

Where are we with the implementation of the EU waste Laws?





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Where is Spain at this moment?

Some big numbers

- Over 60% waste sent to landfill, with no pretreatment in many cases
- Recycling rate 35% new calculation methodology will significantly reduce this figure
- 80% of municipal waste is collected mixed
- Incomplete, inefficient or inexistent EPR schemes
- 30 million bottles and cans littered or sent to landfill and incineration, daily.
 No reuse No DRS
- 5% separate collection of organic waste



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Concern at widespread failure to meet EU reuse and recycling targets

A coalition of 16 Spanish environmental and trade union organisations last week asked the European Commission to investigate Spain's failure to meet the 2008 waste framework directive's 2020 target of 50% preparation for re-use and recycling of municipal waste.

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Situation of transposition

- 1. Waste Directive 2018/851 in process of transposition.

 Some provisions of 2019/904 included: SUP bans, non refillable plastic tax...
- Draft Law in legal revision in State Council
- > Text to be approved by Council of Ministers
- Expected to go into debate in Congress mid May

Situation of transposition

Draft Law text has positive aspects
But needs more ambition and will not bring about
the changes Spain needs to comply with new targets.

Is industry pushing behind the wheel?



We demand

The Alianza Residuo Cero demands an upgraded version of the Law

Low prevention targets — Ambitious targets + means

No DRS — Inclusive DRS with starting date

Low reuse targets — Ambitious targets + means

Complex landfill and incineration Revise tax system

Low ambition in biowaste Revise collection and treatment

Más de una quincena de ONG piden al Consejo de Estado que rechace la ley de residuos por "poco ambiciosa e ineficaz"

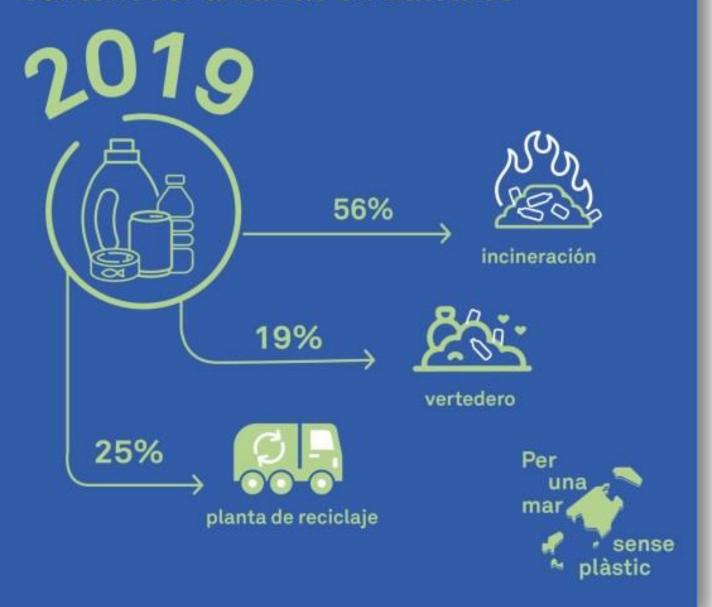


Spanish regions take the lead

Some regions are taking the lead on CE and ZW legislation:

- 1. Navarra: 2018 Ley de residuos y su fiscalidad
- DRS + official pilot project 2021
- Binding reuse targets
- Single Use Plastic bans
- 2. Balearic Islands: 2019 Ley de Residuos y Suelos Contaminados
- > DRS + official pilot project in 2021 (Formentera)
- Binding reuse targets
- Specific EPR for packaging (commercial, domestic and industrial)
- Bans on single use plastics beyond SUP directive
- First regional government to declare "non-compliance" of targets.

De los envases que deberían ir al contenedor amarillo en Baleares



Portugal offers some examples, will we lag far behind?

- **1. DRS:** deposit system for containers of non-reusable beverages in plastic, glass, ferrous metals and aluminum, dated January 1, 2022.
- 2. Reuse: Industry was able to water down reuse targets

Approved text:

If as of December 31, 2022 industry has not adopted the self-regulation instruments + objectives, the following shall apply to all glass packaging

- a) no later than January 1, 2025, at least 20% beverages must be packaged in reusable packaging;
- b) no later than January 1, 2030, at least 50% reusable containers.

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