

**Question for written answer E-004525/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU action plan for the circular economy - reducing marine litter

In its communication on the EU action plan for the circular economy, the Commission revealed that, as a follow-up to the Green Paper on Plastic Waste, it was devising a strategy to analyse the problem of plastic in the value creation chain.

The Commission also stated that it would be taking steps to reduce marine litter significantly: it proposed a reduction target of 30 % by 2020 for the 10 most common types of litter found on beaches and for fishing gear discarded at sea.

In the annex to the communication, the Commission stated that the strategy on plastics in the circular economy would take effect in 2017, but that the specific plans to reduce marine litter and bring the EU into line with the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 would be implemented from 2015 onwards.

Can the Commission say what specific measures it has taken from 2015 onwards to reduce plastic marine litter?