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**National Action Plan for Single Use Plastics
(SUP)**

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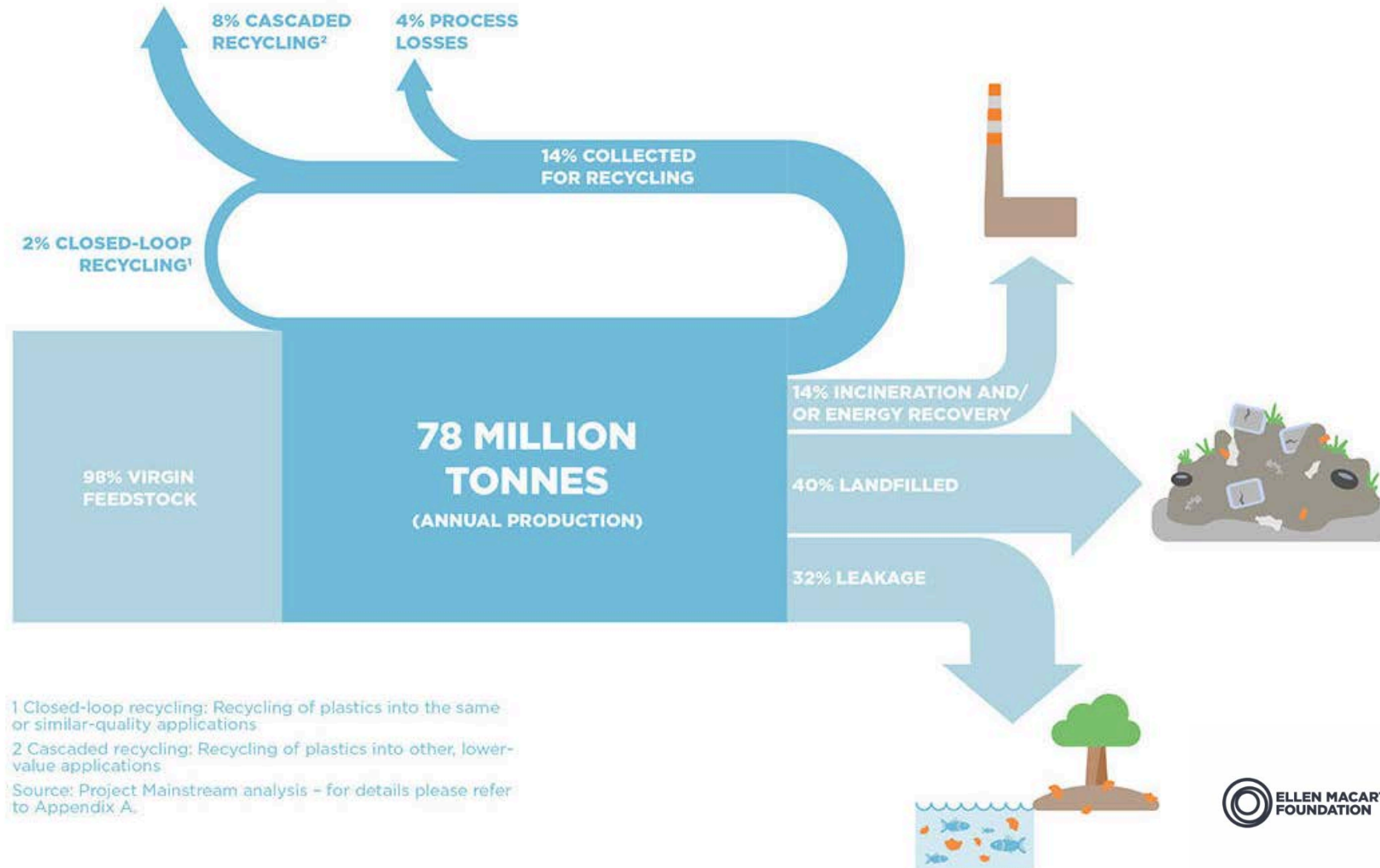


