

World Circular Economy Forum 2024

Accelerator Session

Accelerating Extended Producer Responsibility Worldwide

by the Global Action Partnership for EPR



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Agenda

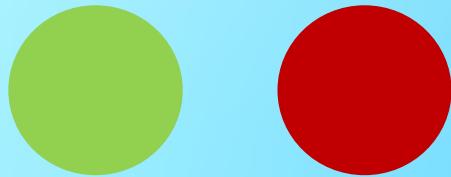
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Warm up!

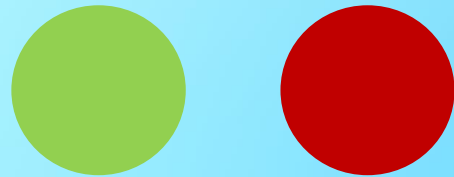
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Is EPR a success story?



Welcome Note

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Setting the Scene – The GAP for EPR



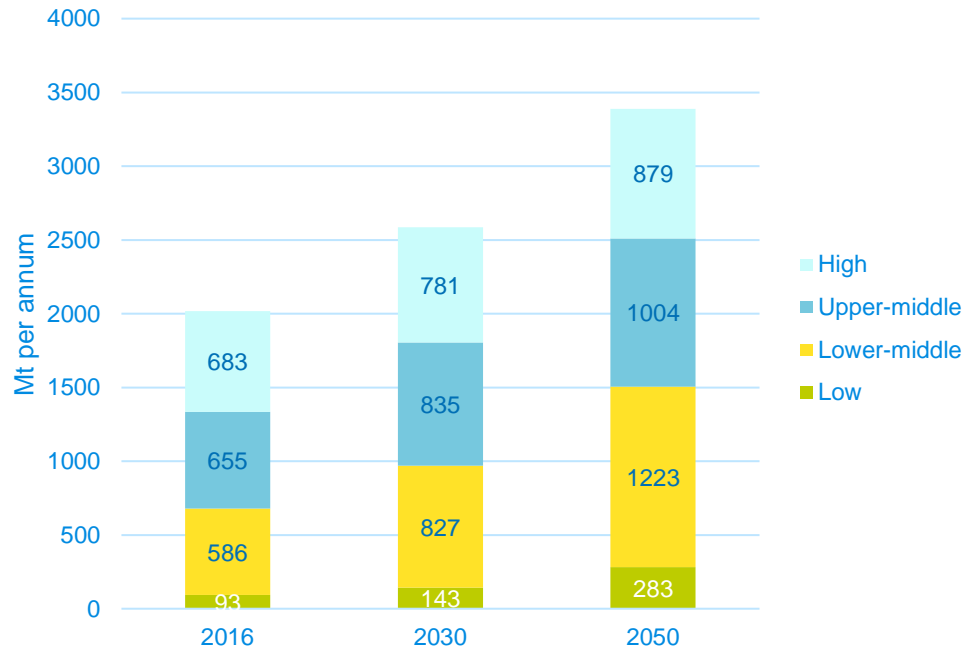
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There is growing ambition to engage producers with addressing environmental impacts of plastics

Municipal solid waste generation

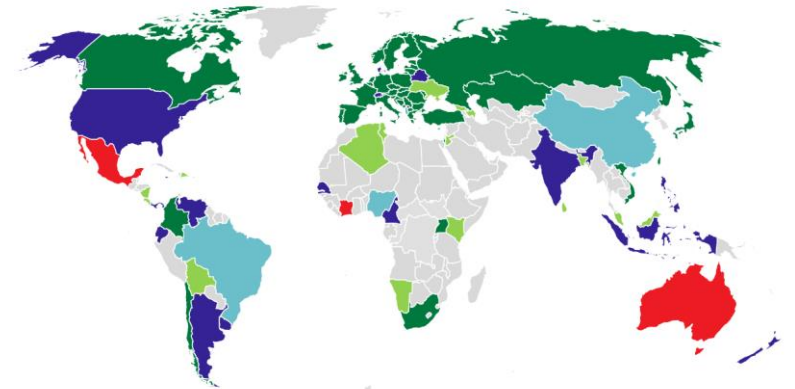


Source: OECD Global Material Resources Outlook, based on World Bank “What a Waste 2.0

