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Ecodesign for sustainable products

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Zhrnutie Most products are not designed with their life cycle environmental impacts in mind, and it is difficult for consumers and economic operators to make sustainable choices when buying products. The EU still lacks an overarching legislative framework laying down rules for sustainable production and consumption of all products. Ecodesign refers to the integration of environmental sustainability considerations into the characteristics of a product, and into processes throughout its value chain. On 30 March 2022, the European Commission put forward a proposal for a regulation establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products. The proposed regulation would lay down rules applying to all products on the internal market, with the aim of making them more durable, reusable, repairable, upgradable, recyclable and generally less harmful to the environment. The regulation would include rules on a digital product passport, green public procurement and a ban on the destruction of unsold goods. The co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on 5 December 2023, after three trilogues. This agreement still needs to be formally approved by both institutions. It was approved by Coreper on 22 December 2023, and by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on 11 January 2024. It must now be adopted by Parliament in plenary and then by the Council. Third edition of a briefing originally drafted (first version) by Nikolina Šajn. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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Waste framework directive: A more sustainable use of natural resources

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Oblasť politiky Bezpečnosť potravín

Kľúčové slovo boj proti plytvaniu | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska politika | kožiarsky a textilný priemysel | návrh (EU) | obehové hospodárstvo | obuvnícky priemysel | ochrana životného prostredia | plytvanie potravinami | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | rozšírená zodpovednosť výrobcu | textilný priemysel | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Every year, 60 million tonnes of food waste and 12.6 million tonnes of textile waste are generated in the EU. On 5 July 2023, the European Commission tabled a proposal for a targeted revision of EU waste rules. Seeking to accelerate the EU's progress towards United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 (halving food waste at the retail and consumer level by 2030), the proposal would mean EU countries would have to reduce food waste by 10 % in processing and manufacturing, and by 30 % per capita, jointly at retail and consumption level, by 2030. The proposal also introduces extended producer responsibility requirements for the textiles sector. These schemes would have to cover the costs of collecting textiles, shoes and textile-related products for re-use or recycling, along with transport and sorting, as well as supporting research and development to improve the sorting and recycling processes. The proposal attracted a mixed response. While non-governmental organisations criticised the lack of ambition in the binding targets, farm lobbies expressed satisfaction with the derogation for the primary sector. In the European Parliament, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) is responsible for the file under the co-decision procedure, with Anna Zalewska (ECR, Poland) as rapporteur. The draft report was presented in committee on 24 October 2023. First edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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Circularity requirements for vehicle design and management of end-of-life vehicles

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Oblasť politiky Priemysel | Životné prostredie

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Zhrnutie The EU's automotive sector is resource-intensive. There are 286 million motor vehicles on the road in the EU, and every year around 6.5 million vehicles become waste. If improperly managed, these vehicles may cause environmental damage and the economy may lose millions of tonnes of materials. Ensuring better sustainability and circularity of the European automotive sector would help to achieve the goals of the EU Green Deal, improve the competitiveness of the sector, and reinforce the EU's strategic autonomy. In July 2023, the European Commission presented a proposal for a regulation addressing the whole life cycle of vehicles, from design to end-of-life, aimed at improving design and end-of-life management of vehicles for a more resource-efficient automotive sector. It would set circularity requirements on vehicle design and production concerning reusability, recyclability, recoverability and the use of recycled content. It would also lay down requirements on information and labelling of parts, components and materials in vehicles. In addition, the proposed regulation would establish requirements on extended producer responsibility, collection and treatment of end-of-life vehicles, and on the export of used vehicles from the EU to third countries. The proposal is now in the hands of the co-legislators. In the European Parliament, the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) is responsible for the file. First edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure.

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Cohesion policy and climate change. Actions taken by regional and local authorities

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Oblasť politiky Regionálny rozvoj

Kľúčové slovo budovanie Európy | ekologická politika | environmentálna politika EÚ | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska a sociálna súdržnosť | Prispôsobovanie sa zmene klímy | recyklácia odpadu | uhlíková neutralita | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The European Parliament has underlined the need to involve the regional and local levels of government in efforts to ensure that the adaptation goal of the Paris Agreement – which provides a framework for global action to address climate change post-2020 – is met. A number of initiatives have been put in place to support regions, cities, and local authorities in their efforts to align with the EU's transition to climate neutrality. Examples of these initiatives include the Covenant of Mayors for climate and energy, the 'EU Mission: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities', and the 'EU Mission: Adaptation to Climate Change', all promoted by the European Commission. The Commission has also created the EU Green Capital and the EU Green Leaf Awards. The European Committee of the Regions launched the 'Green Deal Going Local' initiative and founded the Automotive Regions Alliance. EU cities and regions are taking action towards decarbonisation in order to make the EU economy more resource-efficient, to innovate on waste management and recycling, to support citizens for both new construction and renovation, to make transport greener, to increase green spaces and plant presence in urban areas, and to raise citizens' awareness of the need to do more to fight climate change. This briefing showcases 20 such projects across the European Union.

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Revision of the Waste Framework Directive

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Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | recyklácia odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The IA supports the revision of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD), which lays down the basic definitions and concepts for waste management. The proposal focuses on two resource-intensive sectors – textiles and food – and aims to contribute to the European Green Deal ambitions of reducing waste generation and transitioning to a circular economy. The IA includes two separate impact assessments – one for textiles and one for food – published in a single document. The IA analyses the economic, environmental and social impacts of the policy options, as well as impacts on competitiveness, SMEs and third countries. For textiles, it chooses the preferred policy option on the basis of consideration of how it contributes to the objectives of the initiative and on the balance between the impacts. For food, the preferred option is chosen, inter alia, on the basis of its feasibility. The main IA report does not address the proportionality issues of the preferred option for textiles, but the proposal is accompanied by a subsidiarity grid covering both food and textiles. The range of stakeholders consulted was wide and relevant, included SMEs and all affected stakeholders, and the findings are broken down into categories by stakeholder and problem. The stakeholders' views were taken into account for the design of POs, the evaluation of impacts and the choice of the preferred option. The IA was based on recent, referenced and reliable data, as well as models, and was transparent on their limits. It takes into account the future projections for both textiles and food consumption and waste. The main supporting study for the IA and the JRC study, which is also the main basis for the quantitative analysis, are not however publicly available at the time of writing. The proposal is mostly coherent with the preferred options and monitoring provisions identified in the IA, but both the proposal and the IA remain vague on the evaluation. The IA is sufficiently comprehensive, however the information is often spread out and difficult to trace over multiple annexes. This does not appear to respect the BRG requirement that the main report, limited to 40 pages, should strike the right balance between the information in the report and that in the annexes, keeping in mind the need for a focused, self-standing report. Overall, this makes the IA report less transparent and less legible.

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Packaging and packaging waste

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Zhrnutie The IA provides a good overview of the problems relating to packaging and packaging waste, and the possible impacts of the various measures proposed to address the problems. In its assessment, which is both qualitative and quantitative, the IA relies on a wealth of data sources and modelling. However, it does not clearly indicate the IA supporting studies and their full references; this would have improved transparency. The IA presents three policy options, which are partially incremental and cannot therefore serve as self-standing alternatives. The IA provides sufficient justification for the preferred option. Broad stakeholder consultations were carried out and the IA presents stakeholders' views, although on individual measures rather than on the three policy options. The description of the monitoring and evaluation plan is rather limited; for example, the operational objectives and the timeframe for the evaluation are not explained. On a technical point, the IA could have made more use of the material from the extensive annexes, for example, to describe the policy options and the third problem in more detail in the main text.

