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FEVE, FERVER, EXPRA and EuRIC join forces for an ambitious and comparable measurement point for glass recycling

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FEVE, FERVER, EXPRA and EuRIC are committed to increasing the quality and efficiency of the glass recycling value chain through separate collection, quality recycling and closed loop manufacturing of glass. To help achieve this, a single, harmonised, ambitious and enforceable calculation methodology for the reporting of glass recycling in all Member States is needed.

All material streams should have an **equal level of ambition** when reporting recycling rates, regardless of the complexity of different recycling value chains. In the case of glass, FEVE, FERVER, EXPRA and EuRIC have a common understanding that the measurement point is at the **input to the cullet treatment plant**, as this is the “*recycling operation*” where waste is “*actually reprocessed into products*”. They also take the ambition further and propose that **non-glass losses and non-targeted materials should be deducted**.

“We are delighted to have such a strong partnership calling for comparable and ambitious reporting on glass recycling” stated **Adeline Farrelly, Secretary General of FEVE**. *“Measuring real recycling will drive local implementation of high quality separate collection for glass”*.

FEVE, FERVER, EXPRA and EuRIC also recommend **maintaining a clear and consistent legal framework** between the End-of-Waste Regulation, the EU Waste Framework Directive and the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive, which supports an ambitious and comparable implementation of the reporting.

“The measurement point for reporting on recycling rates in the Directive clearly refers to the actual reprocessing into products, materials and substances and must therefore be consistent with the EU end-of-waste criteria established for glass” insisted **Baudouin Ska, Secretary General of FERVER**. **Emmanuel Katrakis, EuRIC Secretary General**, further emphasized that *“it is key to show that the entire glass sector agrees on a single, robust and harmonised point of measurement for glass recycling which supports end-of-waste criteria and will further drive quality along the value chain”*.

The European Commission is still to finalise implementing legislation establishing rules for the calculation, verification and reporting of data for verifying compliance with the recycling targets set in the Waste Framework Directive and in the Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive. **EXPRA’s Managing Director, Joachim Quoden**, commented: *“We strongly welcome a uniform definition for the measurement of recycling and believe that recycled waste should be measured **at the gate of the recycling plant** as the data can only be ascertained until the plant’s gate, in order to deliver **fair and reliable statistics**. We welcome the initiative by the glass sector to agree on the “recycling operation”, which is crucial in this respect”*.

Further information on the joint position can be found [here](#).

ABOUT FERVER

FERVER is the association of glass recycling companies in Europe. Our members are spread over 19 countries and recycle more than 70% of the glass collected in Europe. More than 90% of their cullet production is handled as End-of-Waste in compliance with the European Regulation on End-of-Waste for Glass EU 1179/2012. This contributes significantly to the global circular economy and particularly to the conservation of the permanent status of glass. With their 79 plants, they provide employment to 2350 people. www.ferver.eu

ABOUT FEVE

FEVE is the Federation of European manufacturers of glass containers and machine-made glass tableware. Its members produce over 20 million tonnes of glass per year. The association has some 60 corporate members belonging to approximately 20 independent corporate groups. Manufacturing plants are located across 23 European States and include global blue chip and major companies working for the world's biggest consumer brands. The European container glass industry provides a wide range of glass packaging products for food and beverages as well as flacons for perfumery, cosmetics and pharmacy to their European and world customers. With its 160 manufacturing plants distributed all over Europe, it is an important contributor to Europe's real economy and provides employment to about 50,000 people, while creating a large number of job opportunities along the total supply chain. See more on www.feve.org

ABOUT EXPRA

The Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance (EXPRA) is the organisation for packaging and packaging waste recovery and recycling systems which are owned by the obliged industry and work on a not-for-profit or profit not for distribution basis. EXPRA acts as the authoritative voice and common policy platform representing the interests of its members, which are all founded and run by or on behalf of the obliged industry. Over the past 20 years, our 26 members across 24 countries, including 17 EU Member States, have co-organised the collection, sorting and recycling of used packaging (with a focus on household packaging) on behalf of the obliged industry. In so doing, they fulfil their legal take-back and recycling obligations, serving over 200 million inhabitants and recycling over 19 million tons of packaging per year. For more information, please visit www.expra.eu

ABOUT EuRIC

Through its Member Recycling Federations from 20 EU and EFTA countries, EuRIC represents today over: ✓ 5,500+ companies generating an aggregated annual turnover of about 95 billion €, including large companies and SMEs, involved in the recycling and trade of various resource streams; ✓ 300,000 local jobs which cannot be outsourced to third EU countries; ✓ An average of 150 million tons of waste recycled per year (metals, paper, plastics, glass and beyond). Recyclers play a key role in a circular economy. By turning wastes into resources, recycling is the link which reintroduces recycled materials into the value chains again and again. <https://www.euric-aisbl.eu/>
