



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**  
 Introduction of a virgin plastic levy is being considered  
(Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, 2021)
- **Ban on Single-Use Plastics**  
 Ban on certain single-use plastic items from July 2021  
(Irish EPA, 2023)

#### MIDSTREAM

- **Deposit Return System Legislation**  
 Scheme began in February 2024 for drink containers from plastic, aluminium and steel, between 150 ml and 3 litres in size  
(Citizens Information Ireland, 2024)

#### DOWNSTREAM

- **Waste Segregation**  
 Separation at source is mandatory for non-household plastic packaging waste  
(European Environment Agency, 2022)
- **Extended Producer Responsibility**  
 By 5 January 2023, in addition to their existing EPR obligations associated with packaging, producers are required to cover litter clean up costs for specific single use plastic items  
(Irish EPA, 2023)
- **Plastic Waste Trade Restrictions**
- **Recycled Content Mandates**  
 EU target of 25% recycled plastic in bottles by 2025, and 30% by 2030  
(Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, 2021)
- **Mandatory Recycling Targets**  
 EU recycling target of 50% by weight for plastic packaging by 2025  
(Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, 2021)
- **Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes**  
 Landfill tax is available for residual waste but there are commitments to reduce the amount of municipal waste landfilled to 10% by 2035  
(European Environment Agency, 2022)

■ Implemented    ■ In progress    ■ Not available

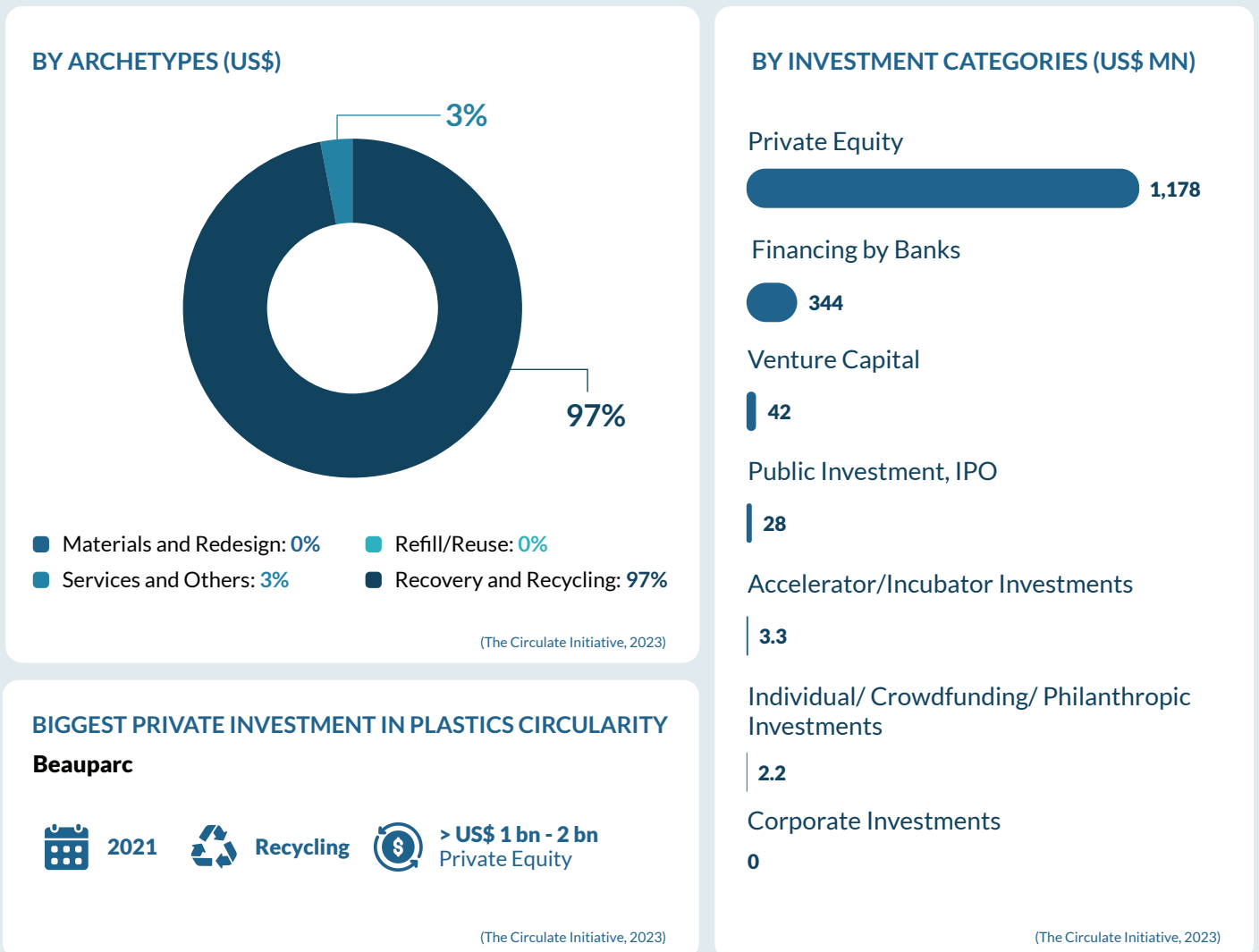
# INVESTMENTS

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)



[i Glossary and Other References](#)