Briefing [EN](#)

[Strengthening EU rules on waste shipments](#)

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnosť potravín | ekologická politika | MEDZINÁRODNÉ ORGANIZÁCIE | nebezpečný odpad | OECD | politika životného prostredia | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | recyklácia odpadu | SOCIÁLNE OTÁZKY | spaľovňa odpadu | svetové organizácie | vývoz odpadu | zdravie | zdravotnícka politika | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie During its January I plenary session, Parliament will vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on a Commission proposal to revise EU rules on shipments of waste. The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council.

V stručnosti [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

[Securing the EU's supply of critical raw materials](#)

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Oblasť politiky Medzinárodný obchod | Priemysel | Zahraničné veci

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnosť dodávky | dodávateľský reťazec | dovoz (EÚ) | ekologická politika | ekonomická geografia | EKONOMIKA | Európska investičná banka | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | FINANČIE | financovanie a investície | GEOGRAFIA | hospodárska politika | investícia | inštitúcie EÚ a európska verejná služba | medzinárodný obchod | obchod | OBCHOD | PRIEMYSEL | priemyselná politika EÚ | priemyselné štruktúry a politika | recyklácia odpadu | surovina | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | výroba | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | Ázia a Oceánia | Čína | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Critical raw materials are essential to sustain Europe's economic and environmental ambitions. As geoeconomic aggression and geopolitical tensions rise, the EU is re-thinking its reliance on certain imports. Can the EU secure its supply of critical materials?

V stručnosti [EN](#)

[Setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products](#)

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Oblasť politiky Posudzovanie vplyvu ex-ante | Vnútny trh a colná únia

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Zhrnutie This briefing provides an initial analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the European Commission's impact assessment (IA) accompanying the above-mentioned proposal, submitted on 30 March 2022 and referred to the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). The proposal aims to repeal the Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC, which establishes a framework for adopting product-specific requirements set out in implementing measures (usually regulations) by the European Commission. Until recently, the directive focused mainly on the energy efficiency of products and since 2019 also on their lifetime (e.g. availability of spare parts for a certain number of years after the last item has been placed on the market). It currently covers 29 energy-related product groups, ranging from ventilation systems to high-pressure cleaners. The new proposal for a Regulation would establish a framework for setting Ecodesign requirements that would apply to all physical products on the internal market (with a few exceptions), with the aim of making them more durable, reusable, repairable, upgradeable, recyclable and generally less harmful to the environment. Product specific requirements would be set out later, in delegated acts, for each product group separately. The proposal was first announced in the European Green Deal, and then confirmed in the Circular Economy action plan, alongside a communication on making sustainable products the norm and a proposal for a directive empowering consumers for the green transition. The Commission included the present proposal in Annex I of its 2021 work programme (new initiatives) and the 2022 joint declaration on legislative priorities.

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Carbon-free steel production: Cost reduction options and usage of existing gas infrastructure

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Kľúčové slovo alternatívna energia | chémia | dodávka energie | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | energetická politika | energetická rozvodná sieť | ENERGIA | hospodárska politika | hutníctvo železa a ocele | hutníctvo železa, ocele a železných kovov | obnoviteľná energia | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | recyklácia odpadu | skleníkový plyn | technológia a technické predpisy | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | uhlíková neutralita | vodík | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | čistá technológia | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The steel sector is one of the most challenging sectors to decarbonise and has recently received special attention owing to the potential use of low-carbon hydrogen (green and blue) to reduce its fuel combustion and process-related carbon emissions. This report addresses concerns that might arise while evaluating the potential and limitations of the future role of hydrogen in decarbonising the iron and steel industries. The report provides a comprehensive overview of current technical knowledge, (pilot) projects and road maps at national and EU level. This information is supplemented by previously published indicative price projections for the various steel production routes and a long-term study, analysing the evolution of the global steel sector up until 2100.

Štúdia [EN](#)

Living in the EU: Circular economy

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Zhrnutie Circular economy is a production and consumption model that involves reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products to keep materials within the economy. It implies that waste becomes a resource, consequently minimising the actual amount of waste. The circular model is generally the antithesis of a traditional, linear economic model, which is based on a 'take-make-consume-throw away' pattern. This paper looks at the job creation potential and added value produced by the circular economy and illustrates the generation and treatment of waste in the EU.

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New circular economy action plan

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo akcia EÚ | boj proti plytvaniu | budovanie Európy | ekodizajn | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska politika | obehové hospodárstvo | ochrana životného prostredia | politika v oblasti zmeny klímy | recyklácia odpadu | technológia a technické predpisy | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | čistá technológia | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE | „zelené“ hospodárstvo

Zhrnutie Moving to a circular economy is key for achieving EU climate action, nature protection and sustainability ambitions, and also delivering benefits for innovation, growth and jobs. During the February session, Parliament is expected to vote on an own-initiative report on the Commission's proposed plan for more circularity.

V stručnosti [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

The environmental impacts of plastics and micro-plastics use, waste and pollution: EU and national measures

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Oblasť politiky Hodnotenie práva a politiky v praxi | Petície Európskemu parlamentu | Verejné zdravie | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo chémia | ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | EKONOMIKA | hospodárska politika | obehové hospodárstvo | ochrana životného prostredia | plastový odpad | plasty | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | recyklácia odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the Committee on Petitions (PETI), focuses on the pervasive use of plastics and reviews the rising consensus on the potential eco-toxicological impacts of these materials, in particular of smaller plastic particles, dubbed microplastics. It discusses possible mitigation strategies aimed at curtailing the prevalence of (micro)plastics, as well as emerging alternatives and their environmental adequacy. Propelled by increasing awareness of the impacts of plastics and by public opinion, in recent years a multitude of norms, regulations, laws and recommendations have been proposed and/or implemented. These vary greatly across local, national, regional and international levels, and it is not clear what the beneficial impacts of these tools are. This study assesses these existing instruments, analyses whether they are based on sound scientific data, and discusses foreseeable challenges that could restrain the relevance and suitability of existing and future legislative proposals.

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Stručné zhrnutie [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#)

EU fertilising products

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Kľúčové slovo chémia | ekologická norma | ekologická politika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hnojivo | hutníctvo železa, ocele a železných kovov | kadmium | marketing | OBCHOD | obrábanie poľnohospodárskej pôdy | označenie zhody CE | povolenie na predaj | POĽNOHOSPODÁRSTVO, LESNÍCTVO A RYBÁRSTVO | PRIEMYSEL | priemysel hnojív | prostriedky poľnohospodárskej výroby | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | technológia a technické predpisy | tvorba práva EÚ | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | zlepšovanie pôdy | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Fertilising products are used to improve plant growth, mainly in agriculture, enabling higher crop yields. However, they are associated with some challenges as regards security of supply, the environment and health. Although the 2003 Fertilisers Regulation, which aimed at ensuring an internal market in fertilisers, has been effective, it mainly addresses mineral fertilisers and deters the introduction of new types of fertilisers. In March 2016, the Commission put forward a legislative proposal on fertilising products, as announced in the circular economy action plan. The proposal modernises the conformity assessment and market surveillance in line with the 'new legislative framework' for product legislation, covers a wider range of fertilising products (including those manufactured from secondary raw materials), and sets limits for the presence of heavy metals and contaminants in fertilising products. After completion of the legislative procedure, the final act was signed on 5 June 2019. The regulation will apply in full from 16 July 2022. Fifth edition of a briefing originally drafted by Didier Bourguignon. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. Please note this document has been designed for on-line viewing.

