

Driver of Change #3 Circular Economy: Aluminium as the front-runner



The new Circular Economy Package represents a unique opportunity to move to a real resource-efficient economy. It is about collecting more secondary raw material and ensuring it is properly and efficiently sorted and treated so that it can be re-used endlessly in new products. Enhancing recycling in Europe will contribute to reduce the dependency on imports, save on energy and resources in general.

KEY POLICY AREAS



Revised EU waste legislation proposal to boost recycling and prevent the production of waste



Closing the loop - An EU action plan for the Circular Economy



OUR STRATEGIC ASKS

COLLECTION & SORTING

Maximise the collection of available aluminium and phase out landfilling of recyclable materials.

INNOVATION

Stimulate innovation and investment in more efficient collection, sorting and treatment technologies.

EHS STANDARDS

Minimise leakage of aluminium scrap out of Europe, and ensure a level playing field with equivalent EHS standards.

KNOW THE FACTS

95%

recycling aluminium saves energy compared to primary production

75%

thanks to its endless recyclability, 75% of all aluminium ever produced is still in use today

1 million tonnes

aluminium scrap exported to non-European countries in 2014

RECYCLING ALUMINIUM MATTERS



over 220 recycling plants and 25,000 indirect jobs



10.5 million tonnes of recycled aluminium in 2015



High end of life recycling rates: > 90% in construction and automotive and 60% in packaging