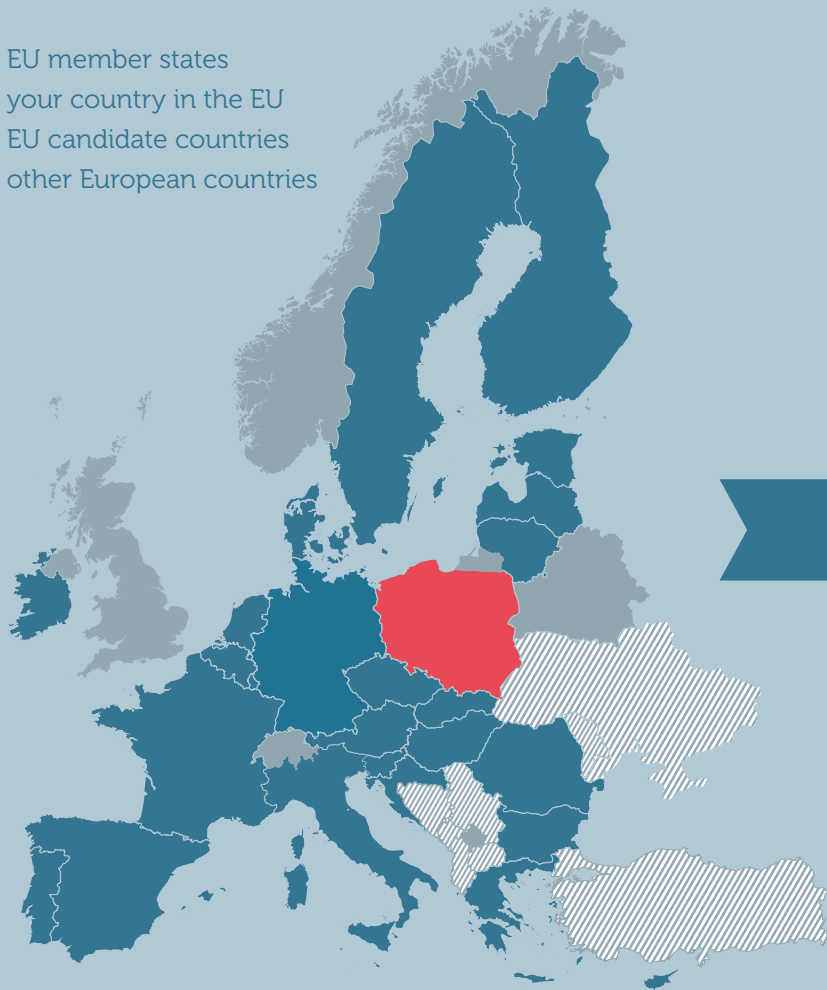


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Poland



# Your country in the EU



## Poland

EU MEMBER SINCE:	2004
CURRENCY:	Złoty (zł)
CAPITAL:	Warsaw
LANGUAGE:	Polish



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MEMBER STATES:	27
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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



38 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: medium

## National plastic ban



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no

Why?:

We do not think it is good to ban something. Some people want to buy their fruit and vegetables in plastic packaging. It is convenient for transporting the groceries, for example.

Why?:

In Poland, there are many people who produce plastic packaging. If we ban plastic packaging for fruit and vegetables, they might lose their jobs.



When?

never



Why?:

People like to do things voluntarily. No one wants to be forced. The producers of fruit and vegetables will do without plastic themselves if no one buys packaged fruit and vegetables any more.

Must or can?

can

Why?:

If people want to continue buying fruit and vegetables in plastic packaging, we should not stop them. That is for each person to decide.

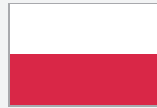


Why?:

High fines put pressure on producers. They then have to sell their fruit and vegetables without plastic packaging, although this would be much more practical.

Why?:

Fines are useless. It is better to convince the producers that other packaging is better.



Fines?