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Reducing marine litter from plastics

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo biologická diverzita | chémia | ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | marketing | návrh (EÚ) | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | plastový odpad | plasty | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | právo Európskej únie | prírodné prostredie | recyklácia odpadu | znečistenie mora | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie In May 2018, the European Commission presented a legislative proposal to tackle marine litter, targeting the top ten single-use plastic items found on European beaches as well as fishing gear, which together make up about 70 % of marine beach litter items in Europe. Interinstitutional negotiations with the Council delivered an agreement in December 2018, on which Parliament is expected to vote during its March II plenary session.

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Plastics in a circular economy

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo chémia | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | hospodárska politika | obehové hospodárstvo | plasty | PRIEMYSEL | recyklácia odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Plastics are widely used across all sectors of the economy. However, the treatment of plastic waste poses several challenges. To address these, the Commission published a strategy for plastics in a circular economy in January 2018. The European Parliament is expected to adopt an own-initiative resolution on the communication during its September 2018 plenary session.

V stručnosti [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

Circular economy package: Four legislative proposals on waste

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Oblasť politiky Prijímanie právnych predpisov EP a Radou | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo budovanie Európy | DOPRAVA | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | elektronický prvok | elektronika a elektrotechnika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska a sociálna súdržnosť | hospodárska politika | hospodárska súťaž | likvidácia odpadu | marketing | medzinárodná politika | MEDZINÁRODNÉ VZŤAHY | nový ekonomický poriadok | návrh (EÚ) | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | obehové hospodárstvo | obmedzenie predaja | organizácia dopravy | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | PRIEMYSEL | program EÚ | právo Európskej únie | právo EÚ | recyklácia odpadu | vozidlo | vytvorenie pracovného miesta | ZAMESTNANIE A PRACOVNÉ PODMIENKY | zamestnanosť | zneškodňovanie odpadu | zásobník elektrickej energie | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

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Briefing [EN](#)

Circular economy: Four proposals on waste

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Oblasť politiky Hospodárske a menové veci | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | elektronika a elektrotechnika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska politika | hospodárska súťaž | marketing | návrh (EÚ) | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | obehové hospodárstvo | obmedzenie predaja | ochrana životného prostredia | odpadové hospodárstvo | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | PRIEMYSEL | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | uskladnenie odpadu | zneškodňovanie odpadu | zásobník elektrickej energie | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie As part of a shift towards a circular economy, the European Commission put forward four legislative proposals intended to improve waste management in the European Union in 2015. First-reading negotiations with the Council delivered a compromise, which now awaits a vote in Parliament during the April plenary session.

V stručnosti [DE](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#)

Circular economy package: Four legislative proposals on waste

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Oblasť politiky Prijímanie právnych predpisov EP a Radou | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo budovanie Európy | DOPRAVA | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | elektronický prvok | elektronika a elektrotechnika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska a sociálna súdržnosť | hospodárska politika | hospodárska súťaž | likvidácia odpadu | marketing | medzinárodná politika | MEDZINÁRODNÉ VZŤAHY | nový ekonomický poriadok | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | obehové hospodárstvo | obmedzenie predaja | organizácia dopravy | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | PRIEMYSEL | program EU | právo Európskej únie | právo EU | recyklácia odpadu | vozidlo | vytvorenie pracovného miesta | ZAMESTNANIE A PRACOVNÉ PODMIENKY | zamestnanosť | zneškodňovanie odpadu | zásobník elektrickej energie | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

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Briefing [EN](#)

Waste Management in Europe: Main Problems Identified in EU Petitions and Best Practices (updated version)

Typ publikácie Štúdia

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Oblasť politiky Petície Európskemu parlamentu

Kľúčové slovo budovanie Európy | ekologická politika | ESAE | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | európsky parlamentný výbor | inštitúcie EÚ a európska verejná služba | ochrana životného prostredia | parlament | petícia | POLITIKA | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | prevencia proti znečisťovaniu | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | rádioaktívny odpad | SOCIÁLNE OTÁZKY | uskladnenie odpadu | zdravie | zdravie verejnosti | Zmluva o ESAE | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie This study, commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the PETI Committee examines the application and proper transposition of European environmental law on waste by Member States, that is one of the recurrent topics addressed by the Committee on Petitions, which collects complaints from citizens in this matter and call for respect of the rule of law. Waste management concerns all activities and actions that are required to manage waste, from its generation to its final disposal. This includes the collection, transport, treatment and disposal of waste, together with monitoring and regulation. This study is an updated version of the previous research from 2011. Based on the results from 2011, new petitions from 2013 to 2016 were analysed with the aim to update the main findings and recommendations on the crucial areas of complaints. The results of the recently carried out assessment show that most of the analysed petitions still relate to deficits in the waste management system, the operating of existing installations (mainly landfills) and the permitting procedure for new facilities. In addition, two petitions address the improper management of radioactive waste which constitutes a new area of complaint (EURATOM Treaty) compared to the analysis in 2011. For all the main areas covered, best practice examples and recommendations for better approaches in future were updated and reviewed.

Štúdia [EN](#)

Research for TRAN Committee - Battery-powered electric vehicles: market development and lifecycle emissions

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Oblasť politiky Doprava | Hodnotenie práva a politiky v praxi

Kľúčové slovo DOPRAVA | dopravná infraštruktúra | dopravná politika | druh dopravy | ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | ekonomická analýza | EKONOMIKA | elektrická energia | elektrické vozidlo | elektrárenský a jadrový priemysel | energetická efektívnosť | energetická politika | ENERGIA | nebezpečný odpad | organizácia dopravy | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | recyklačná technológia | recyklácia odpadu | technológia a technické predpisy | trvalo udržateľná mobilita | uhoľný a ťažobný priemysel | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VYSKUM | znižovanie emisií plynov | štatistika EU | ťažobné dobývanie | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie As 2018 gets under way, there are probably more than three million electric cars in circulation in the world. There are also more than six hundred million electric bikes, scooters and motorcycles. Plus a few hundred thousand electric buses and other types of quadricycles having an electric motor. The first part of this paper traces the fast evolving market of electric road vehicles. The second part shows that the production of hundreds of millions of battery packs requires a lot of energy and plenty of scarce resources, which affects the real impact of electric vehicles on the climate and the environment and make it necessary to consider the recovery and recycling of used batteries.

Štúdia [EN](#), [PL](#)

Efektívne využívanie zdrojov a odpad

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo balenie | chemický odpad | ekologická politika | elektronický odpad | elektronika a elektrotechnika | hospodárenie so zdrojmi | marketing | nebezpečný odpad | OBCHOD | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | recyklácia odpadu | uskladnenie odpadu | zneškodňovanie odpadu | zásobník elektrickej energie | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Dôsledkom súčasných i predchádzajúcich spôsobov využívania zdrojov je vysoká úroveň znečistenia, zhoršovanie kvality životného prostredia a vyčerpávanie prírodných zdrojov. Tento trend by mal zvrátiť plán pre Európu efektívne využívajúcu zdroje a balík pre obehové hospodárstvo transformovaním hospodárstva EÚ na trvalo udržateľné hospodárstvo do roku 2050. Politika EÚ v oblasti odpadu má dlhú históriu a tradične sa zameriava na odpadové hospodárstvo, ktoré je udržateľnejšie z hľadiska životného prostredia. Štyri legislatívne návrhy o odpade v rámci nového balíka opatrení pre obehové hospodárstvo zavedú nové ciele nakladania s odpadom v oblasti prevencie, opätovného využívania, recyklácie a skládovania.

