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The new Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP)<sup>1</sup> provides a future-oriented agenda for achieving a cleaner and more competitive Europe. It aims at accelerating the transformational change required by the European Green Deal<sup>2</sup>. This plan will ensure that the regulatory framework is streamlined and made fit for a sustainable future. It presents measures along all the phases of the economic cycle looking at production, consumption, transforming waste into resources and focusing specifically on certain resource-intensive sectors where the potential for greater circularity is the highest. For instance, in addition to plastics, it will also aim to address, inter alia, packaging, textiles, construction and electronics.

The innovative projects and technological developments, which are needed to bring about the necessary transformational changes in design, production, consumption and recycling, will continue to be supported by co-funded initiatives under Horizon Europe<sup>3</sup> and other EU programmes, such as the EU programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE)<sup>4</sup>.

Progress in chemical recycling technologies is being closely followed by the Commission. The materials resulting from chemical reprocessing of waste can count towards recycling targets only if they are not used as fuels.

The Commission will update the Monitoring Framework for the Circular Economy<sup>5</sup>, which allows the measurement of progress and offers a snapshot of many dimensions of the circular economy.

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2020) 98 final.

<sup>2</sup> COM(2019) 640 final.

<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme_en)

<sup>4</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life>

<sup>5</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/circular-economy/indicators/monitoring-framework>