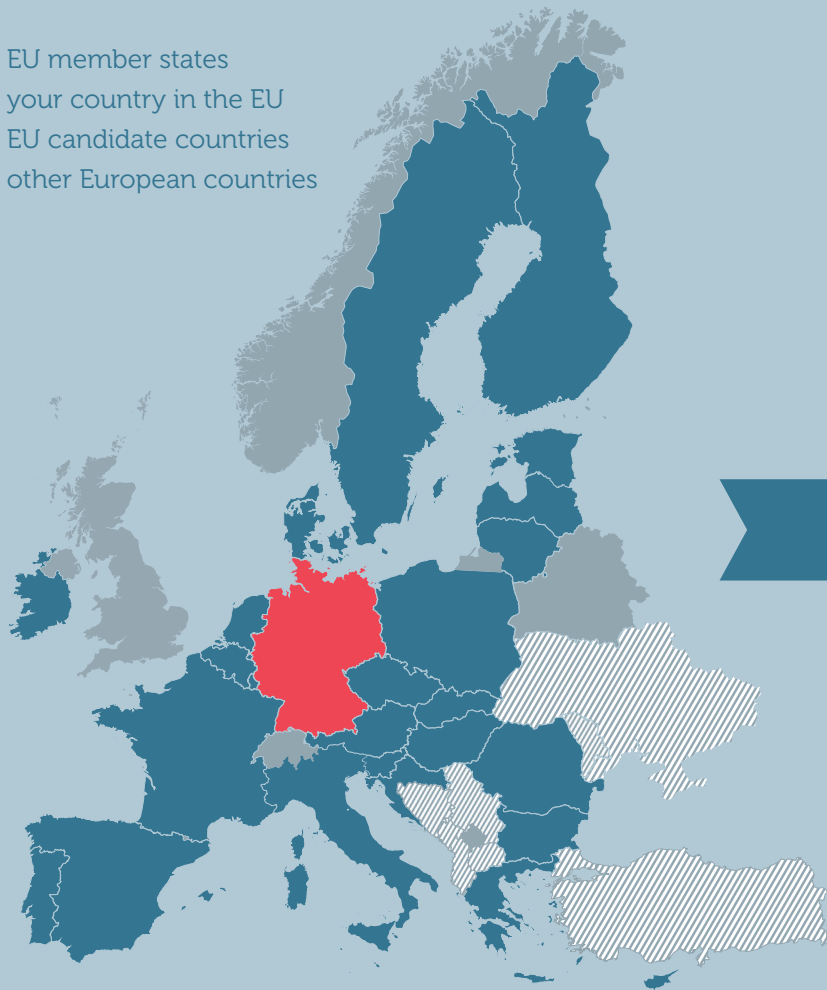
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Germany



# Your country in the EU



## Germany

MEMBER OF THE EU SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Berlin
LANGUAGE:	German



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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



84 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: a lot

## National plastic ban



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no

Why?:

It is important that we use less plastic. That is why we should stop wrapping fruit and vegetables in it.

Why?:

Fruit and vegetables in plastic often last longer. We therefore need to take time so that we can look for alternative types of packaging.



When?

in two years



Why?:

It should be mandatory to do without plastic packaging for fruit and vegetables. Otherwise, many will just carry on as before and use plastic.



## Can or must?

must

Why?:

It is important that we use less plastic in Europe. We generate a lot of waste, which is not good! That is why the law should be mandatory.



Why?:

If producers of fruit and vegetables continue to use plastic, they should be punished, because otherwise nothing ever changes. But the fines should not be too high.

Why?:

Producers of fruit and vegetables need money to develop new packaging. If it takes longer to produce the new packaging, they already have to spend a lot of money on it. Low fines therefore make sense.



Fines?

