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Transitioning from a linear to a circular plastics economy

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Linear to circular plastics transition



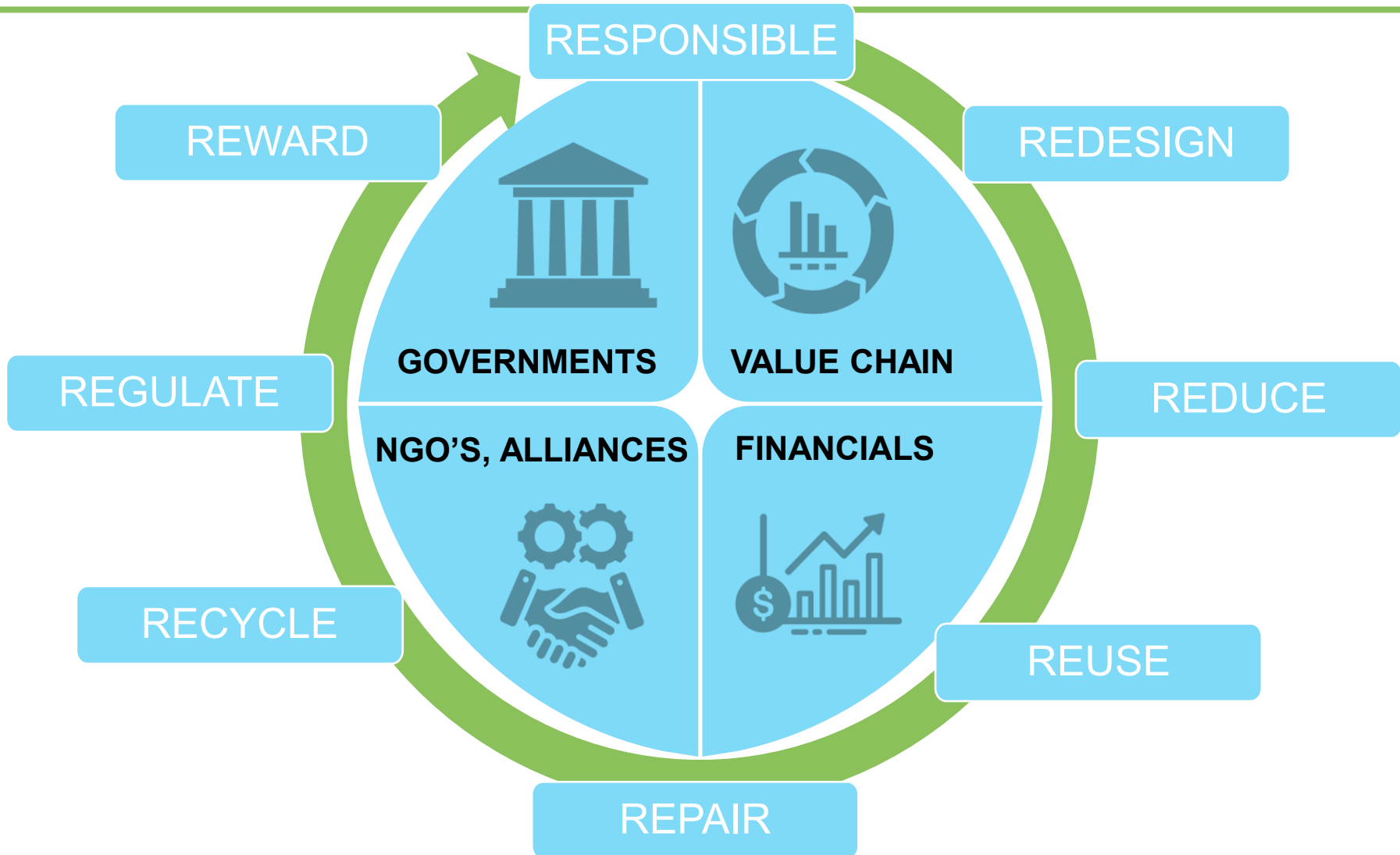
Circular Plastics scenario models



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Four sets of actors apply the levers

