

## ELIPSO welcomes the consultation set up on deposit schemes for plastic bottles

*The draft law on the fight against waste and promoting the transition toward a Circular Economy will be presented on July the 3<sup>rd</sup> by the French Government. The article 12 of the project bill allows the creation of deposit schemes. CITEO (French Producer Responsibility Organization for packaging waste) announced a global consultation to increase the performance of collection and sorting of packaging. This consultation aims also to study the implementation of deposit schemes for plastic bottles. ELIPSO welcomes this consultation and hopes that this process will be carried out collectively and in coordination with the extension program of waste-sorting instructions in France. ELIPSO worried that recycled PET remains also available to all packaging producers.*

**Paris, June the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019** – On July the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the French Government will announce the draft law on the fight against waste and promoting the transition toward a Circular Economy.

The main provisions of the bill provide the possibility of a mandatory minimum incorporation rate of recycled material in new products as well as new sectors to be covered by Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). This will affect notably packaging for catering as early as 2021. Industrial and commercial packaging starting 2025. Household packaging EPR are already in force in the country. The contribution to EPR fees will be modulated, through a Bonus/Malus system up to 20% of the product price in regards with environmental performance criteria. It follows Elipso's members efforts on eco-design and recycled material incorporation.

The article 12 of the project bill allows the creation of deposit schemes. CITEO (French Producer Responsibility Organization for packaging waste) announced a global consultation on the deposit schemes set up in order to recycle beverage packaging<sup>1</sup>. Emmanuel Guichard, Elipso's Secretary General, indicates that *"the implementation of a deposit schemes in France becomes an evidence to meet the citizens expectations in environmental and littering issues."* Deposit schemes will allow France to reach the EU goal of 90% bottles collections in the following years.

Nevertheless, Elipso's members, mention the fact that the deposit schemes implementation must not interfere with every other national waste's plans such as the extension program of waste-sorting instructions. Emmanuel Guichard points out that *"Elipso will be very careful during this consultation on the consequences regarding other plastics packaging collection and the access to recycled PET, not only for bottles production but also for trays, boxes and films."*

Hence, it is clear that the deposit schemes must be considered collectively with all stakeholders in order to reach the goal of preserving our environment from waste and litters. Emmanuel Guichard concludes that *"Deposit schemes must be considered as a locomotive for recycled PET as well as every other plastic packaging in order to aim 100% of recovered plastic."*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.citeo.com/sites/default/files/2019-06/CP\\_Performance%20de%20collecte%20des%20emballages%20\\_boisson\\_20190606.pdf](https://www.citeo.com/sites/default/files/2019-06/CP_Performance%20de%20collecte%20des%20emballages%20_boisson_20190606.pdf)

ELIPSO is the trade organization that represents plastic and flexible packaging manufacturers in France. The plastic and flexible packaging industries employ 38,000 employees in 320 companies for annual turnover of €8.1 billion. These industries are active in every sector of industry and distribution (food & agriculture, beauty & health, personal care, cleaning, chemicals, industrial products, construction transport and logistics).

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