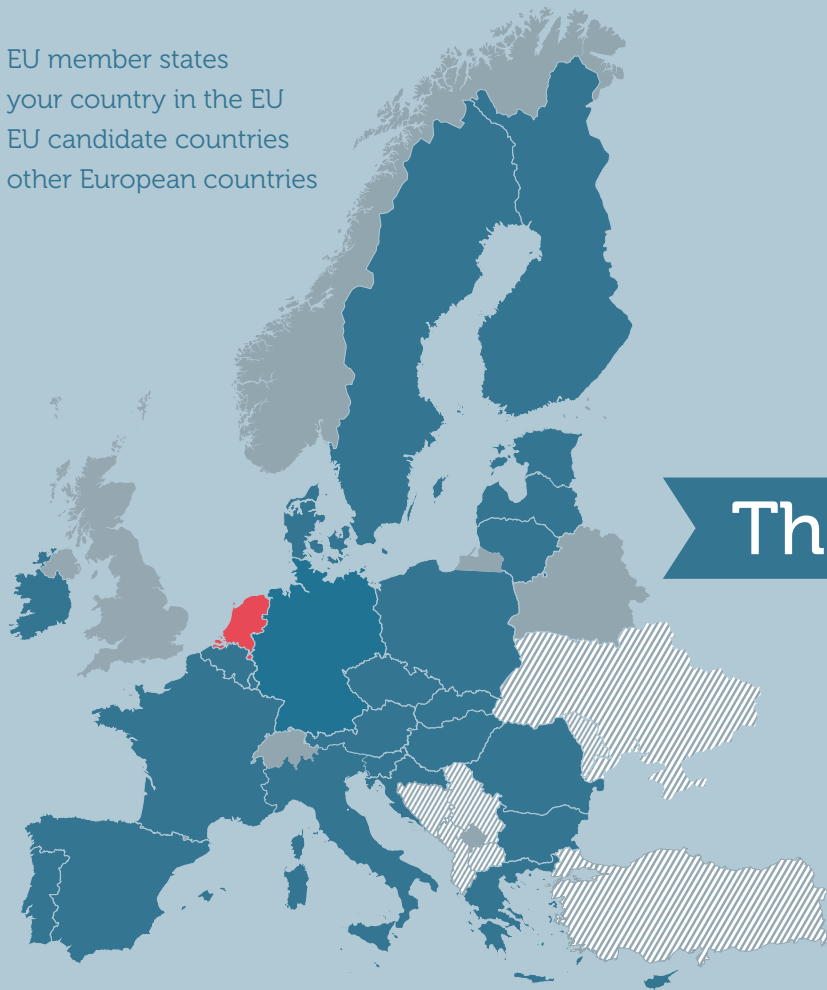
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The Netherlands



# Your country in the EU



## The Netherlands

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Amsterdam
LANGUAGE:	Dutch



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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



18 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: medium

## National plastic ban



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no

Why?:

Fruit and vegetables packed in plastic often last longer. In the Netherlands, we try to prevent food from being thrown away. Banning all plastic packaging is therefore not a wise move anytime soon.

Why?:

We need to find alternatives to plastic! We need time to find other materials to wrap them in.



When?

in five years





Why?:

It is important that everyone across the EU uses much less plastic. Therefore, it should be an obligation for everyone to avoid plastic in the packaging of fruit and vegetables.



Must or can?

must

Why?:

Viel Plastikmüll gelangt ins Meer. Wir sind ein Land, das eine große Küste und viele Strände hat. Wir wollen dort keinen Plastikmüll haben, daher sollte ein Verbot verpflichtend sein.

Why?:

Fruit and vegetables should no longer be packed in plastic. Those who do so anyway should be punished. But the fines should not be too high.

Why?:

Fines are no problem for large businesses. However, we want to protect small businesses in particular. They cannot afford to pay high fines.

