PET Thermoforms Workshop – Webinar Collection, Sorting & Recycling Trials in Belgium

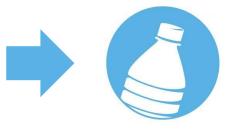
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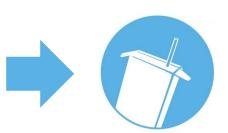


Current collection system













Metal packaging



Drink cartons



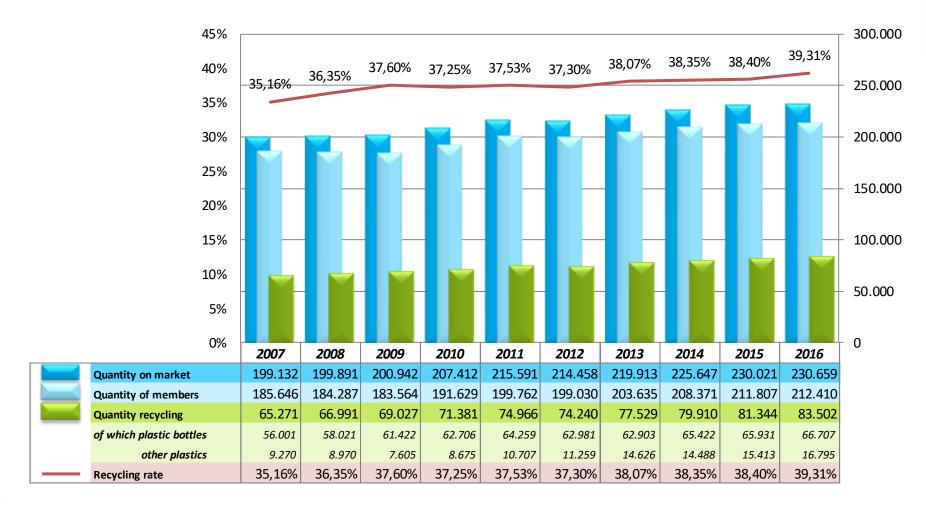








Recycling rate 2007-2016



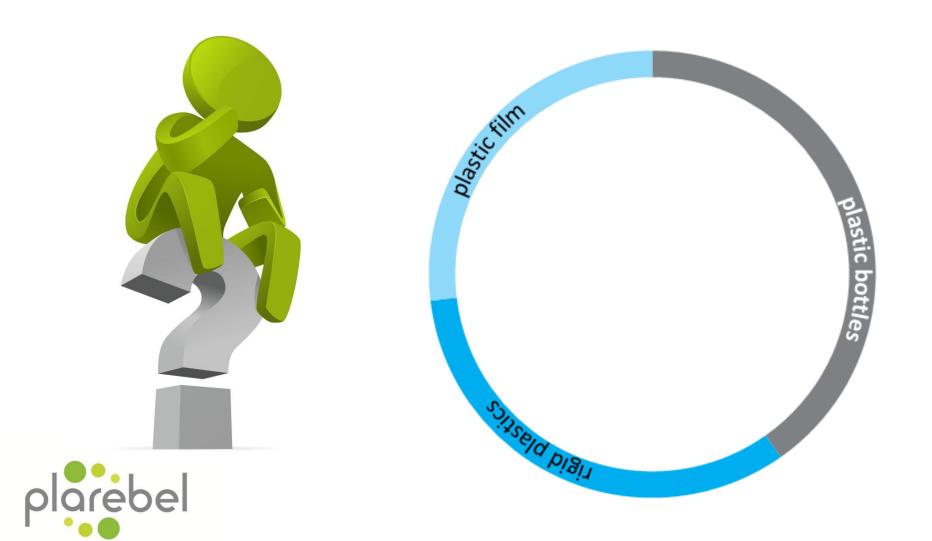


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Agreement Fost Plus 2014-2018

- Fost Plus must for at least 0.5% of the Belgian population establish and finance pilot projects approved by the competent Region, having as their object to test the extension of the P-fraction of the PMD.
- Each pilot project should be realised within two years after the adoption of the Region.
- Each project must be reviewed at the latest by the end of 2017.
 - In case of positive evaluation, the pilot project can be continued.
 - In case of negative evaluation, the pilot project can be stopped.



Pilot projects P+MD Increased recycling of plastic packaging





Collection scenarios





Communication P+MD









Uit een eerste conclusie van een consumentenstudie bij de deelnemers van het proefproject met de paarse PMD-zak, blijkt een overwegend positieve houding. Maar liefst 92 procent verklaart het scenario van de verruimde inzameling te waarderen, tegenover 86 procent bij het begin. Dat zegt Fost Plus, de vzw die instaat voor de inzameling en recyclage van huishoudelijk verpakkingsafval.





es premièrs enseignements de l'utilisation du sac mauve P+MO dans la commune de Frameries - Ø Marie-Anne Brilot

À la mi-janvier 2016, les habitants de Frameries expérimentaient un nouveau système de tri sélectif. Choisis pour participer à un projet pilote, les 21 600 habitants de la cité de Bosquétia ont dû se familiariser à l'utilisation de sacs mauves, un contenant destiné à recueillir une gamme plus large de déchets (voir les trois clips Fost plus) que celle prévue pour finir dans les sacs bleus (PMC).





