

# Circular packaging: the Dutch way

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#### As I see it

- Anyone can contribute to the world of tomorrow
  - → And most people would like to contribute
- Make sustainability easily accessible
  - → Which leads to a better appreciation for environment, products and materials
- Keep asking yourself questions like
  - → Am I doing the correct thing? Do I want this to happen?
- Sustainable leadership
  - → Inspire other people
- Be one and the same, both private and professional
  - → propagate professionally what you teach your children



#### Circular economy will bring...

**MOTIVATION FOR EMPLOYEES** 

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES** 

A BETTER COUNTRY

BETTER ENVIRONMENT

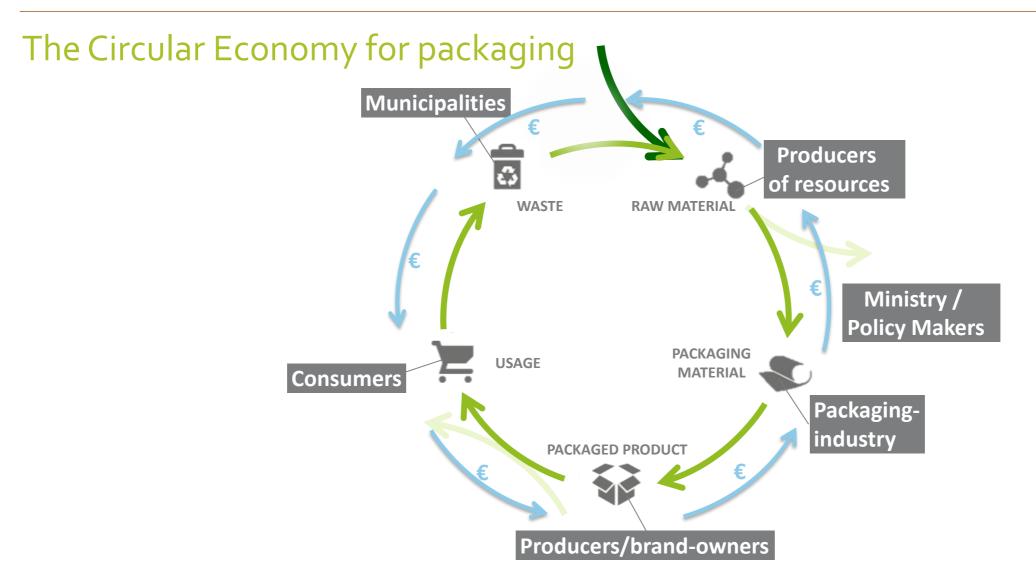
**MORE RECYCLING** 

**NEW POSSIBILITIES** 

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MORE AUTONOMY INNOVATION







#### Time for action

In the transition to a circular economy it is important that:

- Companies make every effort.
  - → Customize: there's not 'a one way forward', different routes can and should be followed.
- Governments accommodate the transition to a circular economy
  - → Stimulate: resolve (potential obstacles) & use carrots and sticks to reward good behavior and curb undesirable behavior.
- Companies and knowledge centers work on 'the infrastructure'
  - → Improve: develop and optimize the necessary technology and technique.





## Circular packaging

- Prevention
  - Prevent waste
  - Use as few resources as possible
- Re-use
  - Re-use the packaging as such
- Recycling
  - Recycle the materials used to protect the product



MuCell technology



Compressed deodorant



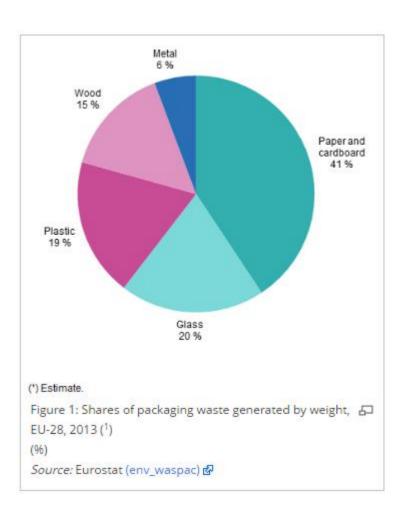
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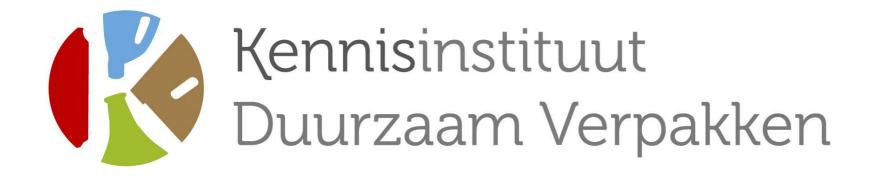