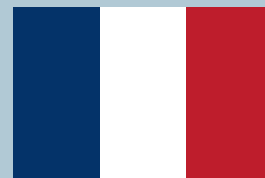


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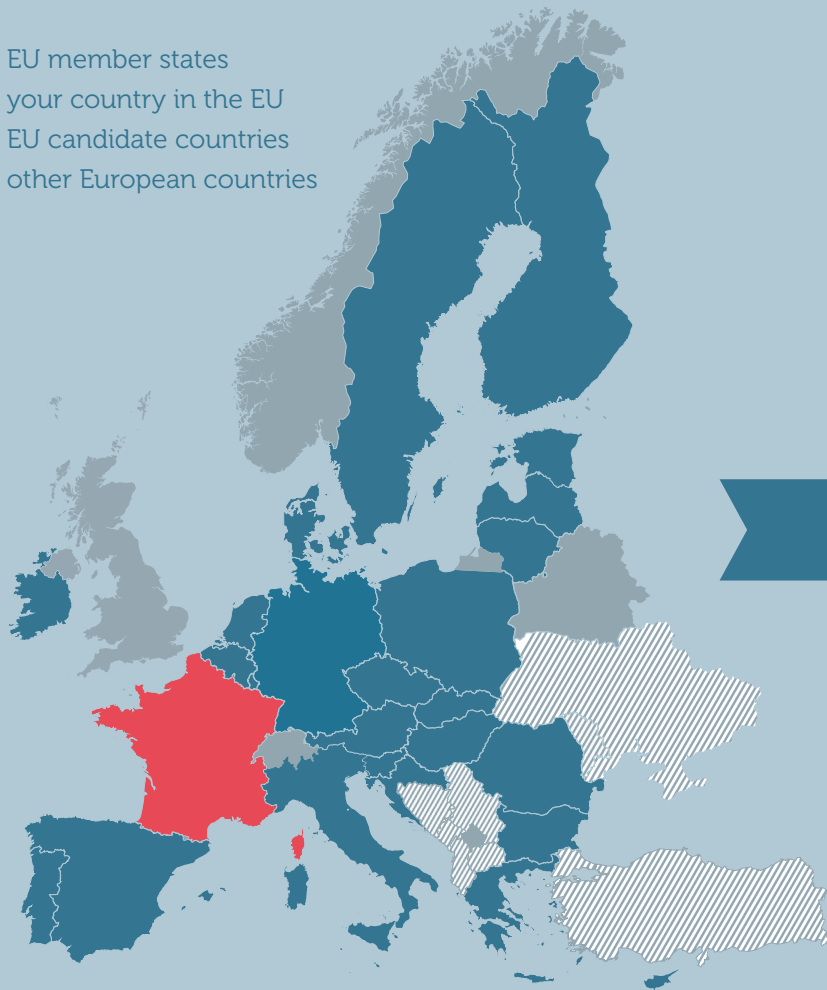
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France



# Your country in the EU



## France

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Paris
LANGUAGE:	French



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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



68 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: a lot

## National plastic ban



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: yes

Why?:

A lot of the fruit and vegetables we sell are wrapped in plastic. This often ends up in the environment and pollutes our planet. We therefore need to ban plastic as soon as possible!

Why?:

More and more companies have ideas on how to package fruit and vegetables without plastic. There are many that use paper, for example. It is much more environmentally friendly and can be quickly introduced!



When?

this year



Why?:

We see that nothing happens voluntarily. Fruit and vegetables are very often packed in plastic. We have to stop that.



Must or can?

must

Why?:

Everyone in Europe must use less plastic. Only if the law applies everywhere will we really reduce plastic. In France, we already have such a ban to set a good example.



Why?:

If there are no heavy fines, then no one will follow the rules. Then fruit and vegetables will continue to be sold in plastic. We do not want that.

Why?:

Fines are not unfair or too high. After all, those who follow the rules do not have to pay a fine.



