# Investments to Tackle Plastic Pollution

This country fact sheet presents the plastic material flow, policy, and investment landscapes, offering quick and easy access to a one-stop resource on tackling plastic pollution.



## PLASTIC MATERIAL FLOW

This section provides an overview of the plastic material flow within the country, offering a snapshot of the plastic waste landscape.



PLASTIC PRODUCED

2.5 mn

tonnes per year (Essenscia, 2020)



PLASTIC CONSUMED

tonnes per year (Essenscia, 2020)



PLASTIC WASTE GENERATED

0.6 mn

tonnes per year (Essenscia, 2020)



PLASTIC RECYCLED

39.0 %



MISMANAGED PLASTIC WASTE

tonnes per year

(European Environment Agency, 2018)



**PLASTIC WASTE IMPORTS** 

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2022)



PLASTIC WASTE EXPORTS

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2022)

# **POLICIES**

This section highlights selected policies impacting plastic pollution in the country. Details on the status of development of the policy where relevant are also provided.

### **UPSTREAM**

## Tax on Single-Use Virgin **Plastics**

EU-wide levy on non-recycled plastic packaging waste implemented

(EY, 2021)

## Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Ban from 2022 on specific single-use plastic

(Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2021)

### **MIDSTREAM**

## Deposit Return System Legislation

Expected to be in place by 2025 nationally (Brussels Times, 2023)

## **DOWNSTREAM**

## ■ Waste Segregation

(Commissioner Brussels, 2024)

## Extended Producer Responsibility

(Lovat Compliance, 2023)

## Plastic Waste Trade Restrictions

An EU-wide policy restricting plastic exports to non-OECD countries, except for clean plastic waste sent for recycling (European Commission, 2021)

### Recycled Content Mandates

EU target of 25% recycled plastic in bottles by 2025, and 30% by 2030

(European Parliament, 2018)

## Mandatory Recycling Targets

EU recycling target of 50% by weight for plastic packaging by 2025

(European Environment Agency, 2022)

## Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes

Landfill tax in place

(Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants, 2021)

Implemented

In progress

Not available

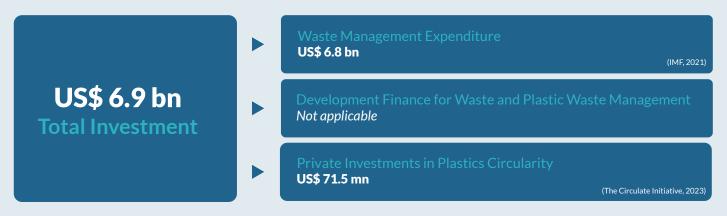


## **INVESTMENTS**

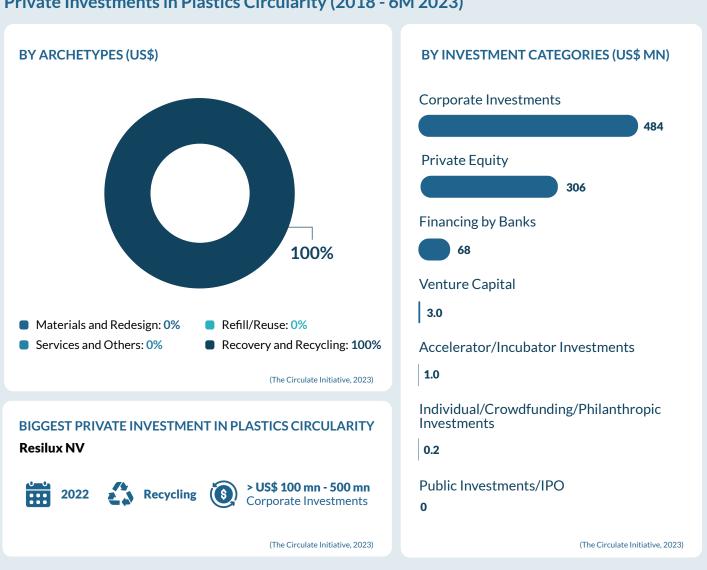


This section provides a summary of public and private investments in waste management, plastic waste management, and plastics circularity. Further breakdown of private investments in plastics circularity solutions by archetypes and investment categories is also provided.

# Investments in Waste and Plastic Waste Management (2018 - 2021)



# Private Investments in Plastics Circularity (2018 - 6M 2023)



**Glossary and Other References** 