## Packaging waste generated

- A European citizen opens on average 7 pieces of packaging a day
- This adds up to 157 kilo packaging waste per person per year
- Which is almost 40% of the total household waste



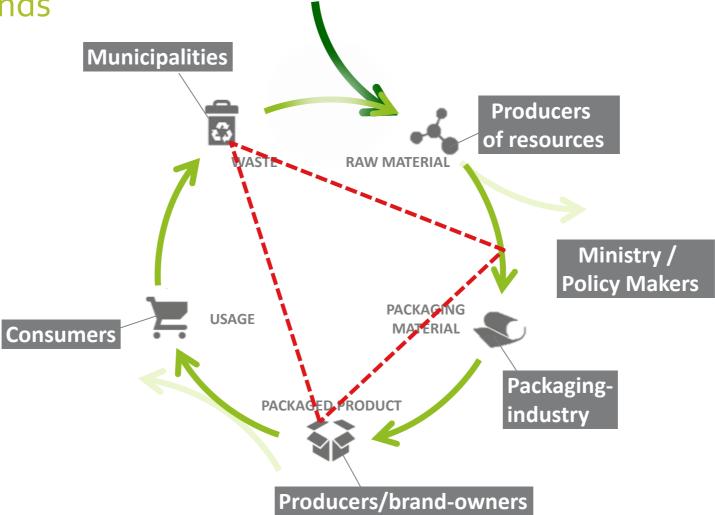


## The Netherlands in 2013





#### In the Netherlands





#### Netherlands institute for sustainable packaging

• Founded on January 1, 2013

Founding fathers in the board

 Advisory board of other parts of the circle

 Generate objective knowledge on a circular economy for packaging





#### KIDV - activities



Knowledgebase: the place to be for knowledge on sustainable packaging



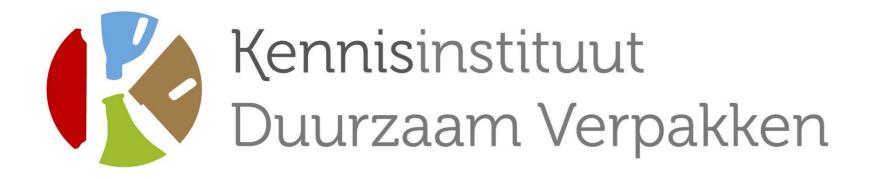
Online Packaging forum for consumers



Research programs



Sector innovation plans



## Sector innovation plans





#### Sector innovation plans for sustainable packaging

- Result of the three party agreement
- All companies, not only frontrunners
- More awareness of the circular economy in all levels of companies
- Scientific assessment