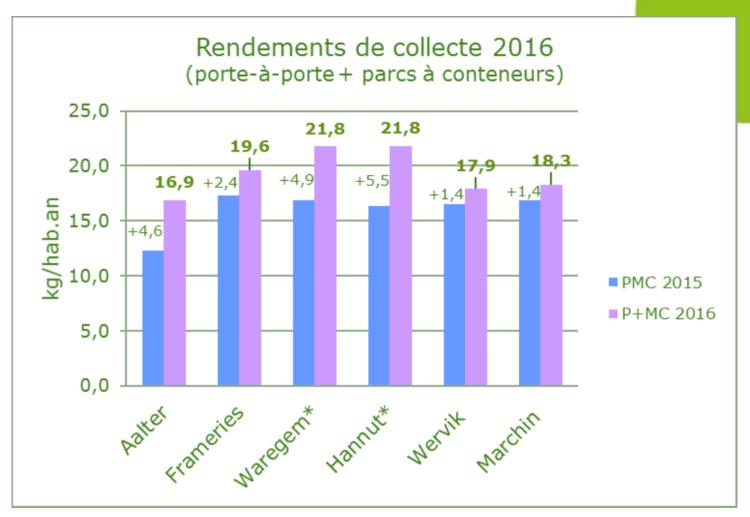
P⁺**MD** collection





Pilot projects P+MD - Collection

- Estimations:
 65% capiture rate or
 +4,0 kg/inh. for rigids and
 +7,5 kg/inh. for all plastics
- Results based on our experience in 2016:
 +3,5 kg/inh. for S1 (30% capt.)
 +5,2 kg/inh. for S2 (45% capt.)
 +1,4 kg/inh. for S3 (23% capt.)





Pilot projects P+MD - Collected 'mistakes'



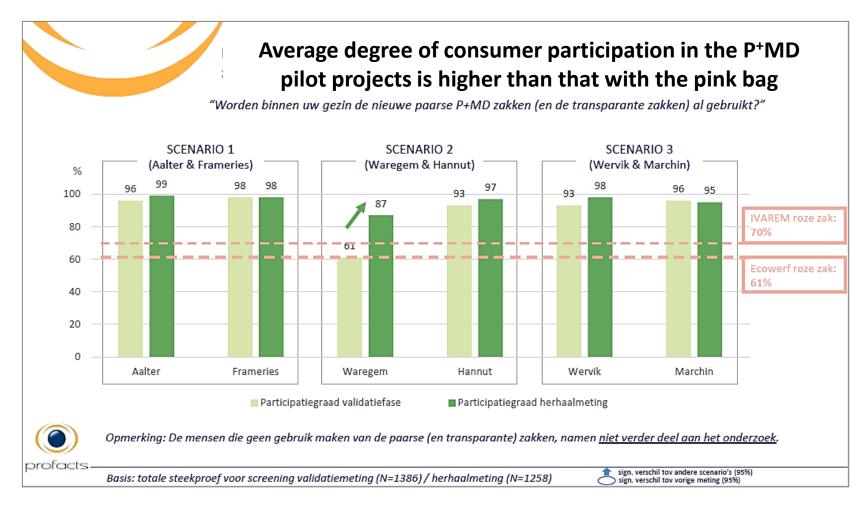








P⁺MD collection





P⁺MD collection

- A unique sorting message for the entire country.
 - Simplify communication
 - Less sorting errors
 - Provides significant economies of scale for sorting
 - Simplifies follow-up and control
 - More efficient OOH collection
- Transition period with a mix of different scenarios.

- Conclusions study:
 - One bag solution, especially in metropolitan areas
 - Opt for scenario with both rigid & flexible plastic packaging
 - Continue with kerbside collection
 - Discontinue collection through container parks
- Potential extension to non-packaging collection.



P+MD sorting





Pilot projects P+MD - Sorting

Current PMD

PET bottles and flasks (clear tr.)

PET bottles and flasks (blue tr.)

PET bottles and flasks (green tr.)

HDPE bottles and flasks

Steel packaging

Aluminium packaging

Drink cartons

Bags

Residue

Pilot projects P*MD

PET packaging (clear & I. blue tr.)

PET packaging (mixed tr. colours)

HDPE packaging

NEW: PP packaging

NEW: PS packaging

NEW: Plastic film (scen. 1 only)

Steel packaging

Aluminium packaging

Drink cartons

Bags (scenario 2 and 3 only)

Residue



Short-term P+MD sorting

PET bottles and flasks (clear tr.)

