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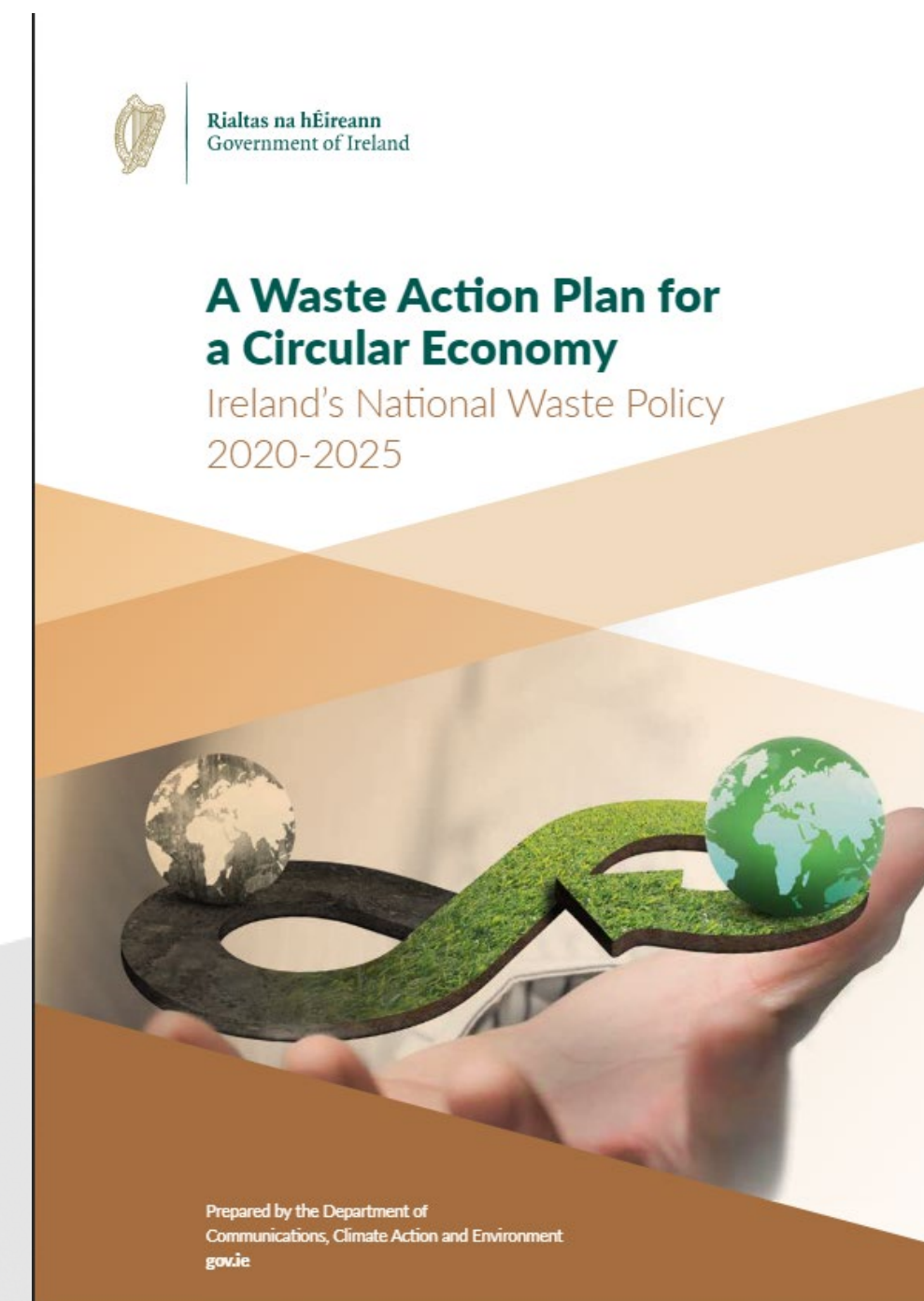
# A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy

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The WAPCE contains 205 individual measures which will be delivered on a phased basis over the lifetime of the Plan







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# Some measures delivered to date

- Enactment of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.
- Introduction of a Waste Recovery Levy of €10 per tonne, and a corresponding €10 per tonne increase to the Landfill Levy.
- Introduction of incentivised waste collection charging in the commercial sector.
- Expansion of requirements on waste collectors to provide all their customers with a brown bin collection service.
- Publication of Ireland's National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap 2023-2025.