#### A few examples of expected impacts in 2018





10% weight reduction





5% weight reduction





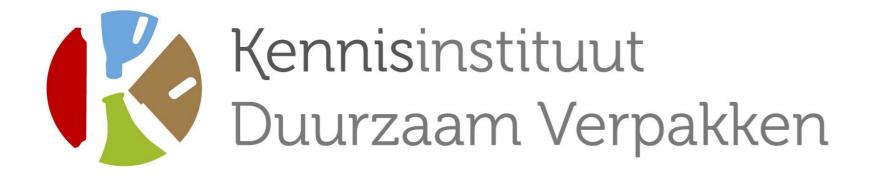


80% - 100% certified/recycled fibre



20% recycled **PET** 





# The need for knowledge

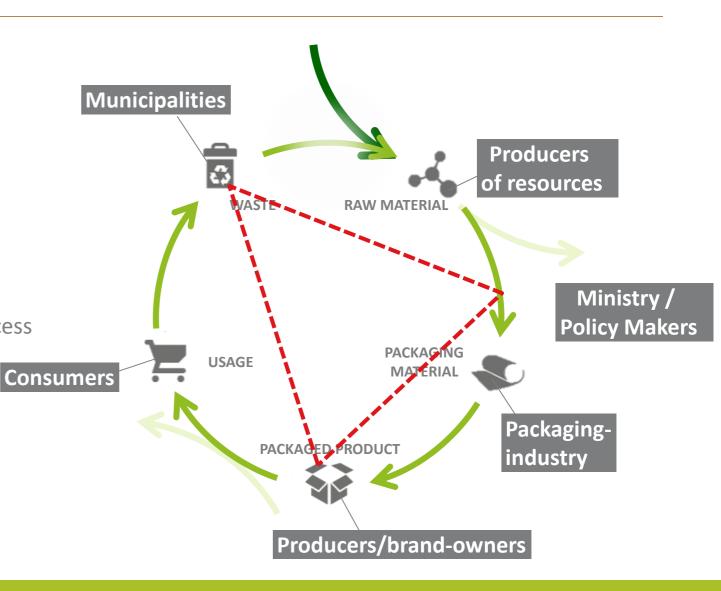




## Scientific research program

#### Work packages:

- Environmental Impact Assessment.
  - Inclusion of product loss
- Design tools (packaging)materials.
  - Include sustainable packaging in the design process
- Collecting & Recycling Efficiency.
  - Behaviour of consumers and citizens
- Optimizing Plastic Packaging Loop.
  - Strategic redesign





## Closing the loop for plastics

- Collection and recycling of plastic packaging waste is on the increase
- In The Netherlands: 16 kton in 2009 and 129 kton in 2014
- To market recycled plastic is a growing challenge, financial and technical
- From a supply to demand economy
- It is time to meet the quality standards for new products





#### Reducing climate change

- Circular economy an instrument for reducing climate change.
- Increased recycling of 2/3 of municipal solid waste can:
  - reduce the annual global greenhouse gas emissions by 6%
  - Europe's greenhouse gas emissions could annually be reduced by 4%
- Municipal solid waste makes up 10% of all waste generated.
- The potential reduction of greenhouse gases could be much higher, if other waste fractions were also taken into account.





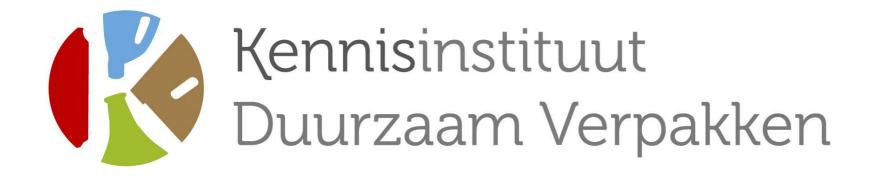
#### Reducing plastic bags

- 'Reducing the environmental impact of (plastic) carrier bags in the retail channel'
  - Pilot project: 'Can't we use fewer bags?'
  - Study of the environmental impact of carrier bags
- 1 January 2016: New legislation in the Netherlands

# Separate collection of beverage cartons

• 85% of the Dutch municipalities



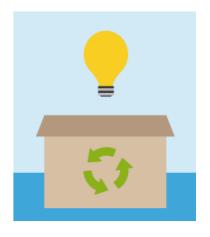


# Opportunities for your company



## 10 ways to improve the sustainability of packaging

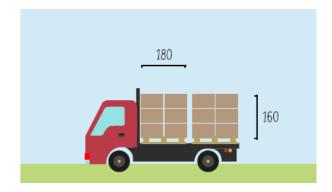
- 1. Use less material and prefer small and lightweight packaging.
- 2. Use recycled content or renewable resources if possible.
- 3. Fill the packaging as full as possible.
- 4. Try to make recyclable packaging by using mono-materials. Consumers can separate their waste easily. Talk about it with waste management organizations.
- 5. Look for possibilities to concentrate the product and make smaller packaging with less material.





- 6. Communicate with the consumer about disposing the packaging in the right way.
- 7. Do not use harmful substances in packaging materials.
- 8. Think about logistics when design new packaging. For example the size of pallets.
- 9. Take care of good waste management in your own company.
- 10. Don't be afraid to start.







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