



Bulgarian Recovery and Recycling Association –  
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## Who are we?

- A sectoral association of the Bulgarian recycling and recovery industry.
- BRRA unites 27 leading companies driving the circular economy in Bulgaria, including 23 packaging waste recycling companies and the 4 national packaging waste recovery organizations (PROs).



## Bulgarian Recovery and Recycling Association

- Direct participant in the process of the “circular economy” at both national and international levels.
- Member of the Bulgarian Industrial Association (BIA) with an active role in discussing changes and improvements to the national regulatory framework.
- Member of FEAD (European Waste Management Association) – direct participant in the dialogue on legislative changes at the EU level.
- Member of Plastic Pact Bulgaria – a platform for exchanging experience, ideas, and best practices between businesses, institutions, and NGOs.



### Contribution of the Recycling Industry in Bulgaria

- Facilities for recycling all types of packaging waste: paper, metal, glass, plastic, and wood.
- Over 400 million BGN invested in the sector in the last 5 years.
- More than 5,000 people employed in collection, transport, sorting, and recycling of packaging waste.
- The recycling sector consists of both large international investors and 100% Bulgarian-owned companies.





## Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs)

- Separate collection in Bulgaria began in 2004 with the first PROs.
- Today there are 4 organizations, covering 6,151,030 residents.
- In 2024, they ensured the recovery of 465,299.718 tons of packaging waste.





## Recycling in Bulgaria

- Bulgaria is the largest recycler in Europe per capita.
- Many recycling companies are entirely Bulgarian-owned.
- Innovations in recycling are implemented in all factories, regardless of material type.
- The recycling capacity is so high that local raw material is insufficient, requiring imports from EU member states.
- This makes Bulgaria a reliable and desirable partner.

## Our Goal

We protect nature with added value – resources from waste.

- Bulgaria meets and even exceeds EU targets for separate collection of packaging waste.
- In 2024, PROs delivered 69% of packaging placed on the market for recycling (above the legal requirement of 61%).
- Over the last 5 years, there has been a 12% increase – or 30,000 tons more – in collected and recycled packaging waste.

## We Produce Resources for the Bulgarian and European Economy

- Recycled packaging waste materials are used in Bulgarian enterprises as well as exported within and outside the EU.





## Circular Economy – Long-term Policy at European, National, and Municipal Levels

What do we expect and work for?

- Applying EU best practices after careful assessment of market realities and challenges.
- Adapting national legislation to reflect market realities and encourage the development of the circular economy.
- Cooperating with institutions to establish legislation, rules, and processes that ensure sustainability, predictability, and clear rules in dialogue with business, municipalities, and NGOs.



**THANK YOU for your interest and attention!**