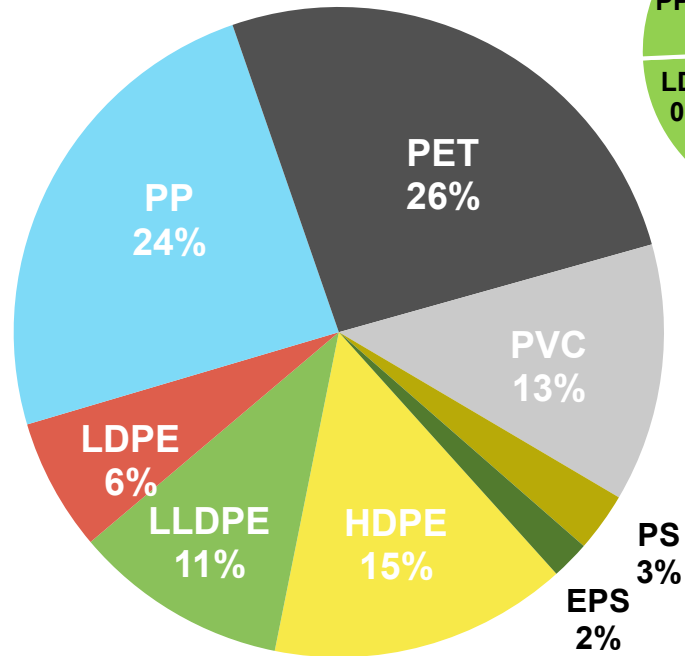


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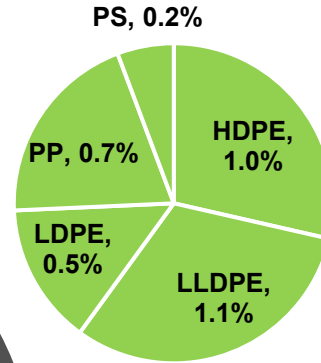


Use restrictions in perspective

Global demand for volume plastics



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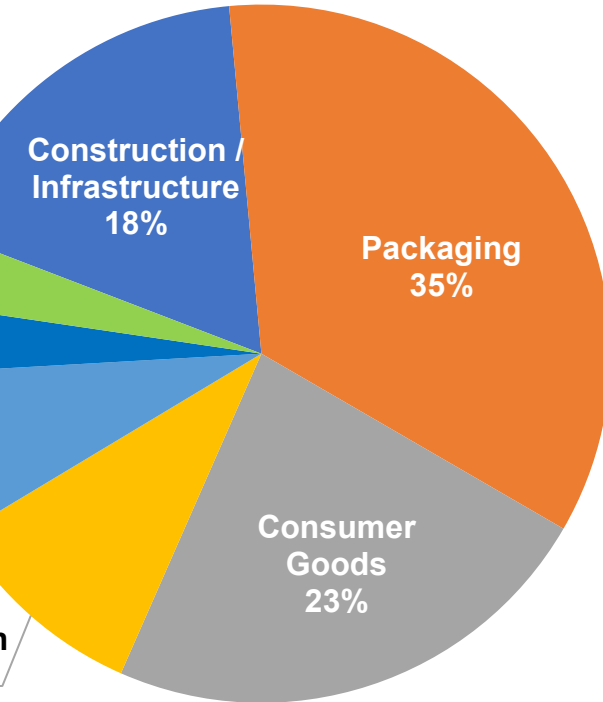


Single Use 3.5%

Other 3%

Medical / Personal Care 8%

Transportation 10%



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- Other includes wide range of durable and non-durable industrial applications

