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AGENDA

	Title	Speakers	Notes
09:30	Start of the meeting		
1	Welcome, Introduction and Competition Guidelines	F. Stevens	For information
2	Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European Commission workshop debrief ▪ Next steps and joint PCF actions 	EUROPEN / All participants	For information & discussion
3	Other policy files <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waste Framework Directive ▪ Sustainable food system framework initiative 	EUROPEN / All participants	For information
4	TRIS consultations	EUROPEN / All participants	For information & discussion
5	Next steps and wrap-up	F. Stevens	For information
11:00	End of meeting		

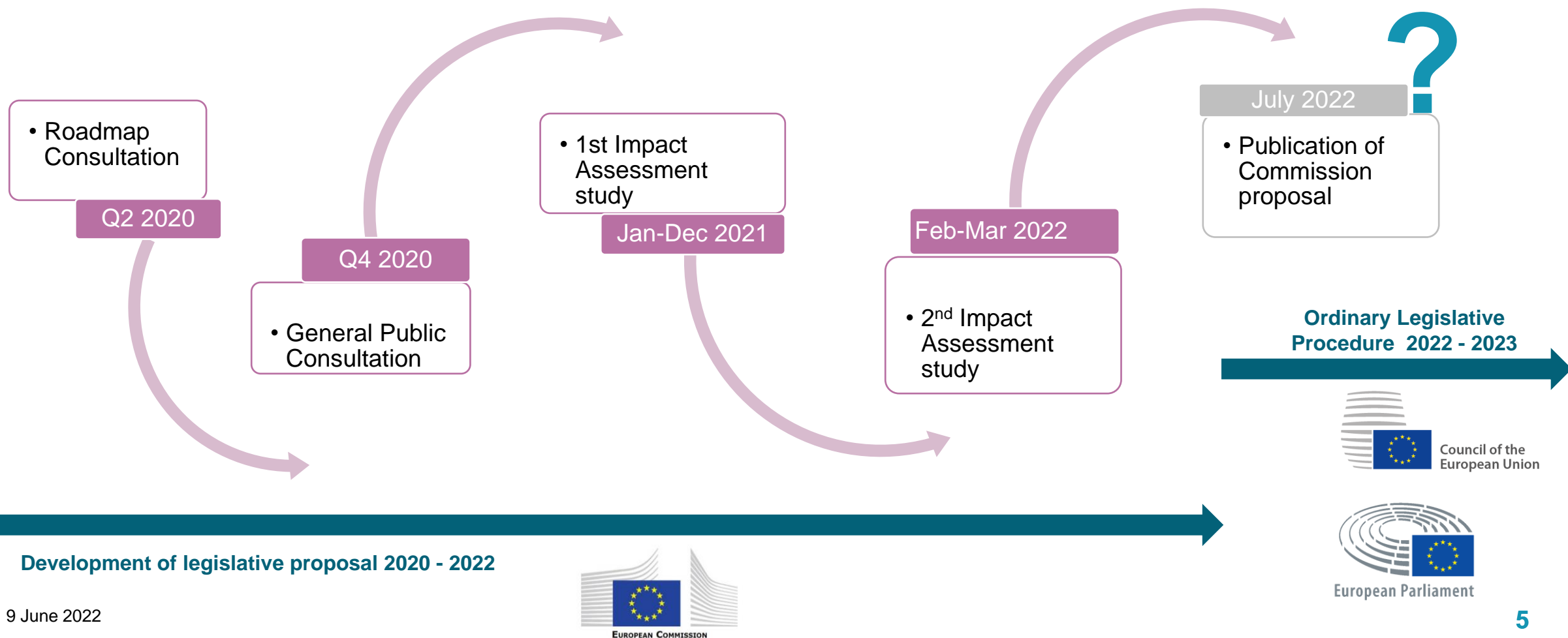


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Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive Revision

