

BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Stakeholder Dialogue CCIEP

Legislative achievements

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Legislative work: Trilogues

1. Climate

1. CO₂ norms and standards for heavy-duty vehicles
2. Carbon Removal Certification Framework

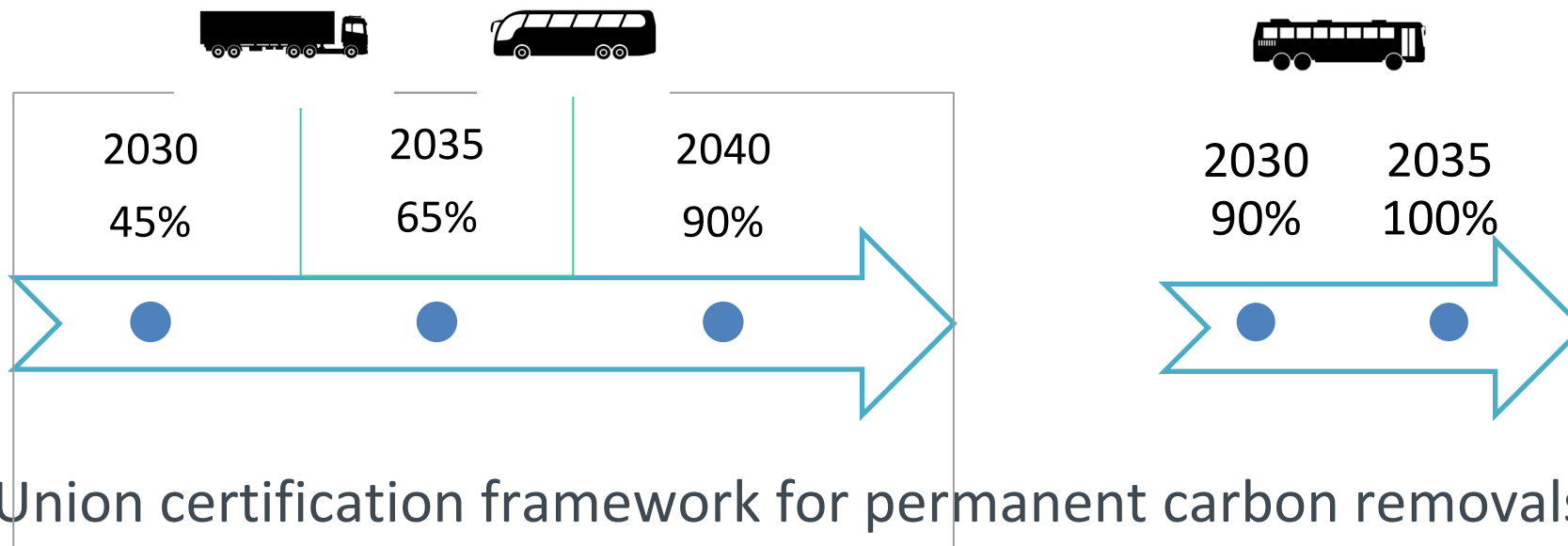
2. Environment

1. Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
2. Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation
3. Ambient Air Quality Directive
4. Mercury Regulation

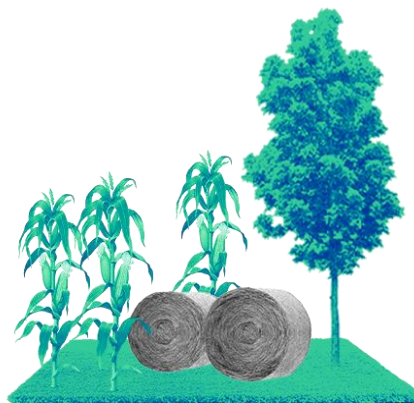
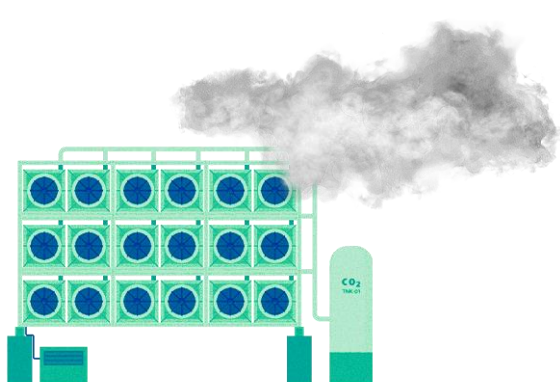
and formal adoption of Nature Restoration Law