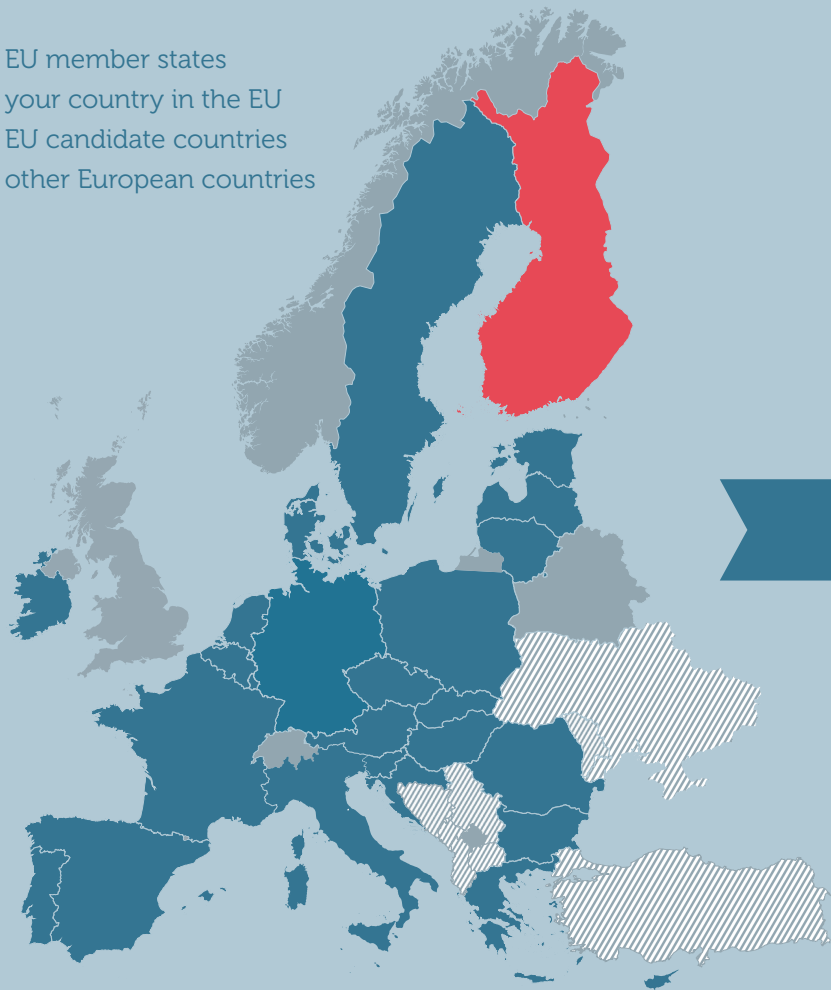
Fines?

high fines





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Finland

# Your country in the EU



## Finland

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1995
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Helsinki
LANGUAGE:	Finnish, Swedish



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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



6 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: little

## National plastic ban



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no

Why?:

We should not rush things. All fruit and vegetable producers need time to adjust. We have to give them that time.

Why?:

Plastic is used in very many areas of life. We want to change that in Finland and we are on the right track. Fruit and vegetable packaging is not so important, we should focus on other areas.



When?

in five years



Why?:

There are already many shops that only sell fruit and vegetables without plastic packaging. The more people buy fruit and vegetables without packaging, the less producers will use plastic. So we do not need a ban.



Must or can?

can

Why?:

It is important to explain to people why they should not use plastic. For this we do not need a ban on plastic but more education!



Why?:

If producers of fruit and vegetables decide to use plastic, they should pay a fine. We can use the money to do something for the environment.

Why?:

Fines should not be so harsh. If producers of fruit and vegetables do pack their goods in plastic, they should not go out of business because of the fines. That helps no one!



Fines?