Informačné listy o EÚ [BG](#), [CS](#), [DA](#), [DE](#), [EL](#), [EN](#), [ES](#), [FI](#), [FR](#), [HU](#), [IT](#), [LT](#), [LV](#), [NL](#), [PT](#), [RO](#), [SV](#), [ET](#), [HR](#), [MT](#), [PL](#), [SK](#), [SL](#)

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Oblasť politiky Prijímanie právnych predpisov EP a Radou | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo budovanie Európy | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska a sociálna súdržnosť | hospodárska politika | inštitúcie EÚ a európska verejná služba | medzinárodná politika | MEDZINÁRODNÉ VZŤAHY | nový ekonomický poriadok | obehové hospodárstvo | odpadové hospodárstvo | organizácia EÚ | program EÚ | právo Európskej únie | právo EÚ | recyklácia odpadu | regionálna nerovnováha | regióny a regionálna politika | vytvorenie pracovného miesta | ZAMESTNANIE A PRACOVNÉ PODMIENKY | zamestnanosť | znevýhodnený región | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

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Briefing [EN](#)

Plastics in a circular economy: Opportunities and challenges

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo biologická rozložiteľnosť | chémia | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska politika | marketing | MEDZINÁRODNÉ VZŤAHY | obalový materiál | obchod | OBCHOD | obehové hospodárstvo | odpadové hospodárstvo | plasty | politika spolupráce | PRIEMYSEL | právo Európskej únie | právo EÚ | recyklácia odpadu | tretia krajina | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | vývoz (EÚ) | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Plastics pervade modern life; plastics production has been growing exponentially since the 1960s and is expected to double by 2036. Although there are over 1 000 types of plastic, 90 % of plastics are derived from virgin fossil fuels. In Europe, post-consumer plastic waste is either incinerated with energy recovery (39 %), landfilled (31 %) or recycled (30%). It is estimated that half of the plastic waste recycled is treated in the EU, while the other half is exported for recycling. The production and consumption of plastics today offer a series of benefits (in particular low production costs, durability and versatility) but also pose a number of problems (in particular loss of material value as a result of single use and low recycling rates, as well as ill-effects on nature, climate and human health). Marine litter and microplastics are a source of particular concern. Several pieces of EU legislation apply to plastics and plastic waste, although implementation is incomplete. In 2015, the Commission identified plastics as one of the priority areas of the circular economy action plan, proposed new reuse and recycling targets for plastic packaging waste and pledged to adopt a strategy on plastics in the circular economy by the end of 2017. A circular economy implies reducing waste to a minimum. Moving the plastics value chain in this direction would mean improving recycling, promoting reuse, and redesigning products, while taking into account the whole life-cycle of products. Although this could deliver opportunities (in particular enhanced security of supply, economic benefits and reduced pressure on the environment) there are also challenges (in particular weak economic incentives, technical issues and finance). The European Parliament recognises the need to introduce specific measures on plastic waste in EU legislation and to value plastics as a resource.

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Circular economy with focus on waste, renewable energy and sustainable bioenergy in Estonia

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Oblasť politiky Predbežné plánovanie | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo akčný program | alternatívna energia | biomasa | ekologická politika | ekonomická analýza | ekonomická geografia | EKONOMIKA | ENERGIA | environmentálna politika EU | Estónsko | Európa | Európska environmentálna agentúra | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | GEOGRAFIA | hospodárska politika | inštitúcie EÚ a európska verejná služba | les | lesníctvo | manažment | nevyužitelný odpad | obehové hospodárstvo | obnoviteľná energia | PODNIKANIE A SÚTAŽ | politická geografia | POĽNOHOSPODÁRSTVO, LESNÍCTVO A RYBÁRSTVO | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | právo Európskej únie | recyklačná technológia | recyklácia odpadu | smernica (EÚ) | technológia a technické predpisy | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | čistá technológia | štatistika | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie This briefing reviews Estonia's progress in the transition to a circular economy, focusing on a three crucial and related policy areas: waste, renewable energy and sustainable bioenergy. A key challenge for Estonia in terms of moving to a circular economy will be to strengthen recycling, as well as high rates of separate collection in cities including Tallinn – Estonia is not on track to meet the EU's 2020 targets for municipal solid waste recycling. •The share of renewable energy has increased strongly in the past ten years, due mainly to a growth in wind power and biomass, which is used for household heating and for district heating. The intensity of forest use is among the highest in the EU. As a large share of Estonian forests will reach maturity in coming years, Estonia has the capacity to extract greater levels of biomass.

Briefing [EN](#)

Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment

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Oblasť politiky Posudzovanie vplyvu ex-ante | Priemysel | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo analýza dosahu | ekologická politika | ekonomická analýza | EKONOMIKA | elektrické zariadenia | elektronická súčiastka | elektronické zariadenie | elektronický odpad | elektronika a elektrotechnika | hudobný nástroj | marketing | nebezpečná látka | nebezpečný odpad | OBCHOD | povolenie na predaj | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | recyklácia odpadu | rôzne priemyselné odvetvia | strojové zariadenia | strojárstvo | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The IA defines in a clear way the problems and the objectives of the proposed initiative, and is based on extensive research conducted by external contractors. However, it omits to explain the sequential process and the underlying assumptions leading to the identification of the four problems analysed, mentioning only the supporting studies. Also, it contains some discrepancies with respect to the supporting studies in terms of terminology and recommendations which are not explained in the IA. A broad range of stakeholders provided valuable data and information that were used in the IA, even though only 40 (out of 300) provided comments and suggestions. The IA seems to make a reasonable case for the preferred options, which are reflected in the legislative proposal, intending to amend four articles of RoHS 2. However, one of these amendments has been proposed without a clear explanation being provided in the IA. The analysis of competitiveness of SMEs appears to be, in general, insufficiently developed or explained.

Briefing [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

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Kľúčové slovo biologická rozložiteľnosť | boj proti plytvaniu | DOPRAVA | ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | kvalita životného prostredia | marketing | národné implementačné opatrenie | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | odpad | organizácia dopravy | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | prevencia proti znečisťovaniu | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | uskladnenie odpadu | vozidlo | zneškodňovanie odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

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Synthetic biology and biodiversity

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo biotechnológia | dohovor OSN | ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | geneticky upravený organizmus | medzinárodná politika | MEDZINÁRODNÉ VZTAHY | mikroorganizmus | prírodné a aplikované vedy | recyklácia odpadu | technológia a technické predpisy | VEDA | VÝROBA, TECHNOLÓGIA A VÝSKUM | výskum a duševné vlastníctvo | zariadenie proti znečisťovaniu | zásada bezpečnosti | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Synthetic biology is a new dimension of modern biotechnology with the potential to design and manufacture living organisms, components and products. It will be on the agenda of the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to be held from 4 to 17 December 2016, in Cancún, Mexico. Synthetic biology could provide novel solutions for environmental and biodiversity-related issues, but could also have an adverse impact on the natural environment. The European Union is party to the CBD and the protocols relevant in the context of synthetic biology.