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Ireland's National Food Waste  
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# Some measures delivered to date

- Publication of the Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2022-2023.
- EPA published updated Green Public Procurement (GPP) guidance for public sector in 2021. EPA has also funded GPP training and published reports on GPP activity by Government Departments for reference years 2021 & 2022.
- Creation of the Circular Economy Fund, replacing the Environment Fund.
- Banning certain single use plastics from the Irish market.

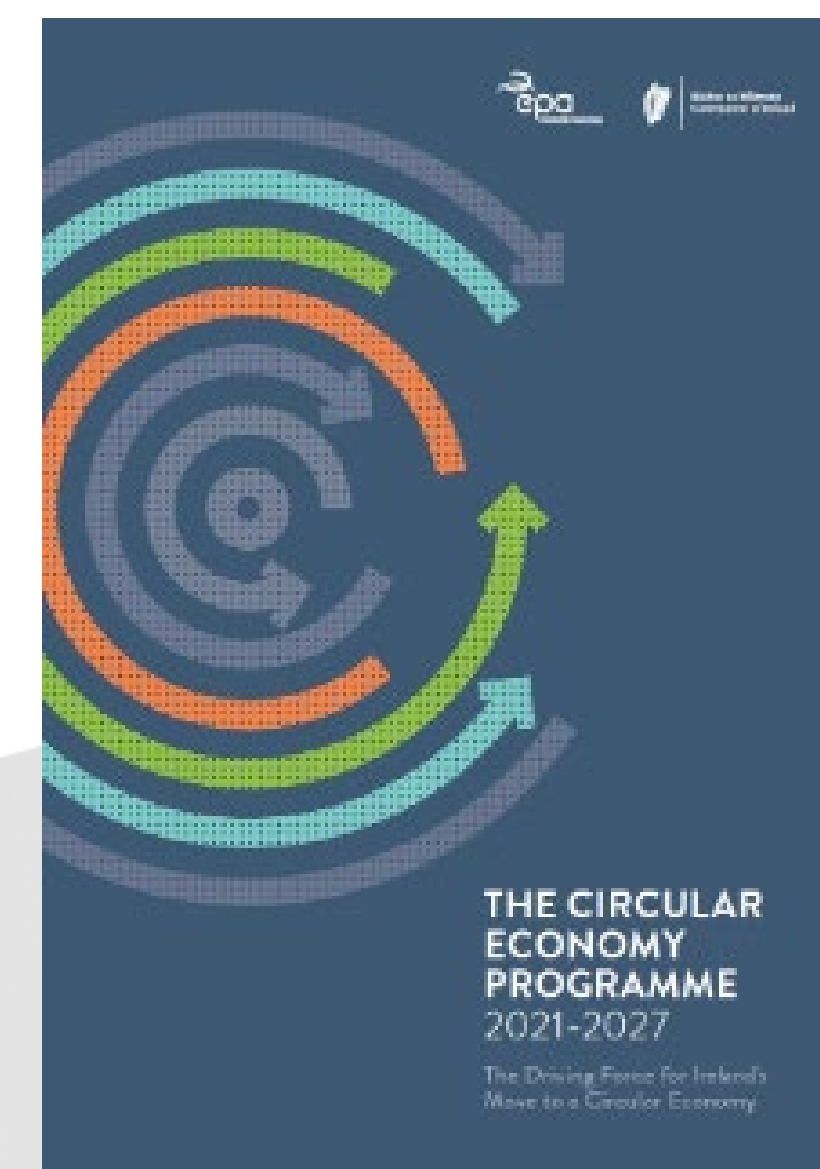




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# Some measures delivered to date

- Reconfiguring the EPA National Waste Prevention Programme to become the Circular Economy Programme.
- Expansion of the list of items acceptable in the household recyclable bin to now include soft plastics.
- Establishment of a new EPR scheme for tobacco products.
- Establishment of National End-of Waste-Criteria for recycled aggregates.







