

Your Voice In Europe: ROADMAP feedback for Communication: Strategy on Plastic in a Circular Economy (including action on marine litter)

User's data:

- Domain : Non governmental organisation
- Name : Petros Kamberis
- Email : petros.kamberis@foecyprus.org
- Country : Cyprus
- Organisation : Friends of the Earth Cyprus
- Headquarter : select
- Size : select
- Publication : can be published with your personal information

Related document: Communication: Strategy on Plastic in a Circular Economy (including action on marine litter)

Feedback:

Friends of the Earth Cyprus welcome the development of an EU Strategy on Plastic in a Circular Economy, but we believe that to affectively tackle the problems with plastics mentioned within the Roadmap, specific issues should be included and addressed. In order to have a strong and clear policy on Plastics in a Circular Economy towards sustainable development, minimizing the usage and need of plastics should be first priority.

Shifting to a near plastic free Circular Economy: To reduce and minimize the huge consumption and need for plastics, the Roadmap should stress the need for banning specific single use plastic products, plastics containing harmful or toxic substances to humans or wildlife and micro-plastics in all daily used products. For a stronger and true Circular economy, throwaway consumer habits need to change and unnecessary plastic packaging and disposable plastics should stop being an option.

Recycled plastics in Circular Economy: To be in-line with Circular Economy principles, using recycled plastics should be the main (in the future maybe the only) feed-stock in manufacturing processes. Furthermore plastics with high resources and energy demands in their recycling processes should be discouraged and in time abandoned. Chemical recycling should be further discussed if it is a sustainable practice and its place in Circular Economy.

Bio-based products: Shifting from virgin fossil fuel feed-stock to bio-based plastics is not tackling the problem enough. The Roadmap should stress the need for absolute reduction of plastic consumption and usage. This should be the highest priority and have clear and strong policies to be implemented. The development of Bio-based plastics and other feed-stocks should have strict conditions for their sustainability and life circle analysis. Also we would like to stress the need for a better and clearer communication with the consumers in what are the differences and impacts of bio-plastics, bio-based plastics, biodegradable plastics etc.

Consumer and Producer responsibility: While the Roadmap refers to the consumers' responsibility in littering, we believe that a more clear and extended producer responsibility will create a real change in consumer behavior as well as in shifting their economic activity in Eco-design, reuse and repair.

Pollution of waters: Pollution from plastics in all water environments is one issue needed to be stressed. Sea based sources of plastic pollution are not mentioned and micro-plastics are not confronted from their source.

Feedback file:

[PlasticsRoadmap_initialconsultation_FoECyprusComments.pdf](#)