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## **Revising EU packaging legislation: first impressions on the Commission's proposal and conditions for success**

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# Who are we?

The EEB is **Europe's largest network of environmental citizens' organisations**

Our 180 members from 38 countries have more than 30 million individual supporters.

We have over 40 years of EU environmental policy expertise.

## Our vision

A better future where people and nature thrive together.

## Our mission

We advocate for progressive policies to create a better environment in the European Union and beyond.

## Our work areas



Climate



Circular Economy



Economic Transition



European Institutions and Governance



Global and Regional Policies



Health and Environment



Environmental Law and Justice



Nature



# Tackling the packaging waste crisis (1/2)

**1) No time to waste!** To stop the continuous increase of packaging waste the legislative process must be concluded in this parliamentary term

→ Need for a shared commitment from EU institutions and stakeholders to complete negotiations by early 2024, so the Regulation can enter into force in 2025

**2) Targets on waste reduction and reuse** must provide a strong and clear economic signal to mobilise investments for a truly circular packaging sector

→ Standardisation of reusable packaging formats needed to support large scale deployment of reuse systems

→ Merely focusing on incremental improvements in recycling rates has proven insufficient to tackle the dramatic increase in packaging waste



## Tackling the packaging waste crisis (2/2)

- 3) Remove unnecessary derogations and exemptions** which create loopholes, regulatory uncertainty and reduce the transformative potential of the Regulation  
→ e.g. exemption from recyclability for 'innovative packaging', exclusion of single-use glass from Deposit Return Systems, derogations for excessive & unnecessary packaging...)
- 4) Change legal basis of the Regulation to include environmental protection** and allow Member States to take further action to meet waste prevention targets
- 5) Regulatory certainty and democratic process:** the proposal leaves the definition of several substantial aspects to secondary legislation (e.g. on recyclability, recycled content, requirements for reuse....)  
→ key provisions should be defined already during the ordinary legislative process, to improve the visibility for the packaging sector and avoid delays to implementation and investments



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**Thanks for listening!**




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