

Provisional Agreement on the SUP Directive EuRIC applauds binding recycled content target in plastic bottles by 2025 and 2030

The European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC) warmly welcomes the provisional agreement on the Single Use Plastics Directive (SUP) setting a binding target of at least 25% of recycled plastic for PET beverage bottles from 2025 onwards and a target of 30% of recycled content by 2030 for all plastic bottles¹.

“This is a major milestone that is vital to curb marine litter and to foster circularity in plastic bottles”, stated Emmanuel KATRAKIS, EuRIC’s Secretary General. It is the first time in history that European legislation sets binding targets aiming at fostering the demand for recycled materials. “Such a measure will send a strong market signal that will steer the demand for recycled plastics, rewarding its substantial environmental benefits in terms of CO₂ and energy savings, which market prices have consistently failed to acknowledge”, Emmanuel KATRAKIS added.

As highlighted by the [“recycledcontent.eu” coalition](https://www.recycledcontent.eu), gathering a broad range of organisations calling for mandatory recycled content in beverage bottles, these targets will have positive knock-on effects throughout the value chain and will directly contribute to improve and increase the collection rate of plastic bottles.

The recycling industry is ready to play its part and looks forward to continuing the work with all the stakeholders involved so as to reach and hopefully exceed the targets set for 2025 and 2030.

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Through its Member Recycling Federations and Companies from 20 EU and EFTA countries, EuRIC represents today over:

- ✓ 5,500+ companies generating an aggregated annual turnover of about 95 billion €, including large companies and SMEs, involved in the recycling and trade of various resource streams;
- ✓ 300,000 local jobs which cannot be outsourced to third EU countries;
- ✓ Million tons of waste recycled per year (metals, paper, plastics, glass and beyond from household as well as industrial and commercial waste streams, WEEE, ELVs, etc.).

Recyclers play a key role in a circular economy. By turning wastes into resources, recycling is the link which reintroduces recycled materials into the value chains again and again.

¹ Press release of the European Council: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2018/12/19/single-use-plastics-presidency-reaches-provisional-agreement-with-parliament/>