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Oblasť politiky Prijímanie právnych predpisov EP a Radou | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo boj proti plytvaniu | DOPRAVA | ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | elektronický odpad | elektronika a elektrotechnika | EURÓPSKA UNIA | kvalita životného prostredia | národné implementačné opatrenie | organizácia dopravy | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | uskladnenie odpadu | vozidlo | zneškodňovanie odpadu | zásobník elektrickej energie | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

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Briefing [EN](#)

EU Heating and Cooling Strategy: A path to decarbonising homes and industry

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Oblasť politiky Energetika | Priemysel | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo alternatívna energia | biomasa | budova | ekologická politika | energetická politika | ENERGIA | medzispotreba | náhrada energie | OBCHOD | obnoviteľná energia | pozemné a inžinierske stavby | PRIEMYSEL | recyklácia odpadu | spotreba | technológia a technické predpisy | vykurovanie | VÝROBA, TECHNOLÓGIA A VÝSKUM | znižovanie emisií plynov | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The EU Heating and Cooling Strategy, which is part of the European Commission's Sustainable Energy Security Package, presents a vision for an EU which has decarbonised buildings and industry, maximises the use of energy released from waste heat and cold in industry, and encourages district heating. Although the strategy does not announce any new legislative proposals, it presents some steps the European Commission may consider in the process of revising existing energy legislation, both to improve implementation and to align it with 2030 climate and energy targets. The Commission has announced it would look to improve the financing of building stock renovations and simplify improvements in rented apartments and multi-apartment buildings. The Commission suggests industry could achieve efficiency gains of 4-10% with existing technologies, but does not introduce any binding targets. However, according to its vision, surplus heat and cold from industrial processes would in future be reused in district heating and cooling systems, with a special contribution from cogeneration plants producing heat and power in a highly energy-efficient process. Today, biomass is the most widely used renewable source for heating in all sectors, yet its use is not problem-free. Furthermore, some stakeholders question the economic feasibility of investing in new district and cooling systems, while others point to inconsistencies between the Heating and Cooling Strategy and the Energy Security Package in its sections referring to the security of gas supply.

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Planned obsolescence: Exploring the issue

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Oblasť politiky Hospodárske a menové veci | Ochrana spotrebiteľa | Priemysel | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo dizajn výrobku | domáce elektrické spotrebiče | ekologická politika | elektronický odpad | elektronika a elektrotechnika | etika podnikania | komunikácia | mobilný telefón | OBCHOD | občianske právo | organizácia podniku | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | PRÁVO | recyklácia odpadu | spotreba | technológia a technické predpisy | VZDELANIE A KOMUNIKÁCIE | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | zodpovednosť výrobcu | životnosť výrobku | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Although no overarching definition of planned obsolescence exists, the term 'planned obsolescence' (of products or technology) is described as the intentional production of goods and services with short economic lives, stimulating consumers to repeat purchases too frequently. The incandescent light bulb with an engineered shorter lifespan (the Phoebus cartel case) is one example from the past of proven planned obsolescence. Data suggest that the median lifespans of certain categories of product have been shortening, and consumer organisations have drawn attention to more recent suspected cases of planned obsolescence in connection with washing machines, inkjet cartridges, electronic devices, etc. One Member State – France – recently introduced a definition of planned obsolescence into its legislation, making it a punishable offence. No specific EU rules mention planned obsolescence, but the subject ties in with EU legislation on ecodesign, waste, use of natural resources, consumer information and the new package from the European Commission on the circular economy. The main consumer concerns and problematic strategies associated with the issue are: design features that do not allow repair, upgradability or interoperability with other devices; the unavailability of spare parts and high repair costs; and marketing strategies pushing consumers to buy new, fashionable products and replace existing ones very quickly. Various ways to curb the practice of planned obsolescence have been proposed, not least a shift towards a culture that values product durability and sustainability.

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EYE 2016 – 360° strategy: Moving things around in a circle

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo akcia EÚ | akčný program | bezpečnosť dodávky | budovanie Európy | ekologická politika | ekonomický nástroj ochrany životného prostredia | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA UNIA | hospodárska politika | manažment | obchod | OBCHOD | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | recyklácia odpadu | spotreba | spotrebiteľské správanie | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | životnosť výrobku | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Unlike a traditional linear economy based on a 'take-make-consume-throw away' pattern, a circular economy is based on sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling in an almost closed loop. Moving towards a circular economy could deliver benefits but also poses challenges. In 2015, the European Commission presented a circular economy package seeking to enable a transition to this new model, in particular by updating EU waste policy. This note has been prepared for the European Youth Event, taking place in Strasbourg in May 2016. Please click here for the full publication in PDF format

V stručnosti [EN](#)

Review of the EU waste management targets - 'Circular Economy Package': Initial Appraisal of a European Commission Impact Assessment

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Oblasť politiky Posudzovanie vplyvu ex-ante | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo analýza dosahu | analýza nákladov a výnosov | ekologická politika | ekonomická analýza | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA UNIA | komunikácia | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | pramene a odvetvia práva | PRÁVO | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | tvorba práva EÚ | verejné konzultácie | VZDELANIE A KOMUNIKÁCIE | zjednodušovanie legislatívy | účtovníctvo | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The additional analysis accompanying the new 'Circular Economy package' goes a considerable way towards addressing some of the concerns previously voiced with regard to waste targets in the context of the original IA and legislative proposal, especially the criticisms regarding the apparent failure to take sufficient account of the different situations of the Member States and their capacity to perform in the future. It provides further evidence of the possible impacts of new waste targets by considering a number of alternatives to one of the original options (option 3), and by presenting the results of an updated application of the model used for the original impact assessment. In particular, costs were updated to 2015 prices, and data on waste was drawn from the latest available Eurostat sources (2012). The use of sensitivity analysis (carried out on the main input parameters used in the model, e.g. efficiency of the collection system, material losses and revenues, etc.) is another welcome indication of the desire to provide a realistic assessment of the likely impacts of the proposed measures. A clearer ranking of the options presented - and of their variants - might nevertheless have allowed for a more thorough appreciation of the potential impact (and benefits) of each of the new alternatives considered, as well as for a better understanding of the coherence between the new proposal and the overall impact assessment analysis. As mentioned, some questions concerning subsidiarity and proportionality - especially as to the issue of landfilling of waste - are left partially unaddressed. Finally, the analysis, though thorough, is clearly intentionally restricted to an exploration of the possible impacts generated by the new sets of waste targets. It does not seek to go further in 'exploring synergies with other policies' - one of the reasons set out in the April 2015 Roadmap, referred to above, for the withdrawal of the original proposal.

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Circular economy package: Four legislative proposals on waste

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | elektronický odpad | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | marketing | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | občianske právo | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRÁVO | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | tvorba práva EÚ | uskladnenie odpadu | zodpovednosť výrobcu | zásada znečisťovateľ platí | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Although waste management in the European Union (EU) has improved considerably in the past decades, almost a third of municipal waste is still landfilled and less than half is recycled or composted, with wide variations between Member States. Improving waste management could deliver positive effects for the environment, climate, human health and the economy. As part of a shift in EU policy towards a circular economy, the European Commission made four legislative proposals introducing new waste-management targets regarding reuse, recycling and landfilling. The proposals also strengthen provisions on waste prevention and extended producer responsibility, and streamline definitions, reporting obligations and calculation methods for targets. As the Parliament and Council begin their consideration of the proposals, stakeholders are divided.
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Circular economy 1.0 and 2.0: A comparison

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo akčný program | boj proti plytvaniu | ekologická politika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | manažment | marketing | návrh (EÚ) | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | občianske právo | odpad z domácností | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRÁVO | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | uskladnenie odpadu | zodpovednosť výrobcu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie When withdrawing the July 2014 circular economy package, the Commission pledged to put forward 'a more ambitious proposal.' The new package presented in December 2015 retains many elements from the initial one. Differences include somewhat lower waste-management targets, a weaker focus on food waste, and more detailed measures enabling a shift to a circular economy.

