

# Which bag do I put it in?











## A proposal for an EU-wide uniform recycling bag labelling system









Across the EU, consumers are confused as to which bag to put their domestic waste in for recycling. Colour coded bags are different from country to country. What's in and what's out varies from town to town. The result is lower recycling rates.

Consumers need a system that:



- matches a logo on the product to a logo on the waste bag
- is compatible with the existing colour coding systems
- works across the EU.

This system is explained below.

Logo on product	Logo on bag	Material
		Not recyclable
		Paper and cardboard
		PET
		Other recyclable plastics
		Cartons and Tetrapak

		Aluminium
		Other recyclable metals
		Glass bottles and jars
		Organic waste

**Types of bags (example)**

	
Multiple material bag	Plastics and cartons bag

**Next steps**

EU manufacturers need to change their product labels.  
 EU municipalities need to reprint their bags.