



BTO report **Meeting I.3 and CITEO, 15.06.2021**

Participants:

DG GROW, Unit I3: [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

CITEO: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Summary of the meeting

Mr [REDACTED] presented CITEO activities, which include advice and expertise on circular packaging, as well as innovation services.

Ms [REDACTED] mentioned the possible preparation by the Commission of a standardisation request on plastics recycling and recycled plastics, to follow up on the commitments and work of the Circular Plastics Alliance. The request could cover design-for-recycling of plastics packaging, with a view to establish voluntary EN standards that can serve for the whole European market.

Mr [REDACTED] stressed that there are national specificities in the evaluation of recyclability of packaging, due to specific sorting or recycling infrastructure as well as market practices (e.g. single yogurt pot in DE vs. multiple yogurt pots in FR). He presented the work of COTREP. COTREP assesses packaging recyclability on the basis of testing and with an independent, clear governance structure. The European PET Bottle Platform (EPBP) has a similar functioning as COTREP, at European level, and for one single product (PET bottle).

Mr [REDACTED] stressed that a standard on quality of sorted waste should be multi-material.