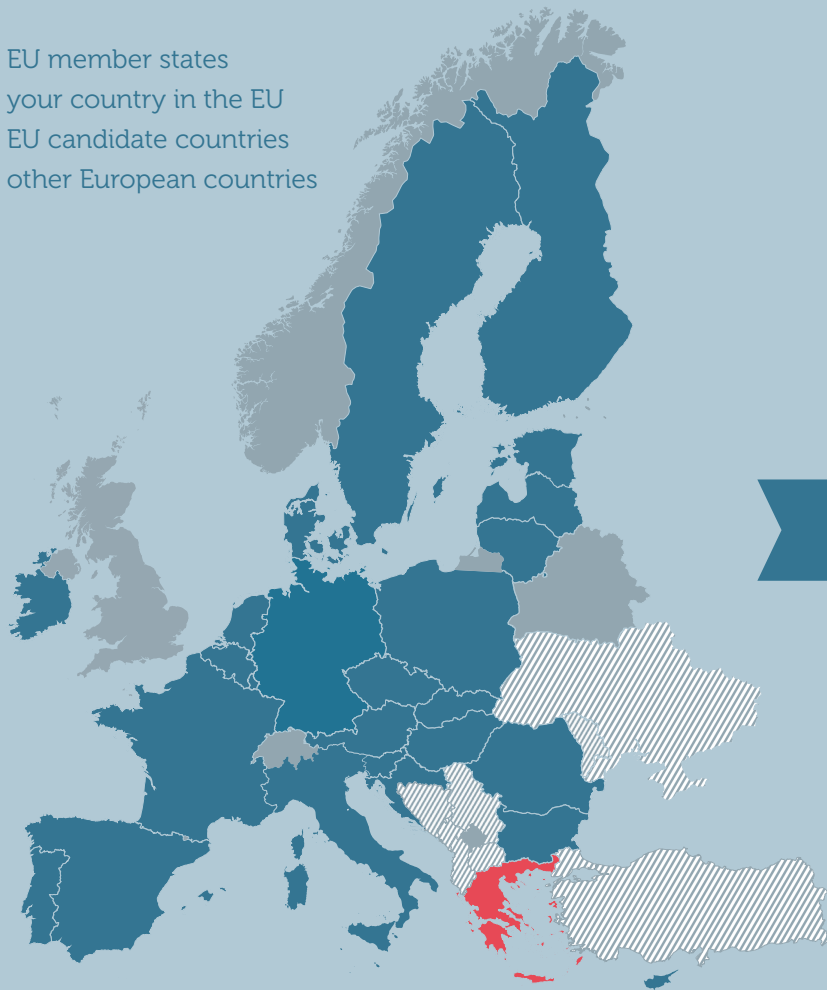
low fines



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Greece



# Your country in the EU



## Greece

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1981
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Athens
LANGUAGE:	Greek



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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



11 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: very little

## Plastikverbot



IM LAND VORHANDEN: nein

Why?:

There are many alternatives to plastic. Fruit and vegetables in particular do not need to be packaged. We should get rid of plastic packaging as soon as possible.

Why?:

There is a lot of plastic waste on our beaches. This is not nice and bad for the environment! That is why we need to act quickly.



When?

next year



Why?:

In Greece, many people buy fruit and vegetables at the market. There is little plastic packaging here. But this is not the case in other countries, which is why we need a ban throughout the EU.



Must or can?

must

Why?:

We have a responsibility towards nature and our environment. We have to reduce the consumption of plastic, and it needs to be mandatory!

Why?:

Producers of fruit and vegetables now have to think about how they can package their food differently. This costs money. If it takes them longer, we shouldn't also demand high fines, then companies could go broke.

Why?:

If we do not have fines, many simply will not follow the rules. We should not allow that to happen. However, fines should not be too high.



Fines?

low fines



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Romania

# Your country in the EU



## Romania

EU MEMBER SINCE:	2007
CURRENCY:	Leu (L)
CAPITAL:	Bucarest
LANGUAGE:	Romanian



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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



19 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: little

## National plastic ban



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no

Why?:

It is important that we do something to protect the environment. Therefore, we should avoid plastic, but that takes time.

Why?:

We in Romania already use quite little plastic. So for us, this problem is not so urgent. We can wait a bit before it needs a law.



When?

in two years





Why?:

In Romania, many people already buy fruit and vegetables that are not packaged in plastic. So, we do not need a ban, people do it by themselves.



Must or can?

can

Why?:

Berries and lettuce last longer if they are wrapped in plastic. So, it should remain voluntary whether fruit and vegetables continue to be packaged in plastic.



Why?:

We do not want fines. If there are fines, the law is no longer voluntary, and that is important to us.