Overview

- **Global flow of plastic packaging material / New Plastics Economy**
- **Circular Economy /Plastics Policy timeline**
- **Aim of the Law and main requirements of the SUP Directive / Law**
- **Additional national measures and**
- **Penalties**



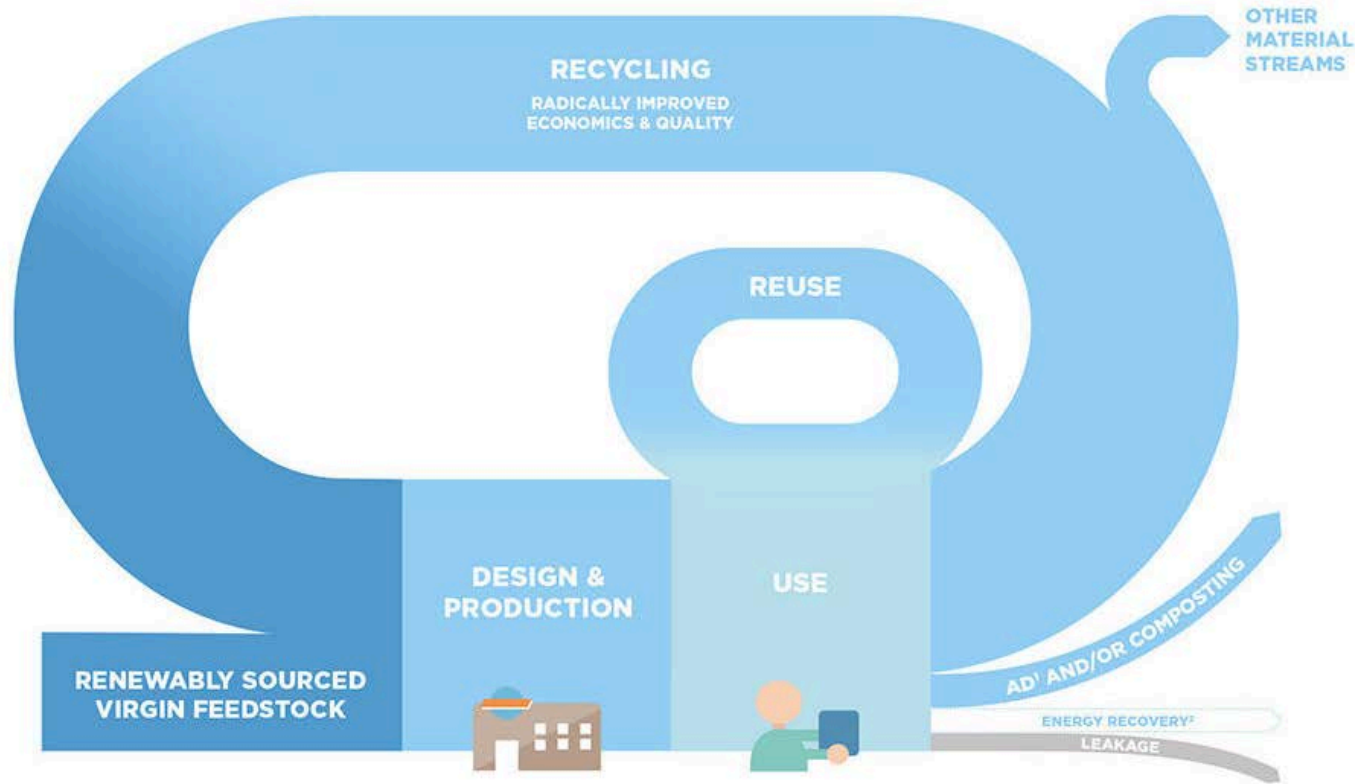
Global flow of plastic packaging materials (2013)





New plastics circular economy

1 CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AFTER-USE PLASTICS ECONOMY



3 DECOUPLE PLASTICS FROM FOSSIL FEEDSTOCKS

2 DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE LEAKAGE OF PLASTICS INTO NATURAL SYSTEMS & OTHER NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES

1 Anaerobic digestion

2 The role of, and boundary conditions for, energy recovery in the New Plastics Economy need to be further investigated

Source: Project Mainstream analysis.