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Closing the loop: New circular economy package

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnosť dodávky | ekologická politika | ekonomická analýza | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárenie so zdrojmi | hospodársky dôsledok | medzinárodný obchod | návrh (EÚ) | obchod | OBCHOD | PRIEMYSEL | priemyselná revolúcia | priemyselné štruktúry a politika | právo Európskej únie | recyklačná technológia | recyklovaný produkt | recyklácia odpadu | surovina | technológia a technické predpisy | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | zneškodňovanie odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Unlike the traditional linear economic model based on a 'take-make-consume-throw away' pattern, a circular economy is based on sharing, leasing, reuse, repair, refurbishment and recycling, in an (almost) closed loop, where products and the materials they contain are highly valued. In practice, it implies reducing waste to a minimum. Moving towards a more circular economy could deliver opportunities including reduced pressures on the environment; enhanced security of supply of raw materials; increased competitiveness; innovation; growth and jobs. However, the shift also poses challenges such as financing; key economic enablers; skills; consumer behaviour and business models; and multi-level governance. On 2 December 2015, the European Commission presented a new circular economy package. The package contains an action plan for the circular economy, mapping out a series of actions planned for the coming years, as well as four legislative proposals on waste, containing targets for landfill, reuse and recycling, to be met by 2030. The European Parliament advocates specific measures to improve waste management and to promote eco-innovation and resource efficiency. Stakeholders, however, voice diverging views on the proposed circular economy package. Please click here for the full publication in PDF format

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Multimedia [Circular Economy Package](#)

[New circular economy package](#)

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnosť dodávky | ekologická politika | ekonomická analýza | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárenie so zdrojmi | hospodársky dôsledok | medzinárodný obchod | návrh (EU) | obchod | OBCHOD | PRIEMYSEL | priemyselná revolúcia | priemyselné štruktúry a politika | právo Európskej únie | recyklačná technológia | recyklovaný produkt | recyklácia odpadu | surovina | technológia a technické predpisy | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | zneškodňovanie odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie A shift towards a circular economy could deliver environmental and economic benefits, but it would also face a number of barriers and challenges. The European Commission is expected to present new legislative proposals and an action plan on the circular economy at the December 1 plenary session.

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[Moving towards a circular economy](#)

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnosť dodávky | dizajn výroby | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | hospodárska politika | medzinárodný obchod | obchod | OBCHOD | PRIEMYSEL | priemyselná ekonomika | priemyselná politika EÚ | priemyselné štruktúry a politika | právo Európskej únie | recyklovaný produkt | recyklácia odpadu | surovina | technológia a technické predpisy | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | tvorba práva EÚ | vytvorenie pracovného miesta | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | ZAMESTNANIE A PRACOVNÉ PODMIENKY | zamestnanosť | zneškodňovanie odpadu | čistá technológia | štruktúra hospodárstva | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie A shift towards a circular economy could deliver environmental and economic benefits. However, it faces a number of barriers and challenges. As the European Commission prepares its new proposal on the circular economy, due to be put forward by the end of 2015, Parliament is scheduled to vote on a strategic report on the topic during the July part-session.

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[Understanding waste management: Policy challenges and opportunities](#)

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | ekonomická analýza | ekonomická geografia | EKONOMIKA | energetická politika | ENERGIA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | GEOGRAFIA | nariadenie ES | nebezpečný odpad | náhrada energie | odpad z domácností | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | prevencia proti znečisťovaniu | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | smernica ES | uskladnenie odpadu | vývoz odpadu | zneškodňovanie odpadu | štatistika EÚ | štáty EÚ | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Five tonnes of waste per capita are generated every year in the European Union (EU), mostly from the construction and mining sectors, with municipal waste accounting for roughly 10% of the total. Although wide differences remain between Member States, recent trends in the treatment of municipal waste show a shift away from landfilling and an increase in the proportion of waste recycled. Management of waste can have adverse effects on the environment, climate and human health.

EU waste policy is built on a thematic strategy, a series of overarching directives, legal acts applying to specific waste streams, legal acts on specific installations, and implementing acts defining when specific materials leave the waste regime after treatment. Various targets set out in EU legislation (in particular as regards recycling of household waste and landfilling of biodegradable waste) are being implemented at varying speed across Member States, regions and municipalities. Regional and local policies have a significant influence on waste recycling rates. Despite this legislation, illegal waste shipments remain a concern.

Waste management requires facing a number of challenging issues, for instance, balancing objectives between promoting recycling and protecting consumers against harmful chemical substances in recycled materials; insufficient data collection; quality aspects related to recycling; energy recovery of waste; and waste prevention. The opportunities relate mainly to a shift towards a more circular economy, with benefits for the environment and human health, as well as the economy.

The European Parliament has consistently called for policies in line with the hierarchy of waste prevention and management options, and moving towards a more circular economy.

Briefing [EN](#)

Resource Efficiency Indicators

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Oblasť politiky Energetika | Predbežné plánovanie | Priemysel | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | EKONOMIKA | environmentálny indikátor | hospodárenie so zdrojmi | hospodárska politika | hospodárska situácia | hospodársky rast | obrábanie poľnohospodárskej pôdy | POĽNOHOSPODÁRSTVO, LESNÍCTVO A RYBARSTVO | prírodné prostredie | prírodné zdroje | recyklácia odpadu | spracovanie vody | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | využitie pôdy | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie This report summarises the presentations and discussions during the Workshop on Resource Efficiency Indicators held on 14 April 2015.

There was general agreement that world economic growth will soon be limited by the earth's carrying capacity. In order to have a system for steering the necessary policy measures a set of resource efficiency indicators is needed. In this indicator set priority should be given to most needed indicators. In addition, footprint type indicators, which take into account indirect flows, are needed.

The workshop was organised by Policy Department A at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

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Recovery of Rare Earths from Electronic Wastes: An Opportunity for High-Tech SMEs

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Oblasť politiky Priemysel | Výskumná politika

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnosť dodávky | ekologická politika | ekologický dosah | elektronický odpad | malé a stredné podniky | MEDZINÁRODNÉ VZŤAHY | nová technológia | náhradný produkt | obchod | OBCHOD | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | politika spolupráce | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | priemyselná politika EÚ | priemyselné štruktúry a politika | recyklačná technológia | recyklácia odpadu | technológia a technické predpisy | triedenie podnikov | vedecká spolupráca | VÝROBA, TECHNOLÓGIA A VÝSKUM | výskum a duševné vlastníctvo | výskum a vývoj | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie This document was prepared on behalf of Policy Department A at the request of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. It reviews the current level of technology development for the recovery of rare earths from electronic waste and examines the parameters that affect its development at the industrial scale and the opportunities arising for high tech SMEs. It also reviews the existing policy framework and provides a set of recommendations for improved implementation of existing actions and new policy measures.