1. Climate (CRCF and CO2 standards HDV): main outcomes and takeaways

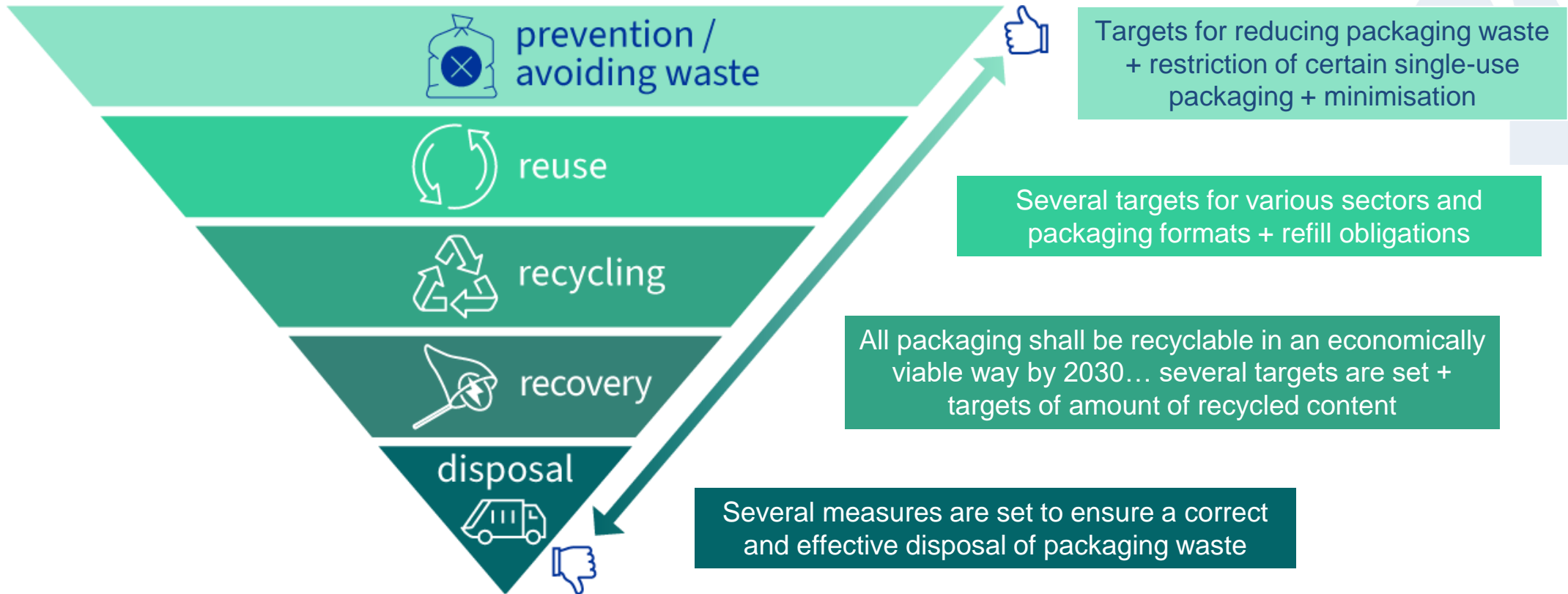
1. CO2 norms and standards for heavy duty vehicles