PET bottles and flasks (blue tr.)

PET bottles and flasks (other tr.)

HDPE packaging

PP packaging

PS packaging

NEW: Mixed plastics (hard)

NEW: Mixed plastics (flexibles)

Plastic film & bags

Steel packaging

Aluminium packaging

Drink cartons

Residue



Long-term P⁺MD sorting

PET bottles and flasks (clear tr.)

PET bottles and flasks (blue tr.)

PET bottles and flasks (other tr.)

PET bottles and flasks (opaque)

HDPE packaging

PP packaging

PS packaging

NEW: PET trays (clear tr.)

NEW: Black plastic packaging

Mixed plastics (hard)

Mixed plastics (flexibles)

Plastic film & bags

Steel packaging

Aluminium packaging

Drink cartons

Residue



Pilot projects P+MD – PET specifications





sorting instructions for clear / light blue PET packaging

Pilot projects P+MD – Sorted PET packaging







Pilot projects P+MD – Sorted PET packaging

	SC 2 Aalter (1) Wervik (3)	SC 3 Hannut (2) Marchin (3)	SC 4 Waregem (2)	SC 1 Frameries (1)
monolayer PET trays	5,791%	2,813%	7,042%	3,154%
 multilayer PET trays 	0,477%	0,696%	1,990%	0,887%
 other transparent colours 	0,035%	0,749%	0,000%	no colour sorting
opaque colours	0,051%	0,097%	0,000%	0,636%
• glass, stones	0,000%	0,000%	0,000%	0,000%
• metals	0,077%	0,241%	0,020%	0,061%
• paper & cardboard	0,026%	0,000%	0,000%	0,021%
drink cartons	0,019%	0,125%	0,000%	0,035%
 PE and PP packaging 	0,000%	0,856%	0,042%	0,123%
 other non-polyolefin packaging 	0,031%	0,165%	0,072%	0,126%
plastic films	0,076%	0,018%	0,000%	0,396%
 other plastic objects (non-packaging) 	0,026%	0,015%	0,000%	0,000%
• others	0,010%	0,769%	0,013%	0,205%

P+MD sorting

- Investment in new sorting plants required.
 - Known composition input, but evolving over time
 - High throughput
 - Flexibility in sorting
 - Long term contracts
 - Reduce the number of sorting plants
 - PET trays as a separate fraction !!!
- Impact on transfer and temporary storage in transfer stations.

- Conclusions study:
 - Maximum economies of scale
 - Medium-size sorting plants (ca. 50 kT/a)
- Evolutions in thermoforming PET tray recycling may have an important impact on the way we sort PET, either as a separate stream, or in combination with the PET bottles.



P*MD recycling





What are PET trays?







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ETUDE SUR LA RECYCLABILITÉ DES BARQUETTES 100% PET

25 juin 2015

Des barquettes recyclables dans le flux actuel PET clair, dans une limite de 20%

Lors de cette étude, les caractéristiques techniques de la matière recyclée ont été évaluées pour une régénération en plaques et en bouteilles, cette seconde application mettant en jeu des contraintes qualité particulièrement importantes. Les résultats de cette étude montrent en particulier qu'à 20% d'incorporation de barquettes mono-PET dans le flux actuel PET clair, les deux types de produits obtenus, plaques et bouteilles, présentent les propriétés mécaniques attendues ainsi qu'une couleur identique à celle du produit de référence. En conclusion, l'introduction de barquettes transparentes 100%-PET dans le flux PET clair ne génère pas d'impact sur le recyclage de ce flux.

PET trays existential dilemma



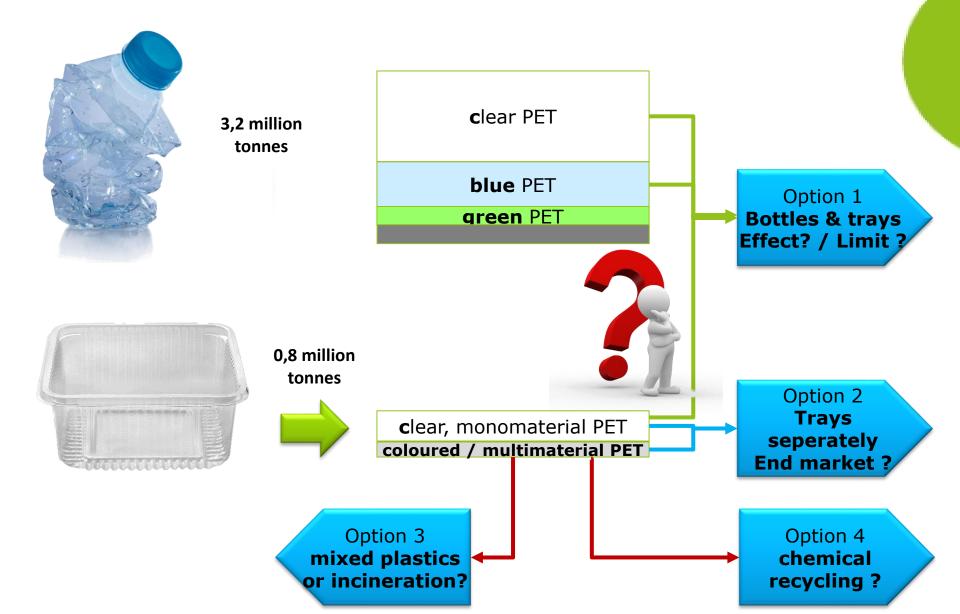
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In the last few years there has been a significant increase in the use of PET trays by the packaging industry. Unfortunately, this increase has not been adequately addressed in the end-of-life solutions for these trays. As a result of poor end-of-life thinking, most of these trays cannot be easily recycled.