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VALUE FOR RECYCLING
SOCIETAL PRIORITIES
INCENTIVES VS PENALTIES



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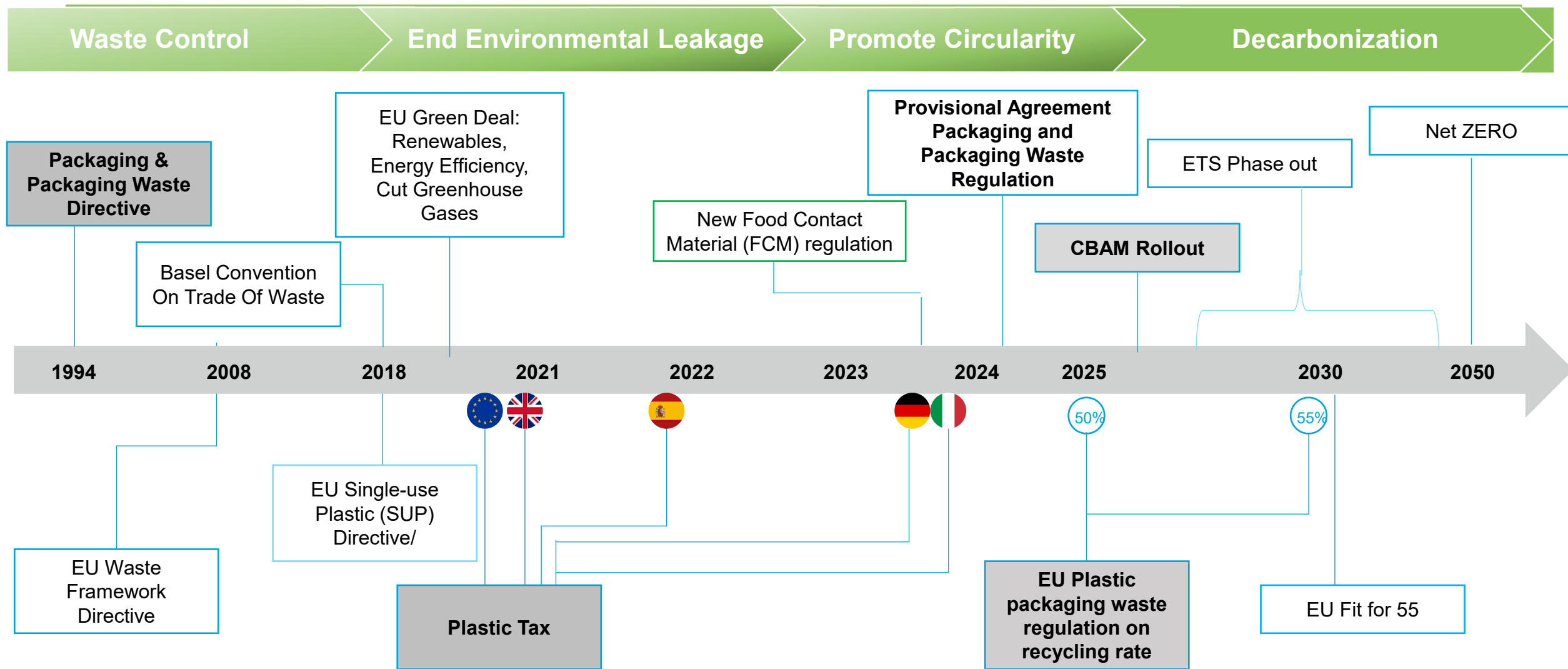