Štúdia [EN](#)

Turning waste into a resource - Moving towards a 'circular economy'

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | hospodárska politika | hospodárska situácia | hospodársky rast | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | produktivita | recyklácia odpadu | spôsob produkcie | technologická zmena | technológia a technické predpisy | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | výroba | VÝROBA, TECHNOLÓGIA A VÝSKUM | účtovníctvo | čistá technológia | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie In a circular economy, unlike in a linear economy based on a 'take-make-consume-throw away' pattern, the materials contained within products are reused, turning waste into a valuable resource. Although businesses have started to use this model on specific products in various sectors, it has not yet been implemented on a large scale. In its communication on a circular economy presented in July 2014, the European Commission proposes to double the rate of increase in resource productivity by 2030. To achieve this, the European Commission considers a broad range of measures related to design and innovation, financing for resource efficiency, and awareness of businesses and consumers. A transition towards a more circular economy could have a number of benefits: enhancing the security of supply for raw materials; stimulating GDP growth; strengthening the competitiveness of businesses in the EU; and helping to protect the environment. However, there are also a number of barriers and challenges: moving towards circularity is a major change at a time of economic crisis; key enablers for the transition are still missing; significant discrepancies currently exist between Member States; and such a transition is a major multi-level governance challenge. The European Parliament has repeatedly stressed the need for a shift towards resource efficiency and eco-innovation. Many Member States have been critical of the Commission proposal even though some have already started moving towards a circular economy. For their part, stakeholders have expressed diverging views.

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Proceedings of the Workshop on "Plastic Waste"

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Oblasť politiky Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo boj proti plytvaniu | chémia | ekologická politika | environmentálna politika EÚ | informácie pre spotrebiteľa | marketing | OBCHOD | odpad | označovanie etiketami | plasty | povolenie na predaj | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | priemyselné štruktúry a politika | recyklovaný produkt | recyklácia odpadu | spotreba | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie This report summarises the presentations and discussions during the Workshop on Plastic Waste, held on 26 September 2013. The aim of the workshop was to allow an exchange of views between MEPs, the European Commission, stakeholders of the plastic and plastic waste treatment industry, NGOs, public administration and academia.
There is general agreement that plastic waste prevention is necessary, as is an increase of the recycling rates. Different ways to achieve these goals were discussed. These include better consumer information and labelling, a ban on materials which prevent recycling, improvement of separate plastic waste collection and sorting systems, a ban on the landfilling of waste with a high carbon content, and measures to make the recycling market more predictable, such as specific requirements for the use of recycled materials.

Štúdia [EN](#)

Recycling Agricultural, Forestry & Food Wastes and Residues for Sustainable Bioenergy and Biomaterials (Part of the Project 'Technology Options for Feeding 10 Billion People')

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Oblasť politiky Bezpečnosť potravín | Poľnohospodárstvo a rozvoj vidieka | Výskumná politika | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo alternatívna energia | bioenergia | biomasa | biomateriály | ekologická politika | EKONOMIKA | ENERGIA | environmentálna ekonomika | hospodárska politika | lesnícka politika | lesníctvo | obnoviteľné zdroje | potravinárska technológia | POTRAVINÁRSTVO | poľnohospodársky odpad | POĽNOHOSPODÁRSTVO, LESNÍCTVO A RYBÁRSTVO | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | prírodné prostredie | recyklácia odpadu | spracovanie potravín | technológia a technické predpisy | trvalo udržateľný rozvoj | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The purpose of this study is to examine and review biorefinery technology options that exist to convert biomass in the form of agricultural crop and forestry residues and waste from the whole food chain into biomaterials and bioenergy. It assesses the technological options, including the sustainability of the processes involved. The study forms part of a bigger project commissioned by the European Parliament's STOA ('Science and Technology Options Assessment') office under the heading of 'Technology options for feeding 10 billion people'.
Advanced biofuels and innovative bio-based pathways based on wastes and residues show considerable potential and should be further developed especially as Europe is already seen by some as having a lead in relevant technologies. However, there are also considerable uncertainties for investors and indeed all market participants and thus a major task is to ensure good transparency and better information concerning the availabilities of the waste and residue streams, the opportunities for processing, and the benefits to consumers. In addition, because, by definition, bio-based economic developments necessarily interact with ecosystems, there has to be visible assurance that the bio-products are indeed environmentally preferable with respect to GHG emissions, water, soil and biodiversity compared with their fossil-based counterparts. The conclusion is thus encouragement should be given to this sector, but with enhanced transparency of all aspects of its development, and with equally strong sustainability safeguards.

Štúdia [EN](#)

Stručné zhrnutie [DE](#), [EN](#), [FR](#)

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Rare earth elements and recycling possibilities

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Oblasť politiky Medzinárodný obchod | Priemysel | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | ENERGIA | hutníctvo železa, ocele a železných kovov | metalurgický priemysel | nová technológia | PRIEMYSEL | recyklačná technológia | recyklácia odpadu | rudy železných kovov | spracovanie rudy | technológia a technické predpisy | uhoľný a ťažobný priemysel | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | čistá technológia | špeciálny kov | ťažobná prevádzka | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Rare earth elements (REEs) are a group of 17 metallic elements mined in ores containing low quantities of REEs. They are a critical raw material for high-tech industries. REEs are imported into the European Union from a very limited number of producers. Alternatives to the primary supply of REEs are being developed to bring relief to the market. Recycling of REEs, from materials used in spent products, provides a secondary supply but closing the REE "life-cycle" is a technological challenge.

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[Impact Assessment of a Substantive Amendment to the Proposal for a Regulation on Ship Recycling](#)

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Oblasť politiky Posudzovanie vplyvu ex-ante | Vnútny trh a colná únia | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnosť pri práci | DOPRAVA | ekologická politika | medzinárodná politika | MEDZINÁRODNÉ VZŤAHY | medzinárodný dohovor | nebezpečná látka | nebezpečný odpad | námorná a vnútrozemská riečna doprava | ochrana životného prostredia | organizácia práce a pracovné podmienky | plavidlo | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | PRIEMYSEL | recyklačná technológia | recyklácia odpadu | stavba lodí | strojárstvo | technológia a technické predpisy | vlna lode | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | ZAMESTNANIE A PRACOVNÉ PODMIENKY | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Qualitative and quantitative assessment shows that an amendment to create a levy on ships calling at EU ports and a fund to support safe and environmentally sound ship recycling would provide incentives for ships to retain EU flags; however, setup of this system would be complex, raising serious concerns that it may not be in place quickly to achieve objectives.

Štúdia [EN](#)

[Resource Efficiency in European Industry](#)

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Oblasť politiky Energetika | Priemysel | Vnútny trh a colná únia | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo akcia EÚ | benchmarking | budovanie Európy | ekologická politika | energetická efektívnosť | energetická politika | ENERGIA | environmentálna politika EÚ | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | konkurencieschopnosť | medzinárodný obchod | OBCHOD | organizácia podniku | PODNIKANIE A SÚŤAŽ | PRIEMYSEL | priemyselná politika EÚ | priemyselné štruktúry a politika | produktivita | recyklácia odpadu | surovina | technológia a technické predpisy | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | zachovanie zdrojov | účtovníctvo | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Resource efficiency has rightly become a priority in the EU. Evidence indicates that using resources more efficiently reduces material costs for companies and also opens new business opportunities (e.g. recycling industry) and improves competitiveness. While a number of low-hanging fruit opportunities exist, improving the efficiency of the European macro-economic system will also require structural change. Resource efficiency indicators are required to set quantifiable targets and measure progress toward absolute decoupling and a green economy.

