



Marine Litter

“European Answers to a Global Challenge”

Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas

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Existing commitments related to marine litter

- Meet good environmental status by 2020 (Marine Directive)
- Circular Economy Package
 - ✓ *Target for beach litter and lost fishing gear (30% by 2020)*
 - ✓ *Plastics Strategy by 2017*
- Definition of a new reduction target by 2020 (7th EAP)
- Significant reduction committed in SDG 14 and Rio+20





Main EU policy responses

Land-based sources

Waste management legislation

Marine (MSFD) and Water (WFD, UWWTD) legislation

Sea-based sources

Port Reception facilities Directive, Common Fisheries Policy, MSFD

Awareness-raising/behavioural change

RTD, MSFD, EMFF

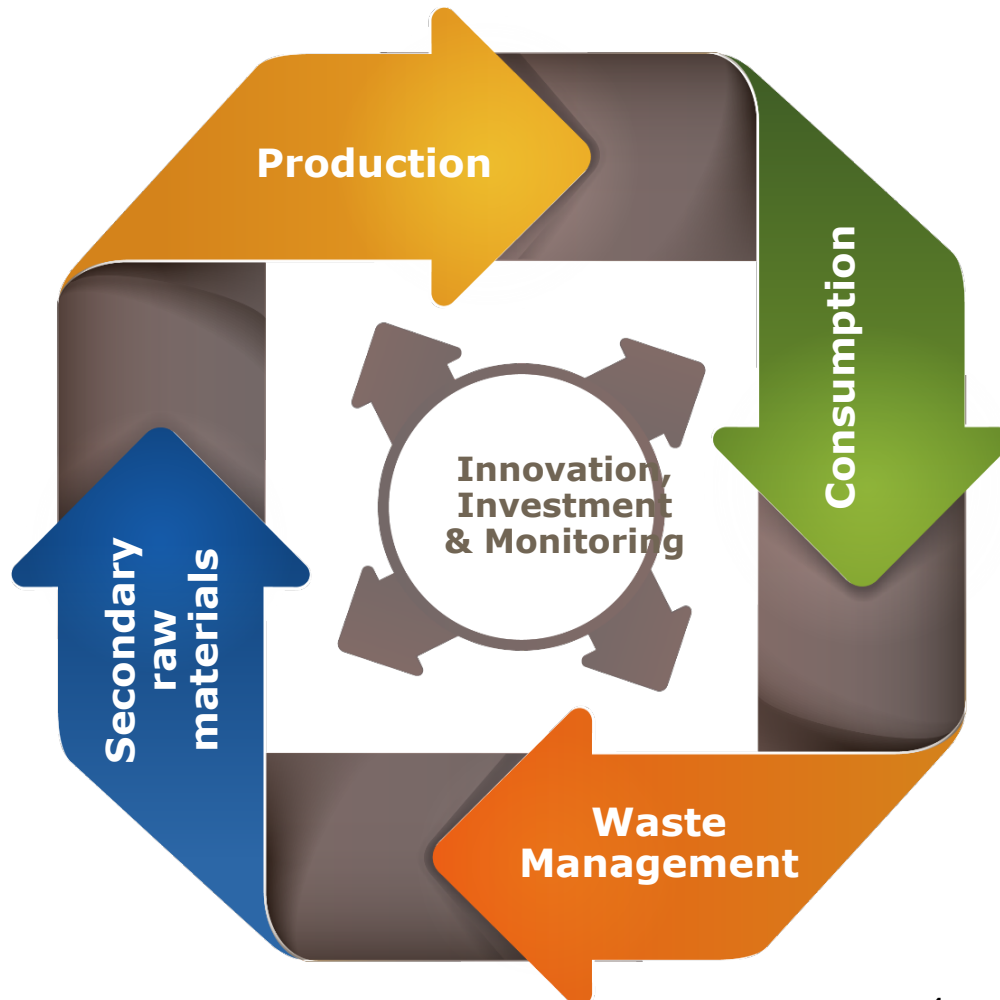
Removal

EMFF, RTD, Development and neighbourhood projects

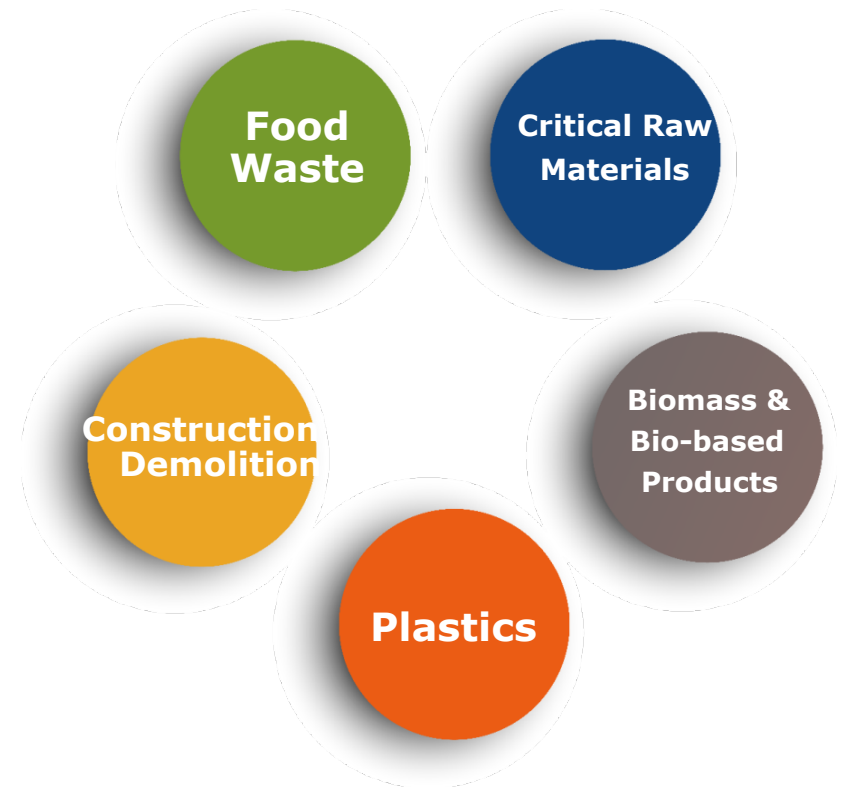
.....Circular Economy Package



Key action areas



5 Priority sectors





Aspirational target of 30% for marine litter Strategy on plastics (2017)

- **Focus on marine litter**
- **Recyclability/biodegradability / Bio based plastics**
- **Vision/actions on Microplastics**
- **Strategy for most found items (?)**

Roadmap to be published ... soon

Waste proposals

- **Higher recycling target for plastics (55% by 2025), to be defined for 2030**
- **Litter included in the waste management plans**
- **Common rules on Extended Producer Responsibility**
 - links between fees paid and recyclability/reparability
 - Contribution of the producer to public campaigns



Next steps and challenges

- Analysis of **Member States' Programmes of Measures under the MSFD**
- **Determining baselines** for assessment of environmental status and for monitoring progress towards reduction
- **Addressing microplastics from products** in the context of the Plastics Strategy, planned for 2017
- Support implementation of the 30% by identification and **reduction of most frequently found items** on beaches
- Detailed investigation of **aquaculture and waste from fishing activities**
- **Review of the WFD and REFIT of UWWTD**
- **Global solutions** through **global governance** for marine litter (UNEA-3, G7, oceans governance and beyond)