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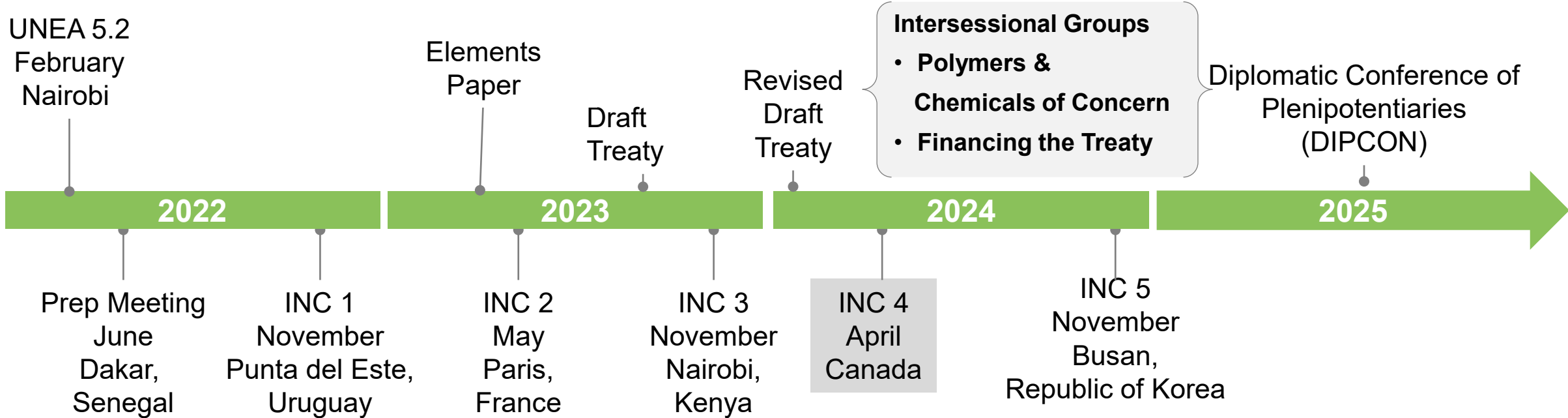
2024 *“a pivotable year”*

- EU Transition to Circular Economy
- Global Treaty on Plastics Waste

Europe's sustainability goals increasingly ambitious



UNEP Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) International Legally Binding Instrument on plastic pollution (ILBI)



- Major “Intractable”: Production Caps
- Long way to align: Globally Applied vs Nationally Determined
- More aligned: Extended Producer Responsibility
Minimum Recycle Content

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2024 – a pivotal year

Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation

Global Treaty on Plastics Waste

U.S. progress & complexity

- California SB 54 Influence
- EPR in 3 states, different schemes
- Regulating pyrolysis as recycling

Policy with broad acceptance

- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Minimum Recycle Content

Four sets of actors will apply the levers

FINANCIALS

- Structure / Organization via Global Plastics Treaty
- Extended Producer Responsibility Contribution
- Resolve to stay the ESG course

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RISK ASSESSMENT
JUST TRANSITION**

Four sets of actors apply the levers



Turning complexity into actionable strategies

Regulations
&
Policies

Circular
Driven
Demand
Shifts

Waste
Based
Supply

Technology
Selection

Technology
Scaling

Infrastructure
Buildout

Capital
Costs

Price,
Margin,
ROI

Emissions

Acceleration of alliances, offtakes, joint ventures & integration

- Waste management, material reclaim with recycling plus compounding, distribution
- Material reclaim, polymer production, municipalities
- Producers and waste industry integration into chemical and mechanical recycling
- Converters replacing disposables with reuse & return

Mega sites that optimize use of multiple solutions

Reverse logistics increasingly bypass MSW

Incremental plastics waste growth disconnected from plastics production infrastructure

