Investments to Tackle Plastic Pollution

SPAIN

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 CONSUMED

2.0 mn



(Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter, 2018)



PLASTIC WASTE GENERATED

2.2 mn



(Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter, 2020)



PLASTIC RECYCLED

43.0%

(Plastics Europe, 2020



MISMANAGED PLASTIC WASTE

0.04 mn

tonnes per year

(Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter, 2020)



PLASTIC WASTE IMPORTS

157.4

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2019)



PLASTIC WASTE EXPORTS

72.2

kilotonnes per year (Trade Map. 2019)

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

Tax on non-reusable plastic packaging of 0.45 euros per kilogram of non-reycled plastic (State Official Gazette, 2022)

Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Law 77/2022 lists provisions to reduce the consumption of certain single-use products with a target of 50% reduction in weight by 2026 (State Official Gazette, 2022)

MIDSTREAM

Deposit Return System Legislation

Stipulates the mandatory establishment of the deposit return system for certain single-use plastic containers

(State Official Gazette, 2022)

DOWNSTREAM

Waste Segregation

Local jurisdictions to establish separate collection of several fractions of waste including plastic (State Official Gazette, 2022)

Extended Producer Responsibility

EPR for single-use plastic products, with different timelines for implementation (State Official Gazette, 2022)

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

As of January 2025, PET bottles must contain at least 25% recycled plastic (State Official Gazette, 2022)

Mandatory Recycling Targets

By 2025, a minimum of 50% by weight of plastic packaging waste will be recycled (State Official Gazette, 2022)

Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes

Includes a prohibition to landfill municipal waste suitable for reuse, recycling or other recovery (European Environment Agency, 2022)

Implemented





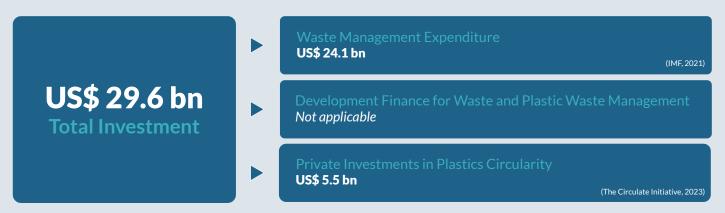


INVESTMENTS



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)

