

## European Recycling Industry is ready to start Green Deal

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The European Waste Management and Recycling Forum (EWMRF) exchanged in an open dialogue and via video conference with Mr Frans Timmermans First Vice President of the European Commission about basic European regulatory requirements to achieve the European Green Economic Recovery.

EWMRF was initiated in 2019. The background to its foundation was the debate on chemical recycling. The Forum is staffed with C-level executives from the waste and recycling industry from all over Europe and open to companies active in the sector. The Forum's member companies represent a significant part of the entire European waste market. The mission statement of the Forum is attached to this press statement.

### The Forum expressed the following commitment to the European Commission:

- The Waste Management and Recycling sector is **willing** and able to **invest in high-quality infrastructure** / it is supporting and enabling the Circular Economy and the Green Recovery Plan / but: requirement is a high degree of **regulatory investment security**
- **Technologies** to achieve Circular Economy are **available**
- The Waste Management and Recycling sector requires **support to create markets and demand** for secondary raw materials / make virgin material more expensive and recycles more attractive
- **Close the door for landfills** for recyclable and recoverable waste (municipal, commercial and industrial) / this opens new markets for recycling / creation of new jobs / increase of material recovery rates

### The commitment was put forward in relation to the following key Messages:

- **Development of a high-quality recycling sector:**
  - ⇒ Regulate mandatory minimum recycled content / focus on demand side / strong enabler
  - ⇒ Regulate and prioritise secondary - over primary raw materials / establish EU Green Procurement targets and mandatory requirements for recycled plastic content consistent with recycling targets
  - ⇒ investment security & market stability required / require regulatory certainty
  - ⇒ shape and implement European legislation so that there is a level playing field with no national borders
- **Strict landfill ban for all recyclable, recoverable and untreated waste**
  - ⇒ Regulate in the EU Landfill Directive the required landfill ban(s)
  - ⇒ Central & Southern Europe / regionally up to even >70 % landfilling of MSW / create new recycling markets instead of landfilling
- **Wide range of complimentary recycling and recovery technologies already exist**
  - ⇒ WtE for rejects from recycling operations and for non-recyclable waste
  - ⇒ mechanical recycling for recyclable waste
  - ⇒ chemical recycling for waste plastics and other chemical products in development
  - ⇒ objectivise the European debate on technology on the basis of facts

The Forum members expressed in the dialogue with Mr Timmermans the necessity for a fast implementation of the **basic regulatory requirements** in European law and the willingness to participate in upcoming stakeholder dialogues.

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