Challenging in “build to export” world

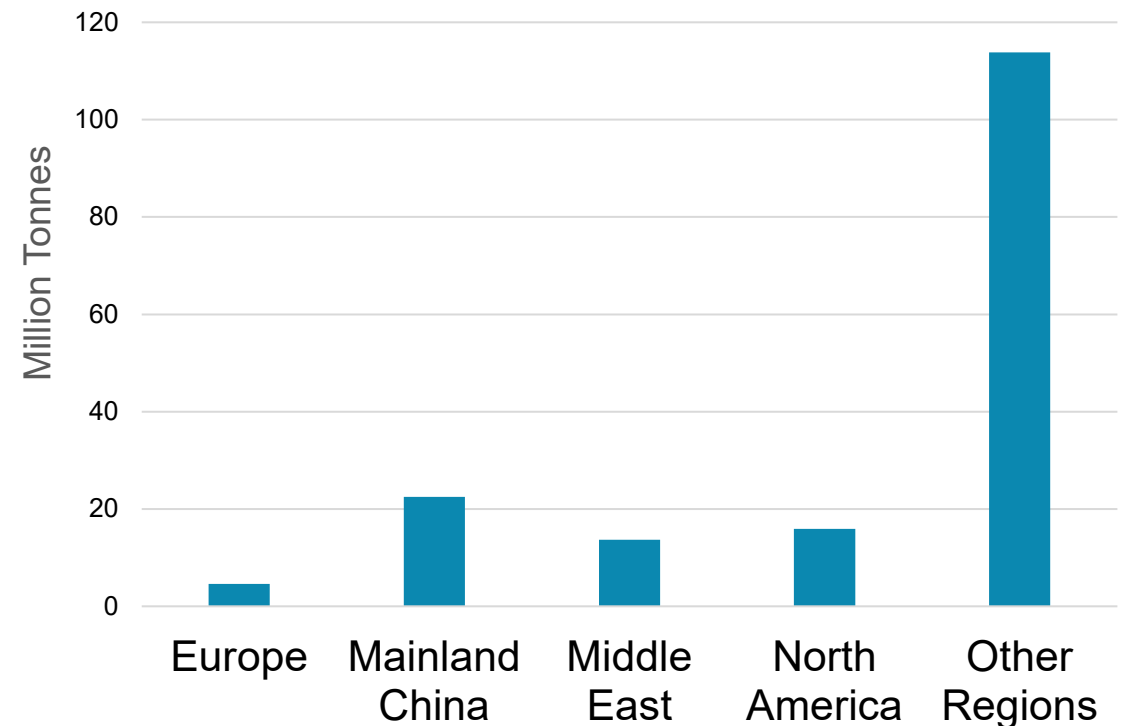
Options based on local circumstances

- Increase volumes to infrastructure
- Export chemical recycled feedstocks
- Directing output to fuels