None of the current recycling streams want to have PET trays in their incoming waste. PET recyclers cannot handle them because of their different composition (multi-layers, multi-material combinations etc.) when compared to beverage bottles. Mixed plastics recyclers do not want them because of their incompatibility with polyolefins.

This is a painful situation as the 700,000 tonnes of PET trays yearly put on the market should be a







- Input PET bales (quality 90/10 monolayer only*)
- Total: 250 ton PET
- 3 recyclers participated in the recycling trials
 - 1 x mixed in with other streams (25% BE)
 - 2 x 100% Belgian material
- Additional test on 100% PET trays (mono & multi)
- Results from other tests:
 - Valorplast (FR) on mixed PET bales
 - WRAP (UK) on PET trays
 - Petcore-Europe on PET trays



Higher percentages of multilayer PET trays in one sorting plant (no 'multilayer' software on NIR machine).



input	 Containing 5-9% PET trays (predominately monolayer)
NIR sorting	 Removing multilayers Efficiency depending on sorting line Highest efficiency with 2 NIR in sequence (>90%)
grinding	No effect
washing	No effect
floatation	No effect
drying	• More fines (2-4%)
flake sorting	• Small increase (0,1-0,2%)
yield losses	• Higher (4-5%)
quality	 More PVC; above client threshold One recycler found semi-crystallised flakes Extruded pellets with lower IV
markets	 Limited to less sensitive markets Cannot be transposed to entire rPET market without additional processing and monitoring



- Regulation EC 282/2008 on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foods
- Scientific Opinion July 2011 (EFSA-Q-2010-01501): "The proportion of PET from non-food consumer applications should be no more than 5% in the input to be recycled."
- All safety evaluations for PET recycling processes contain a guarantee that the input to these supercleaning processes is washed and dried PET flakes originating from collected post-consumer PET containers, mainly bottles, containing no more than 5 % PET from non-food consumer applications.



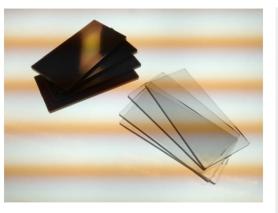
- Additional test on 100% PET trays
- in cooperation with morssinkhof-plastics in















P+MD recycling

- High quality recycling required.
 - Promote circular economy of plastics
 - High quality recycling processes
 - Requires flexible and qualitative sorting in many different streams
 - Requires state-of-the-art, high-speed
 NIR sorting system
 - Stimulate innovation
 - Additional recycling capacity
 - Local recycling
- Removal of PET trays as a separate stream is recommended for high quality recycling.

- Conclusions study:
 - Maximize recycling
 - Development of, preferably nearby, recycling markets is stimulated
- Increase the recyclability of packaging through Design for Recycling is key !!!

- Although thermoformed PET packages are made from the same PET raw materials as the PET bottles, their ability to sort and recycle is not the same.
- There are several studies concluding that the PET trays cannot be mixed with PET bottles since they disrupt the efficient and high quality recycling of PET bottles.
- In addition, we must take into account the restrictions in sorting. There has been a lot of research into the sorting technologies to enable the detection and separation of (multilayer) PET trays and PET bottles. Other research is investigating alternative sorting options, e.g. using markers and identification systems, to secure a fast, efficient and accurate automatic sorting of PET trays.
- PET trays are valuable and recyclable products if they can be recycled in a separate streams and through customised PET recycling processes.
- Additional investments may be required to enable the recycling of PET trays in the future.
- The recycling of PET trays is subject to various restrictions linked to additives, adhesives sealing films. These are materials that are known to reduce the quality of rPET. Optimizing such packaging is an important step in the development of efficient recycling processes for PET trays. There are now several (often European) projects looking into design for recycling.

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