What is missing at EU level to reduce marine plastic pollution?

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100 000 tonnes of waste entering European seas from the coastlines per year

30% beach litter in North East Atlantic region is plastic packaging
Estimating the quantities of single-use plastic in Europe

2.5 billion
TAKEAWAY PACKAGING

580 billion
CIGARETTE BUTTS

46 billion
BEVERAGE BOTTLES

36.4 billion
DRINKING STRAWS

16 billion
COFFEE CUPS
We already have some answers
European citizens want and expect EU legislation
Beyond single-use

• Marine Strategy Framework Directive
• Port Reception Facilities
• Waste directives
• EPR schemes
TIME TO RETHINK PLASTIC