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# Some upcoming measures

- A Deposit and Return Scheme (DRS) for certain plastic bottles and cans which will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.
- The local authority sector will shortly publish A Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy, which will contain targets for reuse, repair, resource consumption and recycling, and address measures such as the enhanced use of civic amenity sites as circular economy hubs.
- DECC is in the process of preparing a new Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan which it intends to submit for Government approval in 2024. A draft Plan was made available for public consultation in September 2023.





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# Some upcoming measures

- The NWCPO will publish a report on incentivised charging for waste collection later this year.
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to include all categories of tyres.
- The EPA are currently finalising National By-Product Criteria for Greenfield Soil and Stone.

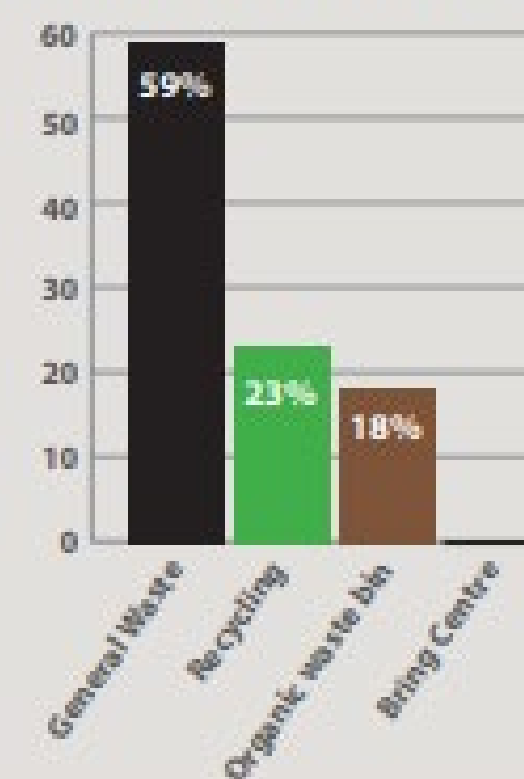
## 2022 Household Municipal Waste Characterisation



### Household Waste Segregation

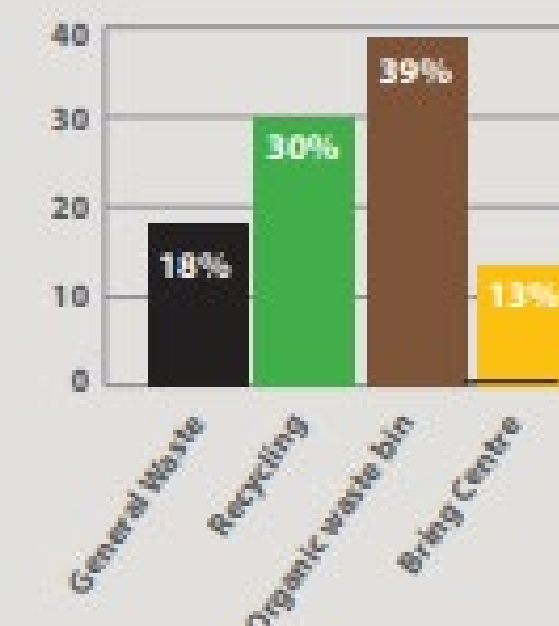
#### Where is it going?

Actual (2022) segregation of household kerbside waste



#### Where should it go?

If household kerbside waste were segregated optimally







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# Still to be delivered

- Develop separate collection systems for household hazardous waste and textiles by the end of 2024.
- Introduce a levy on single use hot beverage cups “the latte levy”.
- Finalise proposed legislative amendments to Waste Management Act and EPA Act to allow for EPA licensing process to be more streamlined.







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# Thank you

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