Investments to Tackle Plastic Pollution

FRANCE

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

4.8 mn

tonnes per year

(French Ministry of Ecological Transition, 2022)



PLASTIC WASTE IMPORTS

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2022)



PLASTIC WASTE GENERATED

3.0 mn

tonnes per year

(Environmental Investigation Agency, 2021)



PLASTIC RECYCLED

25.0%



PLASTIC LEAKAGE

tonnes per year (WWF. 2016)



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**

Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Aims to phase out single-use plastic packaging by 2040 under the Anti-Waste Law (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2021)

MIDSTREAM

Deposit Return System Legislation

As of 2023, a decision is to be taken on the introduction of a deposit return scheme (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2021)

DOWNSTREAM

Waste Segregation

Separate collection of plastic packaging is made mandatory from 2022 (European Environment Agency, 2022)

Extended Producer Responsibility

EPR organizations have to set objectives to reduce packaging placed on the market (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2021)

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

To recycle 100% of plastics by 2025 (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2021)

Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes

Landfill restrictions include no source separated waste collected for recycling, and no waste from municipalities without source separation schemes (Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants, 2021)

Implemented



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)





