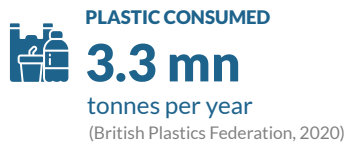
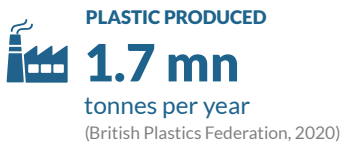




This country fact sheet presents the plastic material flow, policy, and investment landscapes, offering quick and easy access to a one-stop resource on tackling plastic pollution.

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

Plastic Packaging Tax imposed on all plastic products using virgin material unless there is evidence that at least 30% recycled material has been used; levy on single-use carrier bags
(HM Revenue & Customs, 2023; Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, 2024)

■ Ban on Single-Use Plastics

The ban, introduced from October 2023, includes certain types of plastics
(Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, 2023)

MIDSTREAM

■ Deposit Return System Legislation

Deposit return schemes for drinks containers are introduced in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
(RECOUP, 2022)

DOWNSTREAM

■ Waste Segregation

(British Government, 2020)

■ Extended Producer Responsibility

Producer responsibility system for packaging is being reformed to move the full cost of dealing with packaging waste to the packaging producers
(Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, 2023)

■ Plastic Waste Trade Restrictions

Restrictions placed on the type of plastic waste that can be shipped for recovery
(Environment Agency, 2021)

■ Recycled Content Mandates

Plastic packaging which do not contain at least 30% recycled content will be imposed a tax of £200 per tonne
(RECOUP & British Plastics Federation, 2022)

■ Mandatory Recycling Targets

65% recycling target for municipal waste by 2035
(Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, 2021)

■ Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes

Landfill tax of 102.10 pounds per tonne applicable to all waste from 2023
(HM Revenue & Customs, 2023)

■ Implemented ■ In progress ■ Not available



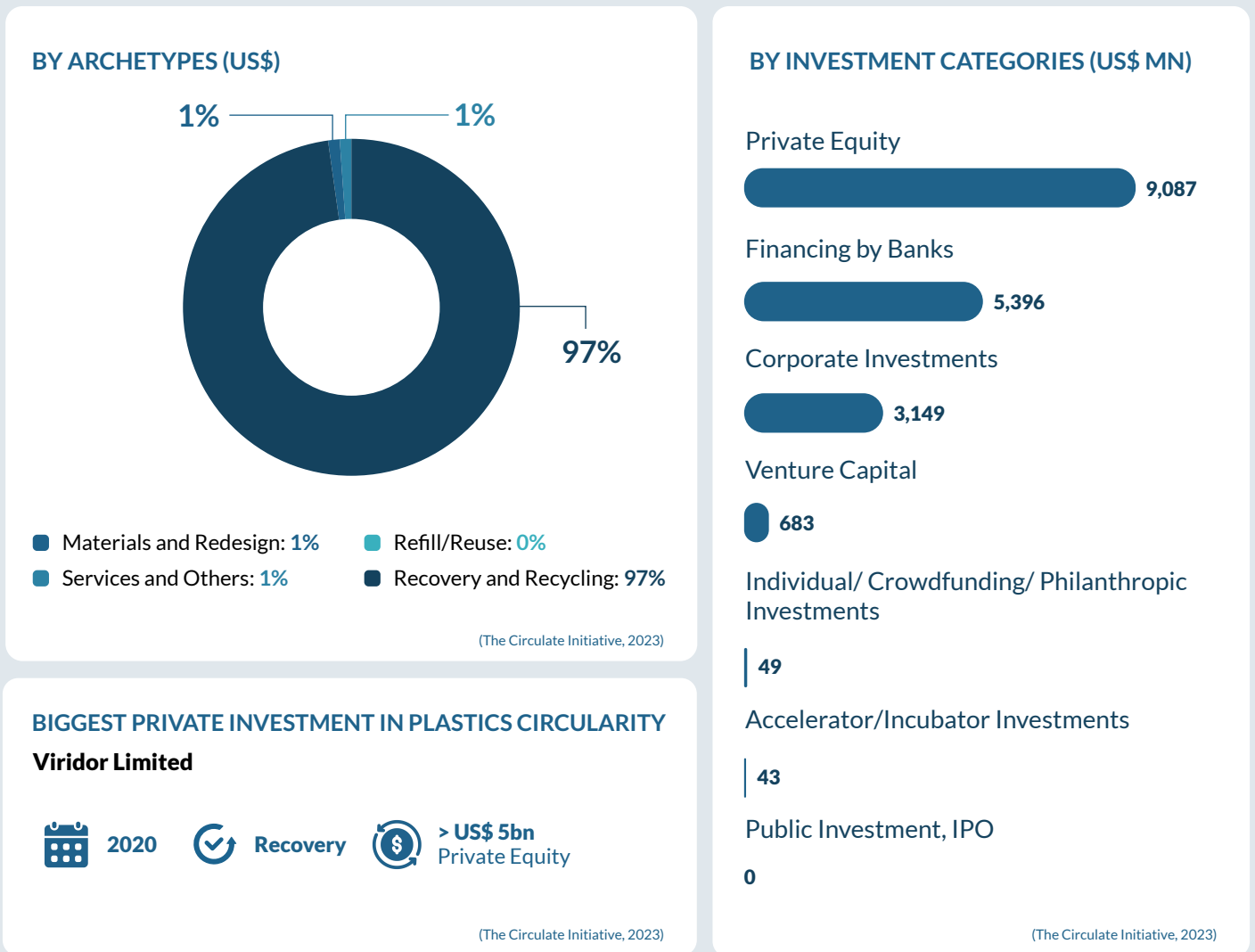
INVESTMENTS

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](#)