Štúdia [EN](#)

Stručné zhrnutie [DE](#), [FR](#)

[A European Refunding Scheme for Drinks Containers](#)

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Oblasť politiky Vnútny trh a colná únia | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo aproximácia práva | budovanie Európy | ekologická politika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | Európsky hospodársky priestor | marketing | obalový materiál | OBCHOD | plnenie fliaš | právo Európskej únie | recyklačná technológia | recyklácia odpadu | technológia a technické predpisy | vnútny trh | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | záruka za znečisťujúci výrobok | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Reuse and recycling schemes for beverage packaging are seen as efficient tools for reducing the environmental impact of packaging systems and for increasing their resource efficiency. The present briefing note provides an overview on the pros and cons of the introduction of a Europe-wide mandatory deposit refund system.

Štúdia [EN](#)

ITER, Fusion Energy and European Energy Scenarios

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Oblasť politiky Energetika | Priemysel | Výskumná politika

Kľúčové slovo alternatívna energia | budovanie Európy | dodávka energie | ekologická politika | elektrárenský a jadrový priemysel | energetická politika | energetický výskum | ENERGIA | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | jadrová bezpečnosť | jadrová reakcia | jadrový reaktor | obnoviteľná energia | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | recyklácia odpadu | spoločný podnik (ESAE) | technologické zhodnotenie | technológia a technické predpisy | výroba energie | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | zmena podnebia | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The aim of the workshop was to present the future energy scenarios in Europe beyond 2050 with a focus on fusion energy including ITER and alternative approaches. The invited speakers explored European and global energy supply needs and its forecasts as well as the main features of the ITER nuclear fusion research project, its technological capacities, potential and limits, and its environmental impact. The workshop was organised in view of a joint delegation of the Committees on Budgets and on Budgetary Control to the ITER site Cadarache, France, in May 2011.

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Municipal waste treatment methods

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Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | kvalita ovzdušia | lekárska diagnóza | likvidácia odpadu | ochorenie dýchacích ciest | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | recyklácia odpadu | SOCIÁLNE OTÁZKY | spaľovňa odpadu | uskladnenie odpadu | zdravie | znižovanie emisií plynov | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Municipal waste treatment can have negative effects on the environment, human health and may also cause nuisance to local residents.

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Raw materials

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Oblasť politiky Medzinárodný obchod | Priemysel | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo Amerika | bezpečnosť dodávky | dovoz (EÚ) | dovozná substitúcia | ekologická politika | ekonomická geografia | GEOGRAFIA | komoditný trh | Latinská Amerika | medzinárodná obchodná arbitráž | medzinárodný obchod | obchod | OBCHOD | obchodná politika | recyklácia odpadu | surovina | vývozná obmedzenie | Ázia a Oceánia | Čína | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie As global demand for resources continues to grow, the EU, as an importer of raw materials, needs a coherent strategy to ensure reliable access at fair market prices. Just as important are strategies to improve resource efficiency within Europe.

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End of Life Vehicles : Legal Aspects, National Practices and Recommendations for Future Successful Approach

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Oblasť politiky Doprava | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo DOPRAVA | ekologická politika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | obchod | OBCHOD | ochrana životného prostredia | organizácia dopravy | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | uplatňovanie práva EÚ | vozidlo | vývoz | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie Available information on the implementation of the ELV Directive suggests that there is still room for improvement regarding management of end-of-life vehicles in Europe. The study evaluates and discusses fundamental aspects of ELV management such as arisings, legal and illegal shipment, de-pollution and recycling & recovery of end-of-life vehicles. Existing problems are described and recommendations for improvements of the practical implementation are given.

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Stručné zhrnutie [DE](#), [FR](#)

Impact assessment of recycling targets in the waste framework directive

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Oblasť politiky Posudzovanie vplyvu ex-ante | Priemysel | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo ekologická politika | odpad z domácností | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | priemyselný odpad | recyklácia odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

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The Impact of Sustained High Oil Prices on Trade Flows

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Oblasť politiky Energetika | Hospodárske a menové veci | Medzinárodný obchod

Kľúčové slovo biopalivo | cena komodity | ceny | ekologická politika | ekonomická analýza | EKONOMIKA | energetická efektívnosť | energetická politika | ENERGIA | FINANČIE | hospodárska situácia | hospodársky dôsledok | inflácia | medzinárodný obchod | nárast cien | OBCHOD | obchodovateľné povolenie na znečistenie | obmedzenie obchodu | palivo | recyklácia odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The study analyses the impact of high oil prices on the European economy and examines policy options to support adjustment. Following macroeconomic and sectoral effects, as well as the impact on the EU's overall trade balance, the study looks at economic responses to high oil prices with an emphasis on trade policy instruments. While the main policy responses aim at improving fuel efficiency, fuel substitution and recycling, trade policy has an important complementary role in supporting the overall objective of reducing the energy intensity of European industry through environmental standards, low or zero tariff on environmental goods and by enhancing the EU's adjustment potential. The study concludes that overall, the need and scope for trade policy responses to high oil prices is limited. Still, policies that facilitate the adjustment of European companies, encourage consumers to save energy while help secure long-term energy supplies, are worthy of consideration.

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End of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive

An assessment of the current state of implementation by Member States

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Oblasť politiky Doprava | Transpozícia a vykonávanie práva | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo DOPRAVA | ekologická politika | EURÓPSKA ÚNIA | motorové vozidlo | organizácia dopravy | právo Európskej únie | recyklácia odpadu | smernica ES | uplatňovanie práva EÚ | zneškodňovanie odpadu | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

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The Proposed Directive on Waste - An assessment of the Impact Assessment and the Implications of the Integration of the Hazardous Waste Directive into the existing Waste Framework Directive

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Oblasť politiky Posudzovanie vplyvu ex-ante | Životné prostredie

Kľúčové slovo bezpečnostná norma | dokumentácia | ekologická politika | nebezpečný odpad | ochrana životného prostredia | poškodzovanie životného prostredia | recyklácia odpadu | technológia a technické predpisy | vedecká správa | VZDELANIE A KOMUNIKÁCIE | VÝROBA, TECHNOLOGIA A VÝSKUM | ŽIVOTNÉ PROSTREDIE

Zhrnutie The current waste framework Directive¹ (WFD) was originally adopted in 1975 and has been amended many times. In December 2005, the European Commission adopted the Thematic Strategy on waste prevention and recycling², which was accompanied by a proposal to amend the waste framework Directive (herein referred to as the DoW), which is fundamental to the implementation of many ideas put forward in the Strategy³. Annexed to both the Strategy and legislative proposal was an Impact Assessment⁴ of both the Thematic Strategy and its immediate implementing measures (IA). The proposed DoW would update the text of the WFD considerably, adding important new provisions and integrating requirements previously dealt with by the hazardous waste Directive⁵ (HWD) and the waste oils Directive⁶ (WOD). The proposed DoW would replace both of these Directives, as well as the WFD. The aim of this report was to undertake an assessment for the European Parliament of the following two aspects of the proposed DoW:

- The IA of the proposed DoW; and
- Selected potential changes to hazardous waste law resulting from the integration of the HWD into the proposed DoW. These are addressed, respectively, in Part I and Part II of this report.

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