Repeat of historical, per-capita waste Generation

Pace and extent of recycling technology transfer

Growth to 2050 of plastics waste in municipal solid waste

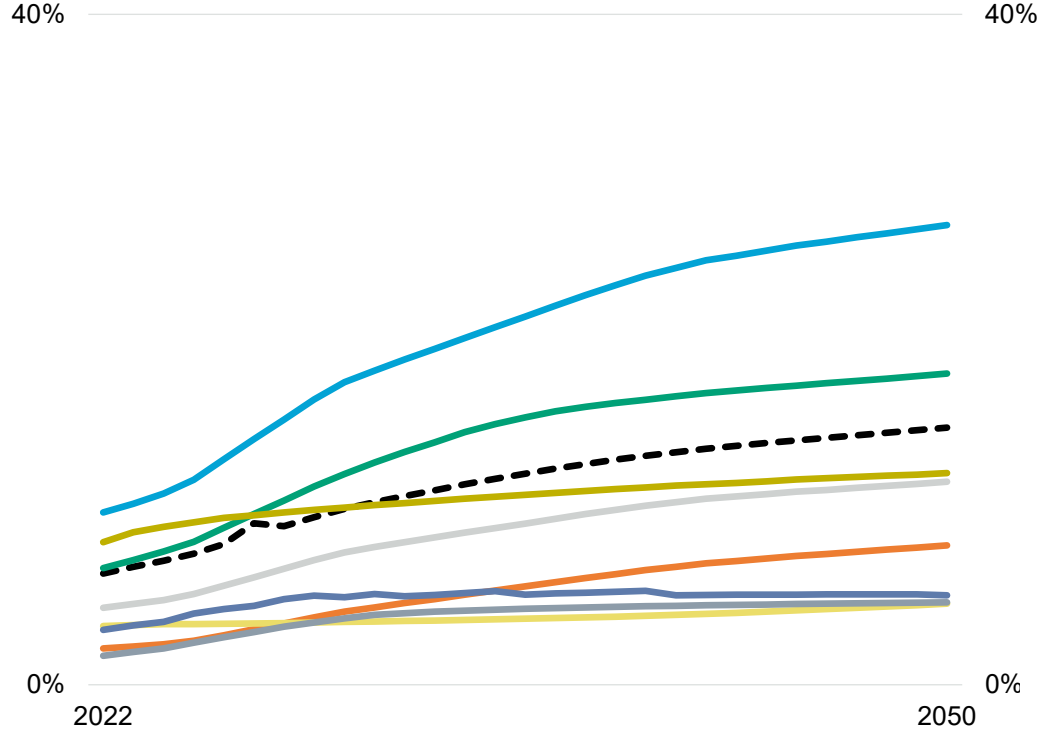


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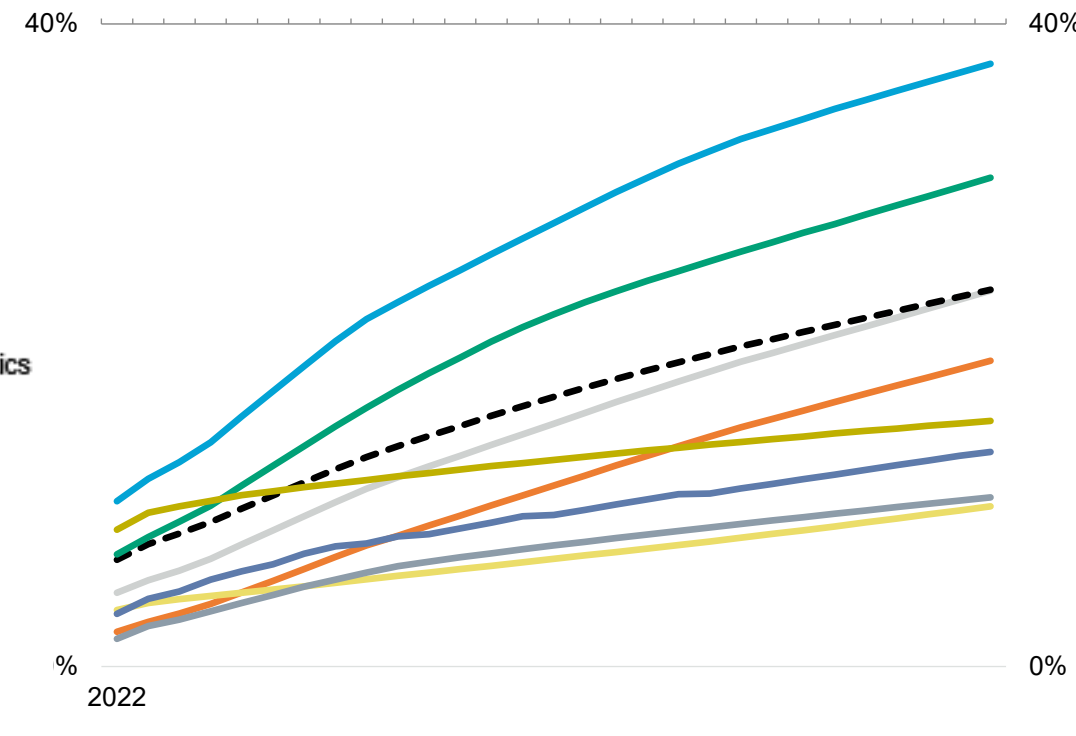
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Potential reactor-produced polymer displacement

