# PETCORE EUROPE

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### PET is good for our Society

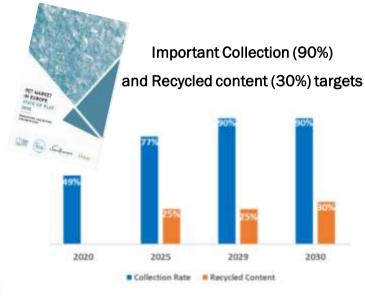
#### PET protects people and Goods

#### strong positive impact on Health and Safety and reduces food waste



PET has lower footprint Aluminium or Glass increases the global warming potential







Source UNEP: https://www.lifecycleinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/UNEP\_PLASTIC-BOTTLES-REPORT\_29-JUNE-2020\_final-low-res.pdf

## Why Plastic packaging is so widespread?

Polymers have deeply modified the packaging. Plastic packaging is extremely relevant for the food sector.



Food deterioration in the handling between the production and the consumption, drops from 50% to 3% in the countries "packaging oriented" (\*).



At the retailers shops, fruit and vegetable deterioration on the shelf is 26% higher vs. packed one.

10 gr of multilayer film and a PET tray increase shelf life of 'meat' by few days to almost one week longer.

Parmigiano Reggiano with few grams of multylayer fim reaches a shelf life >50 days longer.

1,5 grams of plastic film increase cocumber shelf life by 3 to 14 days. Hygiene is by far better in the packed food.

(\*) source : British Plastic Federation- Plastic protect the environment







## Why plastic packaging: Efficacy

| Alimento          | KG di CO <sub>2</sub> /KG prodotto | Imballaggio                 | KG di CO <sub>2</sub> /prodotto |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Carne Bovina      | 13,3                               | Vassoio PP per carne 0,5 l  | 0,084                           |
| Caffè             | 8,5                                | Bottiglia PET 1,5 I         | 0,085                           |
| Formaggio morbido | 1,95                               | Contenitore PP Yogurt 0,5 I | 0,073                           |
| Latte             | 1,3                                | Vassoio PS 0,5 I            | 0,065                           |
| Pasta             | 0,92                               | Film LDPE 1 mq              | 0,049                           |

Source: On the Sustainability of Plastic packaging – German Association Plastic Packaging Manufacturers IK

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of food potentially wasted is much higher than the CO2 emission generated in the production of plastic packaging.















### The Trenitalia - PETCORE EUROPE Project

**Replacement of the actual** cardbord tray by 47gr non stackable, with one made in rPET by 29gr, recyclable & stackable produced by an Italian company active in the recycling sector.





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#### **Emission comparison**



In the first pass, 28g rPET result in 0.11 kg Co2 eqv

While 48g Cardboard result in 0,15 kg Co2 eqv



MD04-750PET



### **The Trenitalia - PETCORE EUROPE Project**

PET trays collection is managed by Corepla: the Italian EPR scheme reaching excellent targets in the plastic waste collection & recycling.

The Italian EPR scheme: Corepla is a unique example in Europe where the plastics value chain has taken full liability of collecting and recycling plastics packaging.





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