Why?:

If you think something is good, you do it voluntarily. In that case, you do not need to threaten people with fines. We should convince producers not to pack fruit and vegetables in plastic.

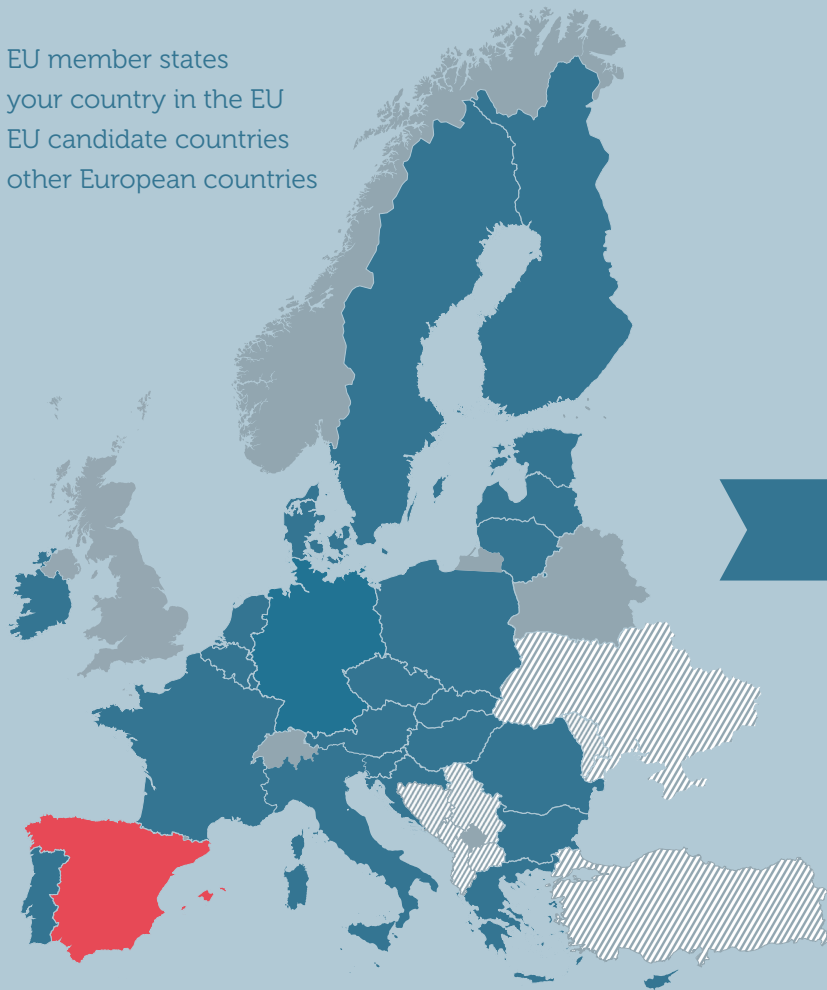


Fines?

no fines



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Spain

# Your country in the EU



## Spain

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1986
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Madrid
LANGUAGE:	Spanish



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# Information on your country

## Inhabitants



47 million

## Plastic consumption



WASTE PER PERSON: a lot

## National plastic ban



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: yes

Why?:

It is very bad for the environment that we use so much plastic. Fruit and vegetables in particular do not need to be packed in plastic. We have to change that quickly!

Why?:

In Spain, there are many people who buy cut fruit in the supermarket. Unfortunately, this is often packed in plastic. We need a little time to think of an alternative for this.



When?

next year





Why?:  
In Spain, we already have a law that reduces plastic packaging for fruit and vegetables. We want this to become mandatory throughout the EU.



## Must or can?

must



Why?:  
People and companies do not change anything voluntarily. We need an obligation, otherwise many people will continue to use plastic packaging.



Why?:

Laws are made to be obeyed.  
If someone does not, there  
must be a fine.



Fines?

high fines

Why?:

The fine should be high:  
Then every producer of fruit  
and vegetables will really make  
an effort to comply with  
the law.

