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## NEW EU CLIMATE TARGET DEMANDS URGENT ACTION!

Dear Mrs. and Mr.,

The EU is celebrating the first birthday of its Green Deal with a new climate target: the member states want to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 percent by 2030. For this reason, the Commission is stepping up its previous targets by a further 15 percentage points. Climate and resource-friendly waste management is one of the most important levers for saving greenhouse gases. It is, therefore, about time we acted.

The new "plastic tax" is also putting pressure on EU countries – especially those with a flawed recycling infrastructure. These countries in particular must now quickly press ahead with closed loop recycling management transformation and launch nationwide EPR systems. By doing so, they can save valuable time and costs by accessing the experience of leading European markets. Germany, with over 30 years of experience in extended producer responsibility, plays a pioneering role here. The responsible parties in state institutions, industry and associations should, therefore, not hesitate to initiate the transfer of knowledge – now.

Enjoy reading!  
Best, eco-friendly wishes,

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### EUROPEAN LEGISLATION ON CLOSED LOOP RECYCLING MANAGEMENT – TIME IS TICKING

According to the EU's Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive, every EU member state has to launch an EPR system for packaging from the private and industrial sectors by the end of 2024.

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### EUROPEAN PACKAGING DIRECTIVE REQUIRES CONCERTED ACTION

The European Court of Auditors attests that the EU is running a high risk of missing the targets for recycling plastic packaging by 2030. How can the Community avert this threatened failure?

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### ERDE IS NOW ALSO COLLECTING BALER TWINE NATIONWIDE

In addition to silage films, stretch films, asparagus films and bale nets, polypropylene baler yarn has now been included among the plastic products used in agriculture that are collected by the initiative ERDE.

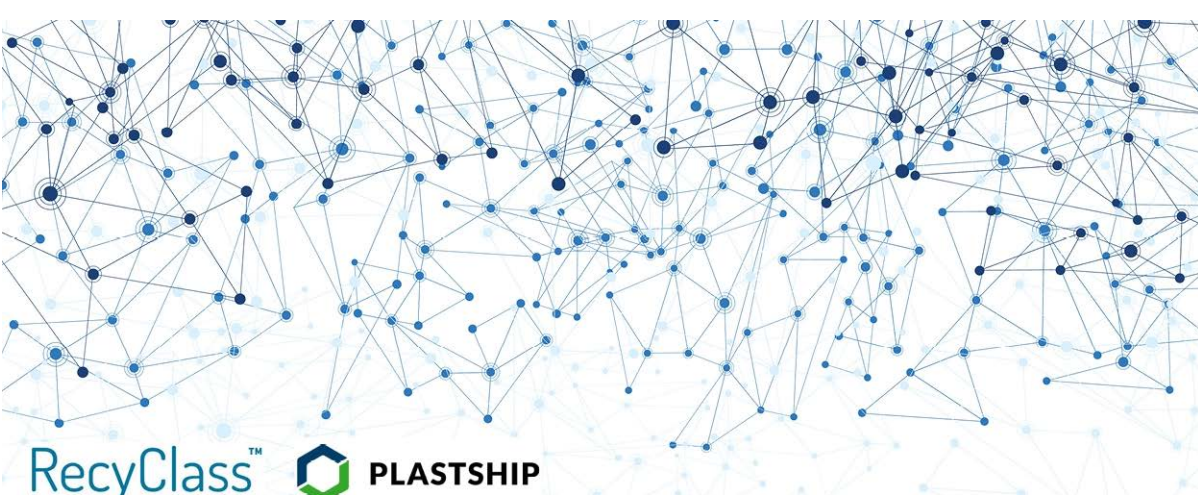
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### SIMPLY DISSOLVING PLASTIC WASTE – DOES CHEMICAL RECYCLING MAKE SENSE?

How attractive is the alternative to be breaking down plastics from unsorted material flows with little preparation into their chemical components?

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### CERTIFYING THE RECYCLED CONTENT OF PRODUCTS

Using the new Recycled Content Certification of RecyClass plastship can now verify the recycled content in products on the basis of the production data in a certificate. The recycling content is shown in %, as is the origin of the recycle (pre-consumer/post-consumer). The pre-condition is that the recycle used in production or its suppliers have an EuCertPlast certificate.

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### APE EUROPE – THE ASSOCIATION FOR USED AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS – ADOPTS THE EUROPEAN PLASTICULTURE STRATEGY

Europe uses over 720 000 tonnes of non-packaging plastics in agriculture, less than 2% of the total European plastics consumption. Nevertheless, the environmental impact of plastics was recognised and addressed at an early stage.

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