1997 (22 years)

The Own Resource creates limited extra administrative burden
Data on packaging waste published by Eurostat

- Member States data and EU aggregates for waste generated, material recycling, other recycling, energy recovery and other recovery

- Kg / capita

- Recycling rate % = Recycled waste / waste placed on the market
  ➔ Recycling target for plastic : 22.5 % (counting exclusively material recycled back into plastic)

Link to the data on Eurostat website:
Current Eurostat data collection on plastic packaging waste

- Data are due 18 months after the end of the reference year (e.g. 2017 data will be due end of June 2019)
- Data validation resulted in improvements:
  - Clarifications with Member States on what the data cover
  - Data revisions
  - Improved guidance
Amount of recycled and non-recycled plastic packaging waste
Kg per capita - 2016

Own Resource proportional to non-recycled (red)

* Cyprus: 2015 data

Source: Eurostat (online data code: env_waspac)
Correlation between packaging plastic waste generated per capita with final consumption expenditure from the national accounts 2016

0,8 correlation: quality of data already good

Source: Eurostat data code: env_waspac, nama_10_pc
Recent work on improving the current data reporting

- Publication of data for reference year 2016 on 25 August 2018
- Repeated reminders to several Member States to submit data in July – December 2018
  - Data reporting for the latest year pending only for one country (CY)
- Survey and further guidance on how Member States report certain specific treatment processes (which concern small amounts), such as:
  - Plastic used as reducing agent in blast furnace (feedstock)
  - Chemical recycling, gasification and pyrolysis processes
  - Waste in Residue Derived Fuel or Solid Recovered Fuel used in cement kilns as component in the clinker
  - Waste completely decomposed to water and CO2 in composting/digestion plants
Future Eurostat data collection under amended legislation - From reference year 2020

• Amended Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (2018/852/EU)
  ➔ entered into force on 5 July 2018

• New recycling targets for plastic packaging waste
  ➔ 50 % in 2025
  ➔ 55 % in 2030

• More harmonised calculation rules for the new targets
  ➔ Article 6a: only input to recycling, after sorting & other preliminary treatment
  ➔ Implementing Act
Implementing Act on Reporting applicable for data from 2020

- Implementing Act
  ➔ Agreed by Member States, formal adoption by the Commission in April 2019
- First reference year: 2020 -> reporting by 30 June 2022
- A uniform calculation point for the most common recycling processes for plastic packaging
- A general rule on how to deal with emerging technologies (such as chemical recycling)
- Unified reporting format
- Harmonised quality check reports
- Eurostat statistical guidelines in early 2020 to provide detailed clarification on reporting.
- Member States can voluntarily use new guidelines already from next year onwards
  ➔ Useful as basis for forecasts in line with new reporting requirements
Distance to 2025 and 2030 targets

Recycling rate for plastic packaging in 2016 (¹), %

Note: ranked in descending order of recycling rate.
(¹) Estimate: CY (2015 data)
Source: Eurostat (online data code: env_waspac)
Expected Impact of New Rules

• New targets and other initiatives on plastic recycling:
  ➔ The recycling rates will increase in the future

• Harmonised calculation rules and high level of comparability across MS:
  ➔ The recycling quantities may not include waste materials removed before input to recycling
  ➔ Other recycling may be taken into account

• Much more information for the validation of the data
Phasing in of the Plastic based Own Resource (2021)

Year 2020:
Proposal of budget for 2021
Forecasts agreed at ACOR meeting May 2020 based on 2018 data

Year 2021:
Update with data ACOR year 2021 (Amending budget)

July 2023:
Submission of real data for year 2021

Making available of the adjustments (June 2024)

Calculation of Adjustments

Member States

Informed of adjustments (positive or negative)

January 2024

Final frozen data: 2026