Packaging EPR in 2000



Packaging EPR in April 2023



- Mandatory EPR: Specific legislation in place for packaging
- Voluntary EPR: Subset of businesses engaged in a scheme not mandated by law
- Limited EPR: EPR limited in geographical/packaging type scope; in some cases, may not apply to consumer packaging
- Framework EPR: Draft regulations exist calling for packaging EPR to be developed
- Emerging/Under Implementation: Expected to deliver EPR legislation shortly

Map Source:





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Global Action Partnership for EPR

Thinking ahead jointly – this is our mission. As the Global Action Partnership for EPR, we **connect** practitioners and experts worldwide, **foster** collaboration, and support **innovative thinking** on EPR.



Who we support

The GAP for EPR is available to international stakeholders as a support tool for the development and implementation of their own EPR systems during the different implementation phases.

Our target group encompasses

- Governments of partner countries that want to introduce EPR systems
- Organizations and institutions that have been mentored by their governments to set up EPR systems, especially PROs
- Other stakeholders, for instance informal sector representatives
- Practitioners and experts who seek to exchange with peers

How we work



We strive for a Common Understanding on EPR

by providing an extensive library of EPR-related documents and hosting public events.



We provide coordinated and tailored Technical Support

to policy makers and other relevant stakeholders (such as PROs) for the operationalization of EPR



We bring together an international EPR Community

- To facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learned
- To think ahead jointly and innovate EPR
- To contribute to relevant international processes on EPR

We provide both targeted and flexible support.



01

Targeted country support

Commissioning party: Norwegian Retailers' Environment Fund

Goal: Support of two countries (CEMPRE Argentina, MAREA Malaysia)

Duration: 6 months

02

Helpdesk

Commissioning party: BMZ

Goal: Flexible short/medium-term support to different stakeholders (government, PROs, informal sector associations, and others)

Duration: about 14 months

Where we're going in 2024



Extension of library



Contribution to international processes



Technical support to Argentina and Malaysia and extension of support service to other countries



Sessions at events, such as IFAT Trade Fair



Webinars on diversity of topics



Potential extension of activities to other material streams



GAP for EPR

Q&A

Ask your questions now!



Launch of the Policy Paper “Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Basic facts and key principles”

Content & Key messages

Global Action Partnership for EPR



This paper shares a common understanding of the EPR approach

What the paper does

- Clarifies the ‘basic facts’
 - Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- Outlines selected principles for successful implementation
 - Drawn from peer-reviewed, international guidance text

What the paper doesn't do

- Advocate adoption of EPR
- Propose text options, or guidance for INC negotiations



FAQ: What is EPR?

A policy approach that makes producers responsible for their products along the lifecycle, including at the post-consumer stage.

Financial EPR schemes

1. Producers fund
2. Public sector operates

Operational EPR schemes

1. Producers fund
2. Producers or their proxies operate

FAQ: What can EPR do?

- Improve transparency
- Shift costs from governments to producers and consumers
- Increase collection, and
- Increase recovery rates

