





## Überleben im Dschungel von Nachhaltigkeit und Digitalisierung ECR Tag 2019

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### 1. People will no longer accept the environmental damages $B \bigoplus P$



#### 2. NGOs will redefine the plastics economy





Source: In the style of Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Global flows of plastic packaging materials in 2013; https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/assets/downloads/publications/NPEC-Hybrid\_English\_22-11-17\_Digital.pdf

#### 3. Legal activities will increase

Estimated number of new regulations on single-use plastics entering into force at national level worldwide



https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/25496/singleUsePlastic\_sustainability.pdf

#### 4. Packaging will be #1 target



# **European plastics demand** 2015



# **EU plastic waste generation** 2015

### 59% Packaging



# **500,000 tonnes of plastic** in the oceans

### = 66,000 Rubbish trucks



Source: In the style of "A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy", European Commission, Brussels, 16.01.2018; Plastics Europe (2016) EU-28, Norway and Switzerland; Eunomia, 2017

#### 5. Retailers will drive the change Example: Aldi 'Packaging Mission' in Germany





Aldi is pursuing a goal to **reduce private label packaging weight by 30% by 2025**, when compared to 2015 and relative to revenue.

In comparison to 2015, Aldi Nord und Aldi Süd have **saved over 40,000 tons of packaging** over the past year.



Of which 22,000t of plastic (-9%) = 8 Mil. waste bags ('yellow bags')

For Private labels (approx. -1.5 to -1.8%) -15.000t of packaging

Foregoing plastic films for cucumbers -120t of plastic

Source: https://www.presseportal.de/pm/112096/4396088, https://www.aldi-nord.de/unternehmen/presse/aldi-packt-aus-discounter-starten-offensive-gegen-verpackungsabfall.html; B+P-Estimations based on: https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/verpackungsverbrauch-in-deutschland-weiterhin-sehr and https://de.statista.com/statistik/daten/studie/75383/umfrage/marktanteile-von-aldi-und-lidl-nach-hersteller--handelsmarken/

# 6. Brand owners will join the movement Example: Coca-Cola





Source: https://thegourmetjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Dont-buy-Coca-Cola-if-you-dont-help-us-recycle.jpg

#### 7. Packaging materials and structures will change





#### Stiftung Zentrale Stelle VERPACKUNGSREGISTER

#### IK Germany

- Round Table Eco Design of Plastic Packaging
- Guideline in test phase

#### ZSVR

- Foundation "Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister"/UBA
- Guideline on the assessment of the recyclability of packaging
- Draft status



#### Cyclos-HTP

- Institute cyclos-HTTP
- Verification and examination of recyclability
- Guideline available



#### EMF

- Ellen MacArthur Foundation
- Design for Recyclability
   Guidelines for Plastic-Based
   Flexible Barrier Packaging
- Guideline not yet published

### 8. Platform economy will accelerate the change



THE FIRST FULLY DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR RECYCLED MATERIALS

#### Packaging platforms



#### **Recycling platforms**

Source: https://www.labelprint24.com/en/; https://www.packitoo.com/index-en.html; https://www.cirplus.de/; https://pathway21.com/

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#### **Circular Economy**



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Source: https://www.statista.com/chart/18299/how-we-eat-drink-and-breathe-microplastics/ Based on different number of studies; for further information see original source

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- (Digital) Platform economy + E-Commerce
- Digital packaging supply chain
- Smart packaging
- E-Commerce Packaging



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Source: https://born2invest.com/articles/important-sun-art-retail-alibaba/how-important-is-sun-art-retail-to-alibaba-1/; https://cn-en.kantar.com/business/retail/2017/hema-in-the-spotlight/ Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VqtLgr3Oj0



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#### Poor agility is the price we have to pay



Source: ESKO at AIPIA CONFERENCE 2017 – digital penetration by industry; packaging relaunch time-to-market reality and expectations

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Source: https://www.amazon.de/dp/1472480244/ref=asc\_df\_147248024458062981

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12 Film structures cover almost every food application!



5 Mono-Material Systems will cover almost every food application!



circular economy solutions

Quelle: https://epacflexibles.com/services/;

https://www.borealisgroup.com/news/thinking-circular-borealis-launches-everminds-a-new-communication-platform-dedicated-to-circular-economy-solutions

#### The question is not if, but when and how







# Agility

"The purest form of madness is to leave everything as it is and hope that something will change at the same time."

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