

# **PACKAGING WASTE MANAGEMENT IN POLAND**

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# Municipal Waste Europe

- Non-profit European umbrella association representing public responsibility for waste management. Founded in 2009, based in Brussels (Belgium)
- MWE Members are national, regional or local organisations or authorities who hold public responsibility for Municipal Waste management
- 21 Members and Observers to date

# PACKAGING WASTE - IMPLEMENTATION

- Municipal responsibility for municipal waste management
- Municipal waste: household and similar commercial and industrial
- Commercial and Industrial packaging (included in PPWD)
- Example of EPR: FostPlus and VALIPAK, Belgium
- Clear Roles and Responsibilities, Continuity and Dependability

# EPR

- Any Extended Producer Responsibility system must set clear Roles and Responsibilities for the:
  - Producers
  - EPR organisation
  - Municipalities
- This is a National obligation – also to bring the parties responsible together once per year to discuss any issues that come up on implementation
- Model contract between EPR and Municipalities agreed between the two entities and signed with each municipality

# EPR

- Minimum 80% cost coverage to municipalities to assist convenient collection system, quantity and quality
- Benefits EPR and Producer
- Circular Economy Benefits
- Caution on Waste Shipments - unregistered traders
- SUP: included in 80% cost coverage, including waste bins on streets (litter bins)
- Continuous communication to citizens

# PPWD – STATE OF PLAY

- The Commission has done many impact assessment studies to decide what to put in the annexes of the legislative text.
- Information meeting next week. KIGO very important partner for MWE - will receive an update from us directly after the Commission meeting
- From Directive to Regulation – what does that mean?

# SEPARATE COLLECTION

## Background and Timeline:

- European Green Deal
- Circular Economy
  - From a linear to a circular economy there is a need to link up waste materials with production hence a need to recover them from the waste stream
  - Increased coordination EPR
- Increase Quantity and Quality
- JRC working on harmonisation since 2021
- Revised Waste Framework Directive 2024

# SEPARATE COLLECTION

- The JRC is exploring all options for harmonisation of separate collection:
  - Bin colours
  - Labelling
  - Economic instruments (PAYT, DRS, etc.)
  - Frequency of collection
  - Comingling of several waste streams



# SEPARATE COLLECTION

- Local adaptation is the key to success
- MWE believes harmonisation of bin colours at EU level would be counterproductive:
  1. High financial cost of replacing all bins in Europe
  2. Wasteful in terms of materials
  3. Inflexible – Cannot be adapted to local sorting plant

MWE supports a voluntary labelling system based on the Nordic Pictogram System

# NORDIC PICTOGRAM SYSTEM

- The system was first developed in 2016 in Denmark.
- Aims to make waste sorting easier for citizens.
- Collaboration between Local Government Denmark, Danish Waste Association, and the Environmental Protection Agency
- The key purpose = the same waste sorting communication whenever and wherever disposing of waste in Denmark.
- 89 pictograms – for household waste and waste collected at recycling stations
- The symbols can be applied for household waste and at recycling stations.
- In 2020, 91 Danish municipalities (out of 98) have implemented the system.
- In 2020, both Norway, Iceland and Sweden launched the system in the three countries. Finland is on its way



# SEPARATE COLLECTION



**PAPPERS-  
FÖRPACKNINGAR**



**METALL-  
FÖRPACKNINGAR**



**FÄRGADE  
GLASFÖRPACKNINGAR**



**OFÄRGADE  
GLASFÖRPACKNINGAR**



**PLASTFÖRPACKNINGAR**



# Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging

- A separate collection system can only be truly successful if it is fully coordinated with the local EPR system which pays municipalities at least 80% of their cost for the collection and treatment of packaging
- The Belgian example is often taken as a good model to copy as their EPR organization for packaging has a direct relationship with each municipality and a contract with each one with the agreement on collection and payment

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