



**PLASTIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP**  
A PARTNERSHIP OF THE BASEL CONVENTION



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# **EPR-related work on plastic waste under the Basel Convention**

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# Tackling plastic waste across the three pillars of the Basel Convention

1) Minimization of generation



2) Control of transboundary movements



3) Environmentally sound management





Adoption of the Basel Convention

Adoption of Technical Guidelines for the identification & ESM of plastic wastes and their disposal

The **Plastic Amendment** became **effective** on 1 January

1989

1992

2019

2023

Entry into force

Adoption of the Plastic Amendment  
Establishment of the Plastic Waste Partnership

Adoption of Technical Guidelines for the ESM of plastic wastes



# The Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments



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# EPR and the Basel Convention



THE ESM TOOLKIT IS A COLLECTION OF PRACTICAL TOOLS TO ASSIST PARTIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN ENSURING ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS AND OTHER WASTES.



THE PRACTICAL MANUAL ON EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY IS ONE SUCH TOOL.



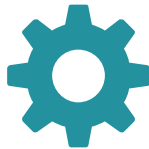
# The Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership (PWP)

## Objective



Improve and promote ESM of plastic waste at the global, regional and national levels and prevent and minimize its generation.

## Modalities



Working group and 4 project groups; steering group for pilot projects.

## Membership



Working group open to Parties and observers; 285 reps of 136 entities.



## Donors

Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, USA.



## Project groups

1. Prevention and minimization
2. Collection, recycling and other recovery, incl. financing
3. Transboundary movements
4. Outreach, education, awareness raising.



## Pilot projects

40 pilot projects to be implemented in 50 countries globally.



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# EPR related work under PWP



- Collect and disseminate best practices and lessons learned on improving collection, separation and recycling systems of plastic waste
  - Spotlight brief: Good practices for establishing and improving the functioning of EPR systems for plastic packaging
  - EPR forum: Exchange of know-how on the regulatory and technical aspects for setting up EPR schemes and promote collaboration
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## PWP EPR Forum – Format and Programming

- Series of five virtual events, with possible in-person events in the future
- Speakers: policy experts (e.g. from IGOs, NGOs), academics, facility operators, PROs, governments.
- Wide participation will be invited including from members of the PWP, Parties and observers to the Basel Convention, EPR compliance schemes run on behalf of producers, or producer associations.
- Focus on EPR schemes targeting specific waste streams





# EPR Forum – a sectoral approach



FORUM 1 - EPR  
AND PLASTIC  
PACKAGING  
MATERIALS IN  
WASTE STREAMS



FORUM 2 - EPR  
AND PLASTIC  
FROM ELECTRICAL  
AND ELECTRONIC  
WASTES



FORUM 3 - EPR  
AND PLASTIC  
FROM END-OF-LIFE  
VEHICLES



FORUM 4 - EPR  
AND SYNTHETIC  
TEXTILE WASTE



FORUM 5 - EPR  
AND PLASTIC  
PACKAGING VALUE  
CHAIN

# Thank you

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