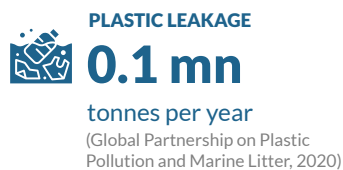
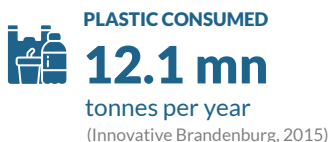




This country fact sheet presents the plastic material flow, policy, and investment landscapes, offering quick and easy access to a one-stop resource on tackling plastic pollution.

PLASTIC MATERIAL FLOW

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



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**
 Single-Use Plastic Fund Act introduced in 2024 with first payments imposed on single-use plastic products expected in 2025 (BDO Germany, 2024)
- Ban on Single-Use Plastics**
 Ban on certain single-use plastic products for which environmentally friendly alternatives exist (CMS, 2024)

MIDSTREAM

- Deposit Return System Legislation**
 First European country to initiate a deposit return system scheme in 2003 (Bloomberg NetZero Pathfinders, 2021)

DOWNSTREAM

- Waste Segregation**
 Separate collection requirement for bio-waste, paper, metal, plastic and glass (European Environment Agency, 2016)
- Extended Producer Responsibility**
 (CMS, 2024)
- 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**
 Single-use PET beverage bottles to have at least 25% recycled plastic from 2025 (Ecosistant, 2021)
- Mandatory Recycling Targets**
 65% of all municipal waste must be recycled (Umweltbundesamt, 2023)
- Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes**
 Landfill ban is only applicable for residual or biodegradable waste with a Total Organic Carbon content (TOC) above 3% (European Environment Agency, 2022)

■ Implemented
 ■ In progress
 ■ Not available



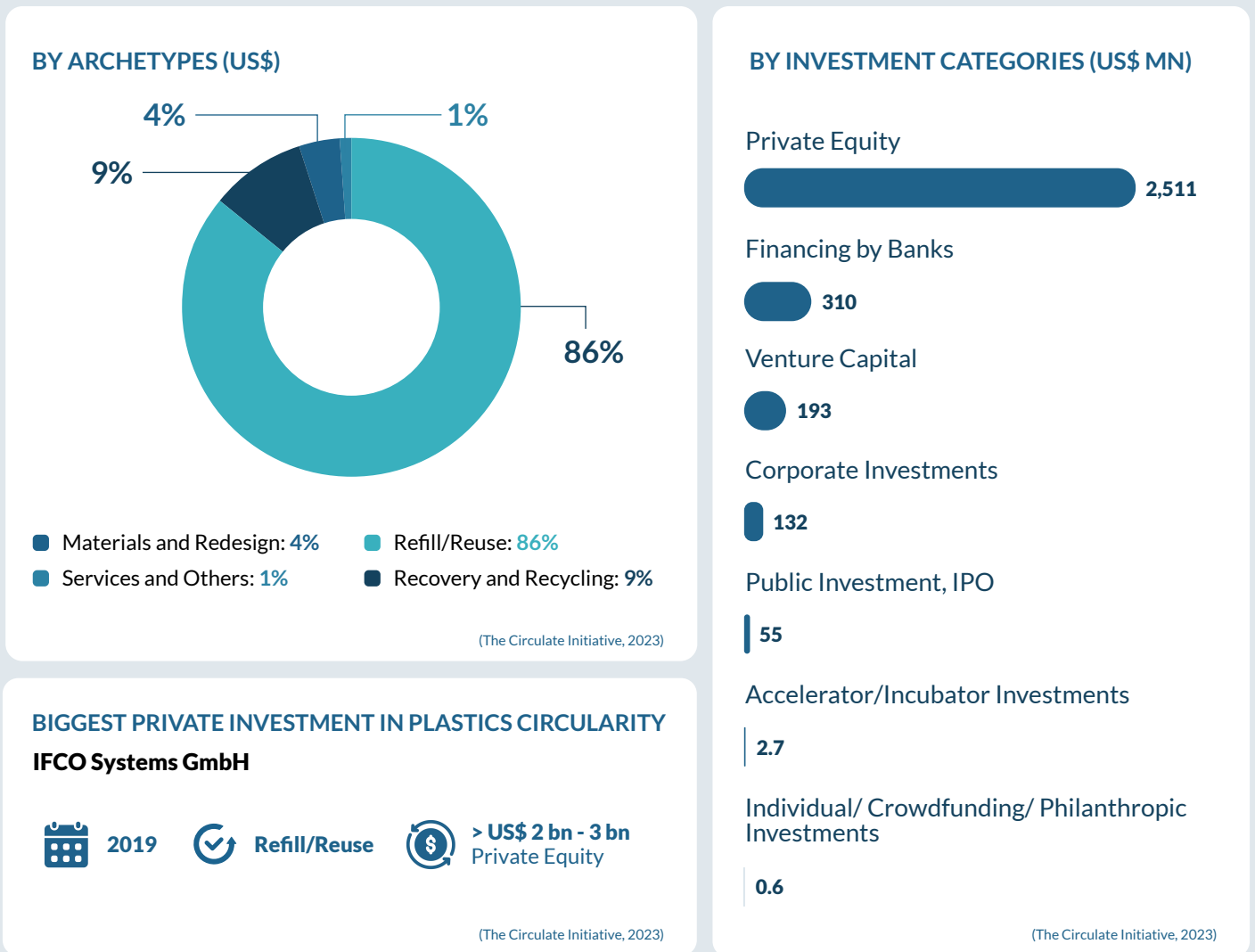
INVESTMENTS

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)



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