Circular Economy (CE) / Plastics policy timeline





What is the aim of the SUP Law (4736/2020)?

- ✓ Prevention and reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment
- ✓ Promotion of circular economy
- ✓ Timely transposition of the SUP Directive (2019/904/EU) for preparation of the market and citizens
- ✓ Offering incentives to reduce consumption and promote reuse

300 millions plastic cups
only for serving coffee
EVERY YEAR



2 billion
plastic bottles
EVERY YEAR



50% of the waste in the sea
is SUP products





Main requirements of the SUP Directive / Greek Law



Cutlery



Plates



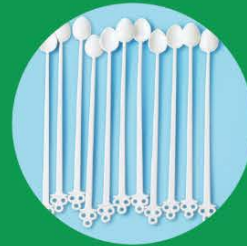
Straws



Beverage containers made of
expanded polystyrene



Food containers made
of expanded
polystyrene



Beverage
stirrers



Cotton bud sticks



Sticks that
support balloons



products made from oxo-degradable
plastic

Directive:
**Member States shall
prohibit the placing on
the market from July
2021**

**Greek Law: from
February 2021
for public authorities**



Main requirements of the SUP Directive / Greek Law



cups for
beverages



food containers



Greek Law: reduction 30% by 2024 and 60% by 2026 compared to 2022



Beverage bottles with a capacity of up to 3 litres



**Separate collection
77 % by 2025 and 90% by 2029
for example by establishing
deposit-refund schemes**

New rules:

- As of 2024, it will be mandatory in the EU for caps and lids to remain attached to all beverage containers with a capacity of up to 3 litres
- Bottles should contain at least 25% recycled plastic by 2025 (for PET bottles) and 30% by 2030 (for all bottles) (Greek Law: 35%)



cups for
beverages



wet wipes



sanitary products



tobacco
products



From July 2021 **marking** on its packaging or on the product to inform on the plastic content, on how the product harms the environment if littered in the environment and on disposal options that need to be avoided



Main requirements of the SUP Directive / Greek Law



cups for
beverages



food containers



beverage bottles



packets and
wrappers



lightweight
plastic carrier
bags



wet wipes



balloons



tobacco
products



fishing gear

Member States shall ensure that the producers will cover the costs for waste management clean-up, data-gathering and awareness raising

Establishment of Extended Producer Responsibility schemes



Additional national measures beyond the requirements of the SUP Directive

We send a clear message that in Greece our concern about plastic pollution is high

1

Fee for cups for beverages
and food containers



4 cents charge (environmental fee)
for cups for beverages
and food containers
will come into force on 1 January 2022

2

Measures for restaurants
and food services



obligation for restaurants and food
services to provide **reusable
alternatives available to
consumers**
will come into force on 1 January 2022

3

Free drinking water
access



free access to drinking water in
parks/outdoor areas
will come into force from 3 July 2021



Additional national measures beyond the requirements of the SUP Directive

We send a clear message that in Greece our concern about environmental issues is high

4

National Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for plastic bottles



a deposit fee is charged at the point of purchase and refunded to the purchaser when the bottle is returned via a specifically designed DRS system
from 05.01.2023

5

Environmental marking is extended to all SUP products of the Directive



to inform consumers which products are reusable, recyclable, compostable for all products covered by the law
from 03.01.2022

6

New recycling systems are introduced



for new product categories like tobacco products, fishing gears and 8 more product categories
from 05.01.2023



Penalties according to the Greek Law



Producers

- for placing on the market products that have been prohibited or are not in compliance with the law requirements
- for not contributing to the extended responsibility producer schemes



Restaurants and food services

- for not attributing the charge in the cups and food containers to the competent public authority
- for not providing reusable alternatives products at the point of purchase



Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes

- for no compliance with the law requirements



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