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## **POLICY ISSUES**

### **PLASTIC PACKAGING INDUSTRY SEEKS TO OVERTURN EU REGULATION AT EU COURT OF JUSTICE**

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Seven appeals were published in the EU's Official Journal on June 10. They have been lodged by Italian ([Ecoplastica](#) and [ILIP](#)), German ([Jokey](#), [Saier](#) and [Schütz](#)), French ([Dynaplast](#)) and Romanian ([Raficon](#)) companies, which are working with the same German law firm, Kappellmann. They manufacture plastic packaging and are therefore affected by the reuse targets and the ban on the sale of certain types of single-use plastic products set out in the 2025 regulation. They are all calling for the regulation to be annulled, or at the very least for articles 25 and/or 29 of the regulation to be repealed. Among the arguments put forward by the plastics industry is that the principle of equal treatment is not respected. The text “discriminates against suppliers and manufacturers of single-use plastic crates compared to those using packaging made from other materials [...], in particular cardboard”. An eighth appeal was lodged a few days earlier by associations of Czech recyclers against the deposit system, which would create “unequal conditions of competition on the recycling market” by depriving them of access to raw materials.

*Source : Contexte 10 June 2025*

### **EPP GOES AFTER EU ANTI-DEFORESTATION LAW... AGAIN**

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According to Politico the EPP is challenging the EU's anti-deforestation law again. Austrian MEP Alexander Bernhuber wants to scrap the Commission's risk list and add a “no-risk” category — aiming to shield EU farmers and reduce red tape.

#### Key Points:

- Bernhuber filed a motion to reject the European Commission's list of countries considered most at risk of deforestation and wants to create a new “no-risk” category to simplify the legislation.
- He argues that the current list doesn't reflect the reality of deforestation on the ground and should be redrafted. (A number of countries in Latin America, like Brazil, or in the Congo basin are for example considered at standard risk.)
- He is also a proponent of creating a new no-risk category to essentially take European farmers and foresters out of the scope of the regulation and cut red tape.
- The proposal will be debated in the Parliament's environment committee on June 24.

*Source : Politico 13 June 2025*

### **SINGLE MARKET STRATEGY**

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Single Market Strategy: On 25 June, a public [hearing](#) for the Single Market Strategy will take place in the European Parliament.

*Source: European Parliament 10 June 2025*

### **EU OMNIBUS UPDATES**

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The EU's omnibus regulatory reform is heating up. Parliament's draft position, led by MEP Jörgen Warborn, pushes for major rollbacks on green business rules — sparking tensions ahead of key negotiations. The report has obtained by Politico [here](#)

#### Key Points:

- MEP Warborn proposes raising compliance thresholds to €450M turnover and 3,000 employees, exempting many firms from green rules.
- The report sticks to the Commission proposal of keeping supply chain due diligence checks to direct suppliers.
- It exempts subsidiaries from having to report under the CSRD if parent companies are already doing it.
- It suggests restricting the amount of information that large companies can demand from their small suppliers.

The Council is likely to oppose watering down supply chain rules and stick closer to the Commission's original proposal. That's according to the latest draft of the compromise text between EU countries. More on that [here](#)

EU countries are expected to finalise their position on the file this month. In the Parliament, other lawmakers in the JURI committee can submit amendments to the report until June 27, but the committee won't vote on the file until October.

*Source Politico 13 June 2025*

## **POLAND MAKES NEW ATTEMPT ON CORPORATE DUE DILIGENCE**

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Poland has circulated a fourth draft compromise on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D) and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), to be discussed at the Council of the EU on June 13. The proposal includes a broader risk-based approach across the full value chain and introduces a phased implementation to ease the administrative burden.

Key Points:

- Poland favors a broad, risk-based due diligence approach covering the entire value chain, rather than limiting it to direct suppliers.
- Proposes a gradual analysis of risk areas over time, prioritizing based on severity and likelihood of harm.
- For the CSRD, Poland sticks to the Commission's original scope: companies with over 1,000 employees and €450M turnover.

*Source: Contexte 13 June 2025*

## **POLISH EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY MAINTAINS TAX EXEMPTION FOR WASTE INCINERATION**

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Poland is defending the tax exemption for waste incineration in the ongoing revision of the Energy Taxation Directive, warning that removing it could raise waste management costs and lead to increased pollution or exports. As it prepares to hand over the file to Denmark on July 1, Warsaw argues that excluding waste used as heating fuel from taxation is justified.

Key Points:

- Poland's latest draft maintains tax exemptions for waste incineration, citing risk of higher service costs and illegal self-incineration or exports.
- Proposal allows tax reductions for waste collection services.
- The Energy Taxation Directive remains the last unresolved file in the 2021 climate package.
- EU finance ministers will discuss the file on June 20 in Luxembourg.

*Source: Contexte 11 June 2025*

## **EP LEADERS VISIT COPENHAGEN AHEAD OF THE DANISH EU PRESIDENCY**

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EP President Roberta Metsola highlighted Denmark's ability to build consensus and produce results in uncertain times, ahead of the upcoming Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The Conference of Presidents, political group leaders as well as President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola, were in Copenhagen on Tuesday to discuss priorities ahead of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Article [here](#) and <https://ufm.dk/en/eu-presidency-2025-1>

Source: European Parliament 3 June 2025

## REPORTS

### EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) – EUNOMIA REPORT

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On 3 June, the association ECommerce [published](#) a study carried by Eunomia on the EPR in PPWR, batteries and WEEE. waste sorting labels currently being developed. The consultation concerned the design and implementation of material-based waste sorting labels as part of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR).

Source: Ecommerce Europe and Eunomia June 2025

### GREEN DEAL CONFIDENCE HITS RECORD LOW, EXPERTS WARN

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Environmental experts are more pessimistic than ever about the EU's Green Deal, according to the 2025 edition of the Green Deal Barometer by the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP).

Key Points:

- Only 23.5% of surveyed sustainability experts trust EU institutions to turn Green Deal goals into legislation — down from over 50% in 2024.
- Shift in EU priorities toward competitiveness and defense seen as a key reason for declining confidence.
- IEEP warns against abandoning the Green Deal, citing growing influence of special interests and fading climate awareness.

Read the full [IEEP report](#)

Source: Contexte 13 June 2025

## STAKEHOLDERS POSITIONS

### BIOECONOMY

- [UPM position paper](#)

## MEETINGS

### SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING SUMMIT

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- When/where: 10-12 November 2025, Utrecht
- Focus: debates and expert workshops
- [Link to event](#)