



# Situation and challenges for the Plastics Recycling Industry

**SRP – Syndicat national des Régénérateurs de matières Plastiques  
(France) – French National Union of Plastic Material Recyclers**

Represents over 85% of plastic waste recycling capacity in France.

## **Key figures for 2024**

- **623,560 tons** of recycled plastics produced by SRP members.
- + 9.2% growth compared to 2023 (constant perimeter).

**Main industrial sectors supplied:** Packaging: 47%, Construction: 18% and Automotive: 11%

## **PET Production in 2024**

- R-PET Pellets: 119,704 tonnes (–18%)
- R-PET Flakes: 139,731 tonnes (+55%)



# Market Situation

- **Imports rising, prices falling:** EU recyclers operating below capacity.
- **Production 2024** = only 2/3 of SRP members' total capacity.
- **Several facilities shut down or investments halted** in France in 2024. *Same situation at EU level.*
- Without swift EU action: **risk of mass closures and job losses across Europe.**



# Boosting Circular Plastics Economy in the EU

- ❖ **Set and maintain ambitious EU recycling & recycled content targets**
  - Builds market confidence, stimulates demand and investment.
- ❖ **Promote eco-modulation in EPR schemes to reward the use of local EU-sourced recycled plastics.**
- ❖ **Support local recycling & innovation**
  - Invest in infrastructure, improve recyclate quality & traceability.
- ❖ **Encourage eco-design**
  - Facilitate product recyclability from the start.



# Ensuring Fair Competition for EU Recycled Plastics

- ❖ **Impose high environmental and safety standards for imports**
  - Imported recycled materials must meet EU-level requirements.
  
- ❖ **Implement mirror measures in EU legislation & controls**
  - Fair regulatory alignment between EU and non-EU producers.
  
- ❖ **Strengthen verification and enforcement**
  - Solid third party certification for recyclates, including imports.
  - Develop testing methods to verify recycled content & detect restricted substances.