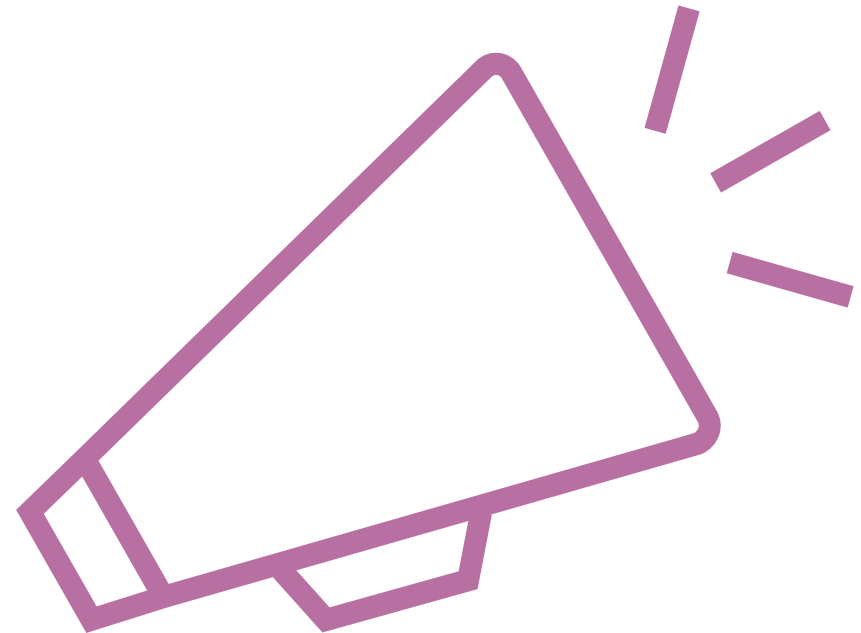
PPWD REVIEW - TIMELINE



PPWD STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP – DEBRIEF

Monday 30 May 2022

- The Commission presented a state of play of the PPWD review and measures considered
- It was confirmed that the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB) provided a negative opinion on the PPWD impact assessment.
- DG ENV is planning to resubmit its impact assessment to the RSB by the second half of July. The proposal should then be published in the autumn, but this remains to be confirmed.



PPWD REVISION - NEXT STEPS AND JOINT PCF ACTIONS 1/2


- EUROPEN developed a paper summarising key messages and policy asks on the definition of “recyclable packaging”.
- The paper also provides examples of packaging formats and applications for which a 95% recyclability threshold is not workable.
- This is intended to be a joint industry paper, which EUROPEN will share with the Commission on behalf of its co-signatories.
 - EUROPEN is collecting signatures until Friday 10 June EOB

Our proposal in a nutshell


- The EU-wide definition of recyclable packaging should not include a recyclability threshold. Any specific recyclability thresholds should instead be set in material- and format-specific Design for Recycling (DfR) guidelines.
- Packaging recyclability must be assessed on the basis of recognised DfR guidelines specific to each material and packaging type. These guidelines should themselves be built on the different guidelines already existing or being developed from across the packaging value chain.
- A dedicated multistakeholder expert committee, in the form of a Technical Committee, should be set up at EU level to define and regularly update (e.g. yearly) recyclability measurement criteria and DfR guidelines per packaging material and type.
- Waste management infrastructure is key to ensure that recyclable packaging is effectively recycled. Infrastructure, criteria and conditionalities need to be part of the recyclable packaging definition. The geographical scope should be EU-wide to support the development of a true and functioning Single Market for secondary raw materials.

PPWD REVISION - NEXT STEPS AND JOINT PCF ACTIONS 2/2

Flexible plastic packaging²

Product	Packaging format	Visual	Packaging/product ratio	Structural component(s)	Functional layer(s)/component(s) Including: inks/lacquer/coating/metallisation/ EVOH/ etc.	% Functional components
Crisps 150g	Flexible packet 5g		3%	PP	0.6g	12%

Flexible aluminium packaging³

Product	Packaging format	Visual	Packaging/product ratio	Structural component(s)	Non-aluminium functional components: inks/lacquer/coating	% Functional components
Chocolate piece (Easter/ Christmas figures) 100g	Aluminium foil wrap 1.4g		1.4%	Aluminium	Inks/lacquer 0.16g	11%

Please feel free to share any additional examples



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Other policy files

WASTE FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE REVIEW - TIMELINE

25 January – 22 February 2022

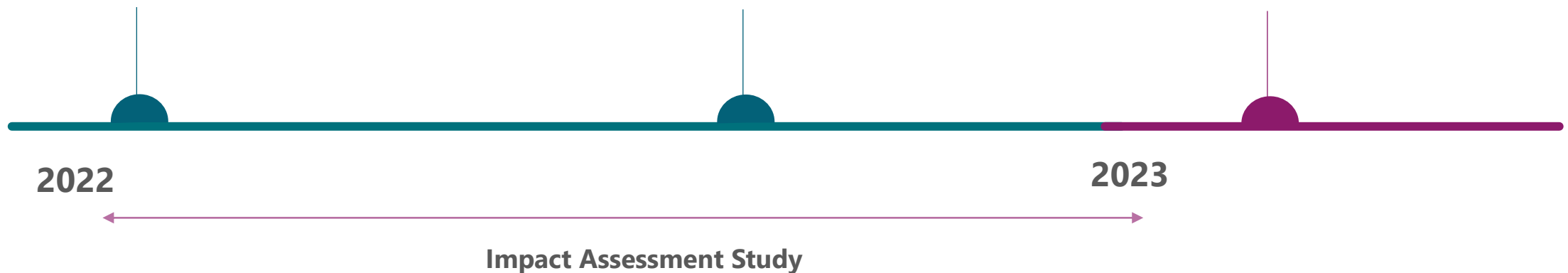
Stakeholder call for evidence for
impact assessment

