

# April - Packaging

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# Case Study: Single-Use plastic products strategy for Malta

<b>Month:</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Packaging</b>
<b>Case Study Title:</b>	<b>Single-use plastic products strategy for Malta</b>



<b>Name of the Climate or Social</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Resources Authority Government of Malta, Ministry for the Environment, Climate</b>
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<b>Enterprise or Activist Group:</b>	<b>Change, and Planing</b>
<b>What is their Story?</b>	The Environment & Resources Authority came out with a strategy to reduce the use of plastic products in Malta. Statistical data on the main single-use plastic products found in the environment could be more extensive. Therefore, the strategy focuses on specific products, such as packaging items - plastic carrier bags, beverage bottles, containers, disposable cutlery and plates, straws, cups, and other types of plastic food containers. As a result, various policy options were considered to target single-use plastic items, such as consumption reduction, market restrictions, and waste management measures. Implementing such measures requires several changes to the current legislation, yet, Malta is willing to change it to positively impact the environment.
<b>Link to the Case Study:</b>	<a href="https://era.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Single-Use-Plastic-Products-Strategy-for-Malta-2021-2030-Rethink-Plastic.pdf">https://era.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Single-Use-Plastic-Products-Strategy-for-Malta-2021-2030-Rethink-Plastic.pdf</a>
<b>Why is this a Good Example to Follow?</b>	The use of plastic products, especially plastic packaging, is enormous worldwide. Many countries' leaders do not take this seriously or don't know how insufficient plastic packaging can be to the environment. An example of Malta can inspire other countries to implement similar strategies and reduce the use of plastic packaging.
<b>What Impact has this case study example achieved?</b>	There are certain regulations on the use of plastic materials, for instance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the placement on the market of lightweight plastic carrier bags is restricted</li> <li>● An established voluntary scheme for grocery shopping to make people aware of plastic packaging and the fact that there are packaging-free foods.</li> <li>● Deposit refund schemes to collect separate beverage bottles were introduced.</li> </ul>
<b>References</b>	Environment & Resources Authority, Government of Malta, "Single-Use Plastic Products Strategy for Malta: 2021-2030 Rethink Plastic." <a href="https://era.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Single-Use-Plastic-Products-Strategy-for-Malta-2021-2030-Rethink-Plastic.pdf">https://era.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Single-Use-Plastic-Products-Strategy-for-Malta-2021-2030-Rethink-Plastic.pdf</a> <a href="https://mcst.gov.mt/horizon-europe-malta/single-use-plastic-products-strategy-malta-2019-2025-re-think-plastic/">https://mcst.gov.mt/horizon-europe-malta/single-use-plastic-products-strategy-malta-2019-2025-re-think-plastic/</a>



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