

Meeting with delegation of FOODDrink CEOs

- Day, place	Monday 10/12 at EC premises
- Company	FOODDRINK (7 people) including representatives of PWC, Nestle, Pepsico Coca Cola and Spadel
- Purpose of the discussion	Meeting coordinated by Jurgen Mueller (Cab Vella) with representatives from FVP Timmermans and VP Katainen Topics covered: -SUP and fishing gear proposal of Directive – article 6 on tethered caps
- B1 representatives	██████████
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PWC presented the study and justified the range of costs between the 2 scenarios (2,7 Billion or 8.7 Billion Euros) by the fact that is still unknown if bottles will need to be reinforced to support the tethered caps. First estimates point to the possibility of only for carbonated drinks this reinforcement will be needed. • Industry said that the amount they ll have to invest would be better applied in improving collection and awareness raising. • Presented proposal of amendment to article 15 and 17 of waiting until 2025 to see if a target of collection of 90% of the caps of the 90% collection target for beverage bottles. Promised to work with MS to reach this target. Questioned if this target is not achieved in only one MS article 6 should apply the industry replied that yes it should apply. • The industry spoke on the impacts on SMEs especially those that have the same lines for carbonated and still water lines. I asked for percentages of companies that have common lines they will see if they can provide it. • Informed that many lines, especially from small producers take more than 10 years to change. • EC stressed the contribution of caps for marine litter raised doubts on the implementation of the proposed amendment taking also into account the advanced phase of the negotiations, the importance of innovation and setting standards that the world will fallow. Informed that CEN already included in its work program for 2019 the development of a harmonised standard for beverage containers with tethered caps and lids in support to the implementation of Art. 6 of the draft directive.
- If we shared any docs with them (to be put in attachment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new documents were shared
- Conclusions/follow up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry will send information on the percentage of SMEs that have the same lines for carbonated and still water lines. • Industry was confident that, in COREPER of 14.12, a significant number of MS will raise this issue.