2. Union certification framework for permanent carbon removals, carbon farming and carbon storage in products



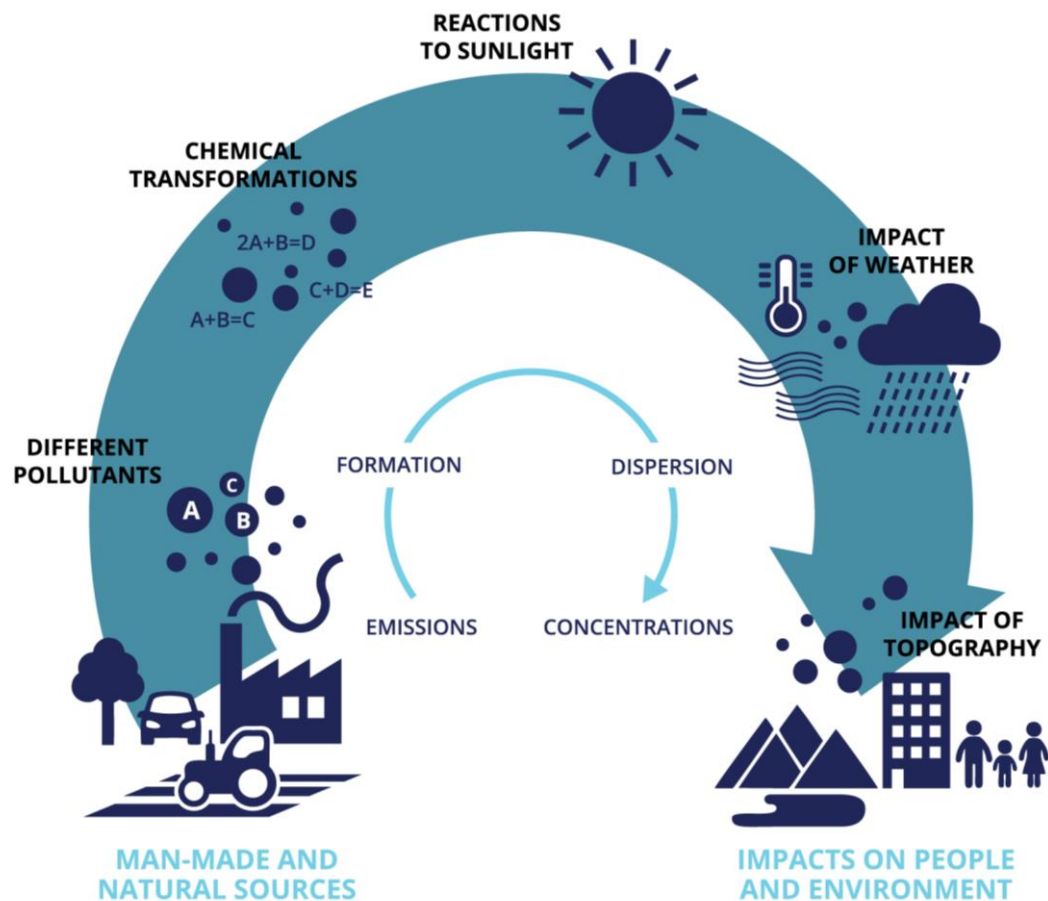
2. PPWR: main outcomes and takeaways



This new regulation aims to:

- Reduce the generation of packaging waste
- Promote a circular and safe economy for packaging
 - Harmonise packaging rules

3. AAQD : main outcomes and takeaways



AIR POLLUTION – THE SILENT KILLER

Air pollution is a major environmental risk to health.
By reducing air pollution levels, countries can reduce:

Every year, around **7 MILLION DEATHS** are due to exposure from both outdoor and household air pollution.

- Stroke
- Heart disease
- Lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia and asthma

REGIONAL ESTIMATES ACCORDING TO WHO REGIONAL GROUPINGS:

- More than 2 million in South-East Asia Region
- More than 2 million in Western Pacific Region
- 1 million in Africa Region
- 500 000 deaths in Eastern Mediterranean Region
- 500 000 deaths in European Region
- More than 300 000 in the Region of the Americas

WHO Air Quality Guidelines set goals to protect millions of lives from air pollution.

CLEAN AIR FOR HEALTH #AirPollution World Health Organization

Ambient Air Quality Directive: enhanced EU air quality standards for 2030 in the form of more stringent limit and target values that are closer to the WHO guidelines and that will be regularly reviewed.

Legislative work: General approaches

1. Soil monitoring law
2. Green claims Directive
3. Waste Framework Directive

Legislative work: Coreper Mandates

1. Priority Substances in Water Directive
2. One Substance, One Assessment (AHWG)
3. Detergents (WPTH)

Waste Framework Directive (food and textile waste) main outcomes and takeaways

Food waste :

- Ambition level for food waste reduction targets is kept
- Review should look into methodology to measure edible food waste
- Tourism and production level correction factor
- Choice of reference years
- Study on food waste and losses in primary production

Textile waste : extended producer responsibility

- Inclusion of micro enterprises
- Review by end 2028 to consider setting targets
- Sufficiency of EPR schemes cost coverage, especially with regard to 2nd hand products becoming waste in another Member State
- Clarifying the role of Social Economy Entities
- Clarifying the concept "assessed as fit for reuse"
- Option to take into account fast fashion practices in establishment of the fee

Legislative work: Ongoing

1. End of Life Vehicles Regulation
2. Preventing Plastic Pellets Losses Regulation
3. Forest Monitoring (ad hoc group – lead AGRI)
4. Bern convention

Non-Legislative work

1. Environment

1. Council conclusions on “The 8th Environment Action Programme Mid-term review – The way forward to a green, just and inclusive transition for a sustainable Europe”
2. Greening the European Semester

2. Climate

1. Communication on the EU's 2040 climate target
2. Communication on managing climate risks and the EEA's European Climate Risk Assessment Report
3. Communication on Industrial carbon management Strategy
4. Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors Special Report on reducing carbon dioxide emissions from passenger cars

1. Climate: follow up on communications

1. Climate risk resilience – Communication on managing climate risks + European Climate Risk Assessment (EUCRA) report



2. Communication on EU's 2040 climate target

02/2024 Communication and Impact Assessment with recommendation 90% target

Q1 2025 Proposal amendment climate law

Legislative proposals 2040 framework

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