24 May – 16 August 2022

12-week open public
consultations on the WFD and
food waste reduction targets

Q2 2023

Expected publication of the
proposal for the revision of the
Waste Framework Directive



WASTE FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE REVIEW - NEXT STEPS

- Public Consultations on the WFD and food waste reduction targets
 - Open from 24 May until 16 August 2022
 - Workshop on Waste prevention & separate collection for preparation for re-use and recycling on 20 June (09:00-18:00, online)
- Coordination with the Packaging Chain Forum where possible



SUSTAINABLE FOOD FRAMEWORK INITIATIVE

- Announced as part of the Farm to Fork Strategy, the [initiative](#) aims to create a horizontal framework law to accelerate and facilitate the transition to food sustainability.
- The initiative will likely set out:
 - General objectives, definitions and principles to ensure that, beyond safety aspects, sustainability considerations are contemplated when it comes to the production and placing on the market of food.
 - A sustainable food-labelling framework to empower consumers to make sustainable food choices.
 - Minimum criteria for the sustainable public procurement of food in schools and other public institutions.
- The initiatives looks at food system sustainability from a broad perspective (incl. circularity and environmental sustainability).

- **DG SANTE, DG AGRI, DE ENV, DG MARE are co-leading the initiative**
- **Public consultation closes on 21 July 2022**
- **EUROPEN will respond to the questionnaire**
- **Publication of the Commission proposal is expected in Q4 2023**



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TRIS Consultations

TRIS CONSULTATIONS 1/3

[TRIS notification 2022/196/I](#) (Italy) adopting guidelines on the labelling of packaging

- On 7 April, Italy notified a draft Decree providing guidance on how to comply with the labelling requirements set in Decree No 116/2020 (obligation to use alphanumerical codes and to label packaging with information on collection, reuse, recovery and recycling of packaging waste).
- EUROOPEN took the opportunity to reiterate comments on the labelling requirements, which Italy never notified via TRIS.

- End of standstill is 08 July 2022
- EUROOPEN submitted a contribution on 18 May
- EUROOPEN coordinated a joint submission which co-signatories can submit to TRIS [here](#)

TRIS CONSULTATIONS 2/3

[TRIS notification 2022/325/E](#) (Spain) Royal Decree on Packaging and Packaging Waste

- On 6 May, Spain notified to TRIS a draft Decree on Packaging and Packaging Waste.
- EUROOPEN prepared a joint submission highlighting the following points:
 - The Royal Decree pre-empts the revision of the PPWD and infringes Art. 6 (3) of the TRIS Directive (MS shall postpone the adoption of a draft technical regulation for 12 months when the Commission announces its intention legislate on a matter).
 - The proposed measures will impede the placing on the market of packaging that is compliant with the provisions of the PPWD, violating article 18 of the Directive.
 - Several requirements in the Royal Decree depart from already adopted EU laws.
 - If adopted, the Royal Decree will have negative economic impacts on economic operators without added environmental value.

- End of standstill is 08 August 2022
- EUROOPEN will submit this week a joint contribution
- Co-signatories can also submit the contribution to TRIS [here](#).

TRIS CONSULTATION 3/3

[TRIS Notification 2022/357/E](#) (Spain) establishing end of waste criteria for plastic waste undergoing mechanical treatment

- On 20 May, Spain notified a Draft Ministerial Order laying down requirements to establish when plastic waste eligible for mechanical treatment ceases to be waste
- Spain recognises that the Joint Research Centre is studying end-of-waste criteria for certain plastic waste but justifies the adoption of the Ministerial Order based on Art. 6(3) of the Waste Framework Directive.
- The latter allows Member States to establish end-of-waste criteria where those have not been set at Union level.

- End of standstill is 22 August 2022
- EUROOPEN is assessing potential fragmentation of the Single Market



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Next steps & wrap-up

Thank you!

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