

Plastic-Free Communities – Lesson 2

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A study conducted in Ireland found that 73% of deep sea fish had ingested plastic and a 2015 study reported that 90% of seabirds have plastic in their gut. These revelations have raised public awareness and concern over plastic waste, prompted calls for action and led to an EU level response.

- The new European strategy for plastics released in January 2018 stipulates that all plastic packaging shall be reusable or recyclable in a cost effective manner by 2030.
- In March 2019 the European Parliament voted overwhelmingly to ban in the EU by 2021: Single-use plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons and chopsticks), single-use plastic plates, plastic straws, cotton bud sticks made of plastic, plastic balloon sticks, oxo-degradable plastics and food containers and expanded polystyrene cups. In addition Member states will have to achieve a 90% collection target for plastic bottles by 2029.

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