Future developments of EPR

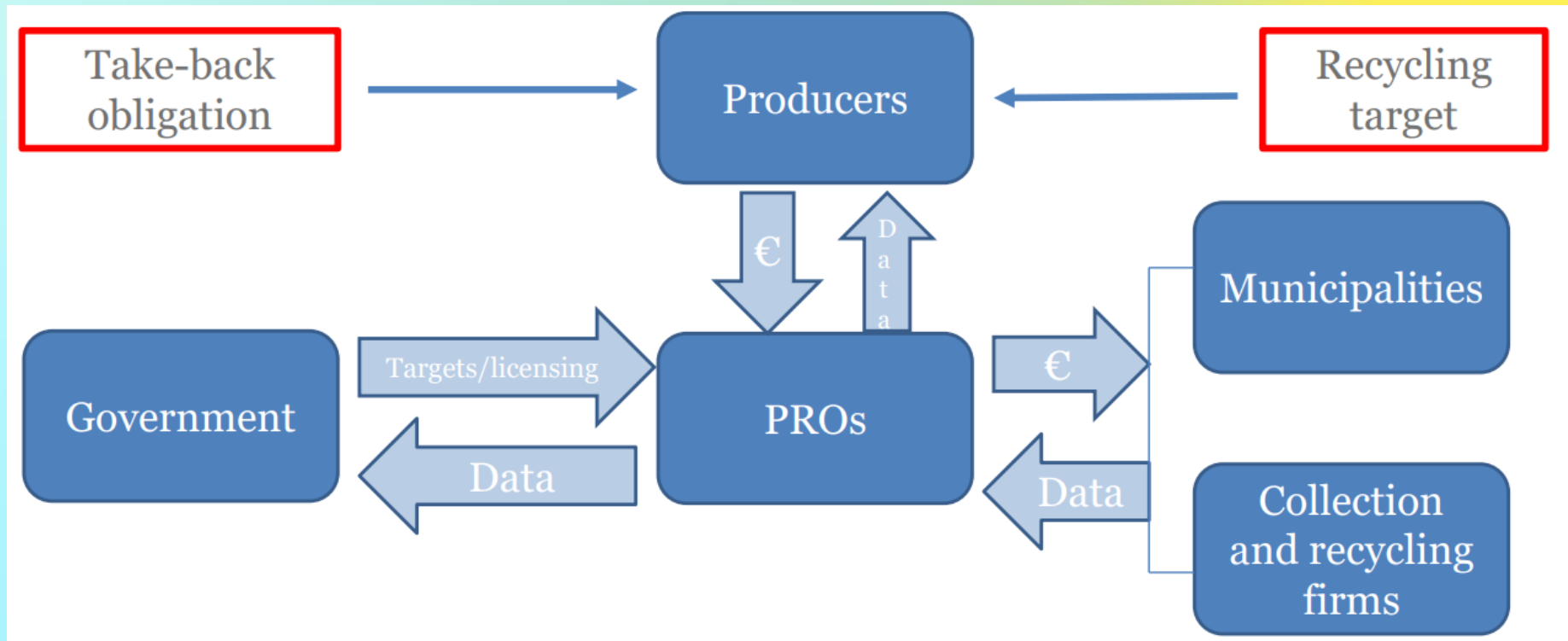
Lifecycle Impacts

- Mitigating pollution
- Design for the environment
- Geographic scope of EPR



FAQ: Is EPR just a tax?

Not a tax, EPR compliance schemes may trigger a fee for producers, but the fee pays for a service



FAQ: Can companies simply manage themselves?

- Mandatory EPR shows better monitoring and enforcement, lower levels of free riding and a broader scope of covered wastes compared with voluntary schemes
- Governments can make EPR policy that:
 - Clearly defines a producer,
 - Their obligations and targets,
 - And supports enforcement

Mandatory

- Commonly organised via kerbside collection:
 - Product take back
 - Advance disposal fee
 - Upstream tax/downstream subsidy
- Separate collection points:
 - Deposit refund system
 - Drop off points

Voluntary EPR schemes:








- Product stewardship initiatives (voluntary)
- Corporate Social Responsibility

The policy paper identifies key principles noted by experts

Source material

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),
- the United Nations (UN) agencies,
- the European Union (EU),
- the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), and
- the PREVENT Waste Alliance

Topics

-  Clear definition of responsibility
-  Target setting
-  Stakeholder coordination
-  Transparency
-  Government capacity
-  Fair competition
-  Involving the informal sector

Live now!

The Policy Paper “Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Basic facts and key principles” was developed in the framework of the GAP for EPR and provides policymakers with a **synthesis of the current implementing experience with the EPR policy approach.**

Share your thoughts on **LinkedIn**:

- Which part of the Policy Paper is the most helpful to you?
- What are the gaps still to be addressed in future research?



Panel Discussion



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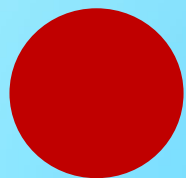
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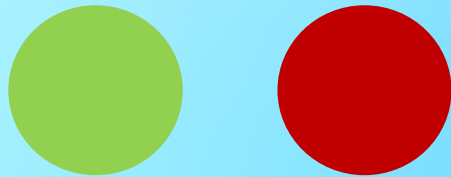
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Wrap up!

**Are you hopeful that EPR
will contribute to more
upstream measures in the
future?**



Closing Remarks

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Thank you for your attention!

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Download the Policy Paper:

