



CLOSE THE GLASS LOOP

THE ACTION PLAN FOR POLAND

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Packaging Glass Recycling in Poland

Key figures

- ❖ **37 970 000** - population in Poland.
- ❖ **63%** - official packaging glass collection for recycling rate (2017)
- ❖ **740 089** tonnes of glass collected
- ❖ **19,5 kg** – estimated collection per person



Tonnage of container glass production (blue)
and collected for recycling (green)

Main challenges for glass collection & recycling

- ❖ Glass has good recycling performance compared to most other materials at national level. However the growth of recycling is too slow from glass recyclers' and producers' perspective.
- ❖ Collection quality in some of the local systems has to be vastly improved (including curb-side collection).
- ❖ Good practices regarding collection standards at National and European level need to be presented to all interested parties and firmly promoted to address these challenges.



Preliminary objectives on national level

Main aim: a meaningful increase of the quantity and the quality of glass packaging cullet collected

This includes the following goals:

- ✓ Collection for recycling increase of 350 000+ tonnes until 2030 (compared to 2019)
- ✓ Interim tonnage targets for 2023 and 2026
- ✓ Qualitative targets (currently under discussion).



Building the Partnership

- ❖ Draft National Action Plan for Close the Glass Loop platform was prepared by Polish Glass Manufacturers' Federation.
- ❖ The Federation represents both Polish glass manufacturers and glass recycling sector (cullet processors).
- ❖ Following fruitful internal discussions, glass producers and recyclers plan to expand their partnership and bring together other Stakeholders.
- ❖ The aim is to form the Close the Glass Loop National Platform by the end of 2020.



Measures & Actions

1. Vastly reducing the unrecycled cullet tonnage.
2. Actions to reduce contamination to be implemented.
3. Preferable collection manners to be defined with detailed list of activities improving and decreasing collection results.
4. The new ecodesign publication from June 2020 is the first action to boost the recycling foreseen in provisional National Action Plan.

