

**Question for written answer E-002229/2018  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Plastics and the circular economy

People and businesses across the European Union produce 58 million tonnes of plastic every year. The proposal amending the Packaging Directive sets new targets to be met by 2025 and 2030 for the share of packaging waste prepared for reuse and recycling (65 % and 75 %, respectively). Although no 2030 target has been proposed for plastic packaging, will the Commission be proposing one at a later stage?

With the recent decision by China to close its doors to much of the world's plastic, as well as a collapse in prices for plastic, will most of the costs inevitably be passed on to households? Are there enough recycling centres to cope with our waste now that we cannot export it, considering that just 30 % of the EU's plastic is recycled?

What steps will the Commission take to ensure that consumers do not bear the burden of dealing with this waste, but that manufacturers are obliged to develop materials that can be reused, recycled and are biodegradable?