

# ECA “Plastic-free”

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***ECA plastic-free* project**  
**is about reducing**  
**plastic packaging waste**  
**in-house**

# Why the ECA has undertaken such project?

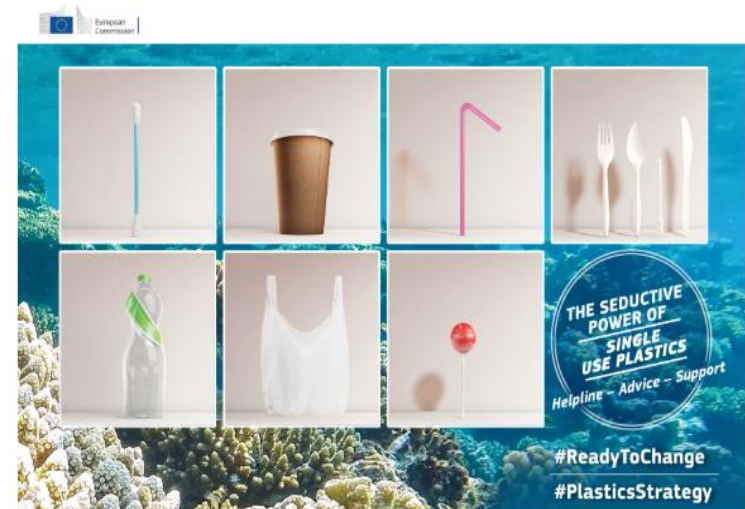
- **External context**

- UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (2015)
- UN initiative against marine plastic pollution (2017)



- European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy and proposed Directive on single-use plastics ban (2018)

- Sustainable reporting concept



# Why the ECA has undertaken such project?

## ECA internal environmental policy is fully in line with EMAS Regulation\* since 2017

ECA is committed to:

- *taking measures to prevent pollution and reduce carbon dioxide emissions;*
- *promoting the efficient use of energy and taking measures to reduce electricity and water consumption;*
- *ensuring more efficient use of paper in order to reduce consumption;*
- *including environmental criteria in its public procurement procedures;*
- *introducing best practices with regard to waste management;*
- *encouraging all staff to act sustainably and contribute actively to achieving the targets of this policy.*

\* *EMAS= Eco Management and Audit Scheme*



Performance,  
Credibility,  
Transparency

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- **ECA**

- European Parliament 2017 ECA discharge

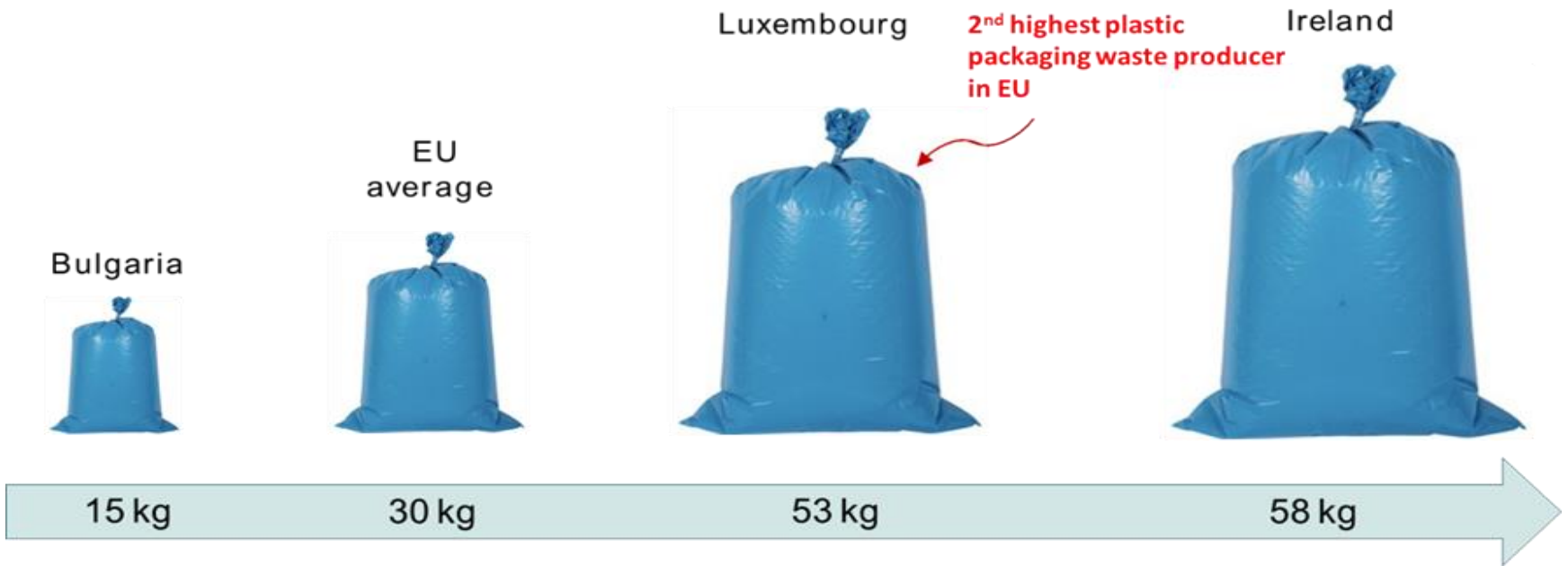
*With regard to the Environmental management system, which were the most important results achieved in 2017? What result was achieved in terms of reducing carbon dioxide emissions and reducing waste, especially plastic?*

- ECA audit on EU effectiveness on reducing plastic packaging waste is kicking-off now

- **Benchmarking from other EU institutions**

EP, CoJ, EEA...

# Local context matters as well



Source: EUROSTAT

# What has been done already?

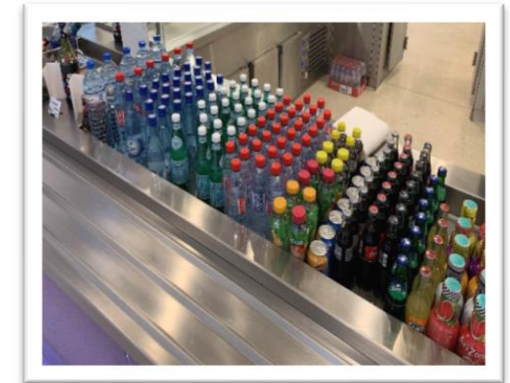
Ban on plastic, single use cups introduced in 2013



Source: Pixabay

# Main sources of plastic packaging waste generation in ECA

- Plastic bottles and single-use plastic packaging (canteen, cafeteria and vending machines)
- Single-use cups, plates used during receptions
- Laundry service



Source: ECA



# Proposed project scope

# Proposed scope of the project “ECA Plastic-free”

- 100% removal of plastic bottles and plastic packaging from the catering contract
- Installation of direct-piping water dispenser and removal of freestanding water dispensers with plastic containers
- Staff awareness campaign: introduction of reusable bottles
- Ban on use of single-use plastic cups, plates, cutlery during ECA receptions
- Removal of single-use plastic packaging from contract on laundry services

All measures should  
be applied by 2021

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Thank you for listening!



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