PCR as % of total demand - Incremental Case



PCR as % of total demand - Global - Green



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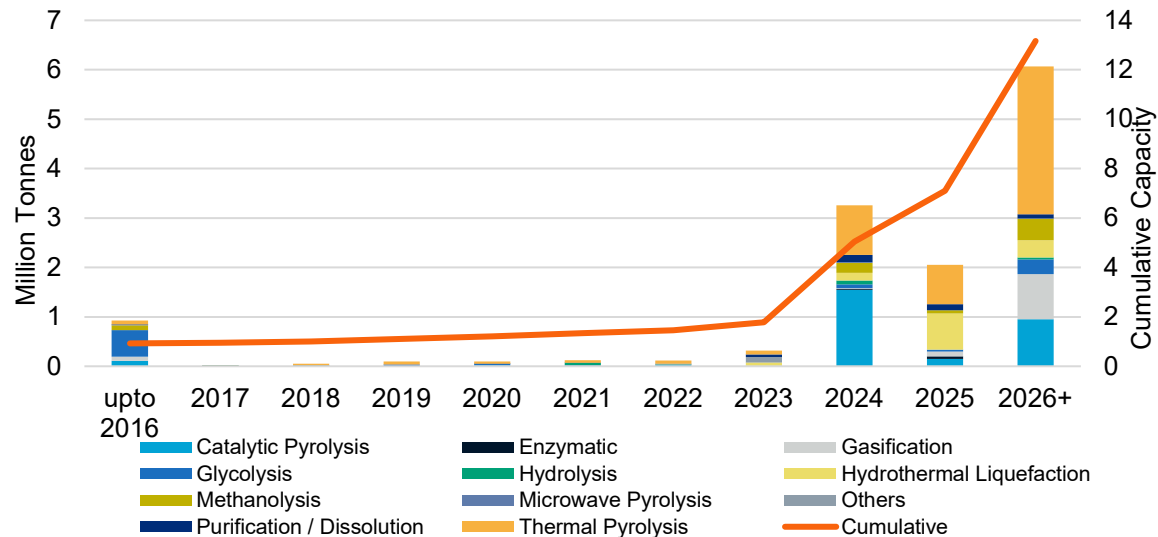
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Chemical recycling capacity doubling from small base

1.8 mtpa Operational
 2.6 “ Under construction
 8.4 “ Under some form of planning

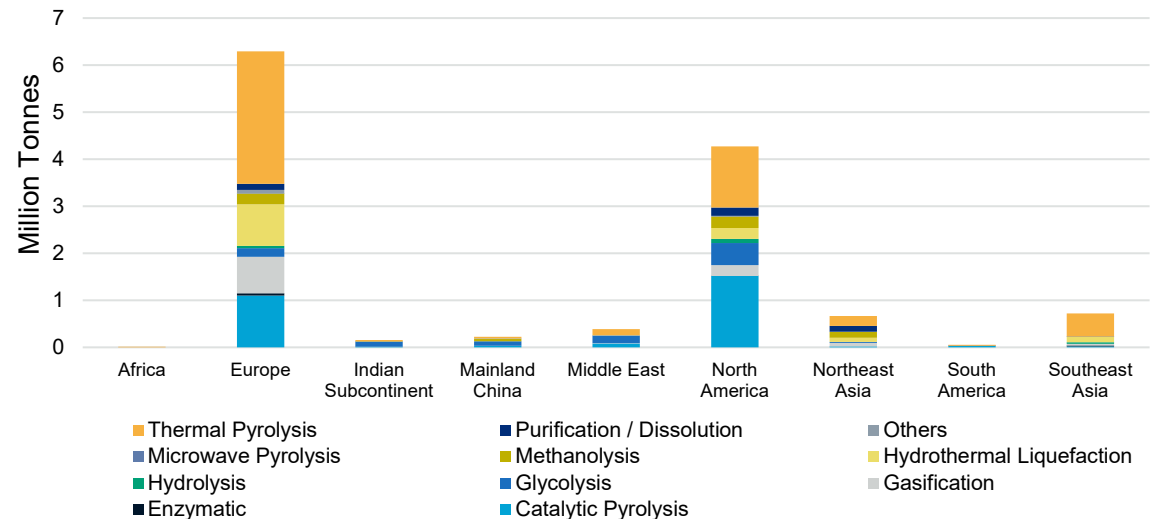
164 Technology companies
 437 Facilities
 552 Unique companies in collaborations

Cumulative capacity by date of commissioning



Note: Unknown timeline projects included in 2026+ section
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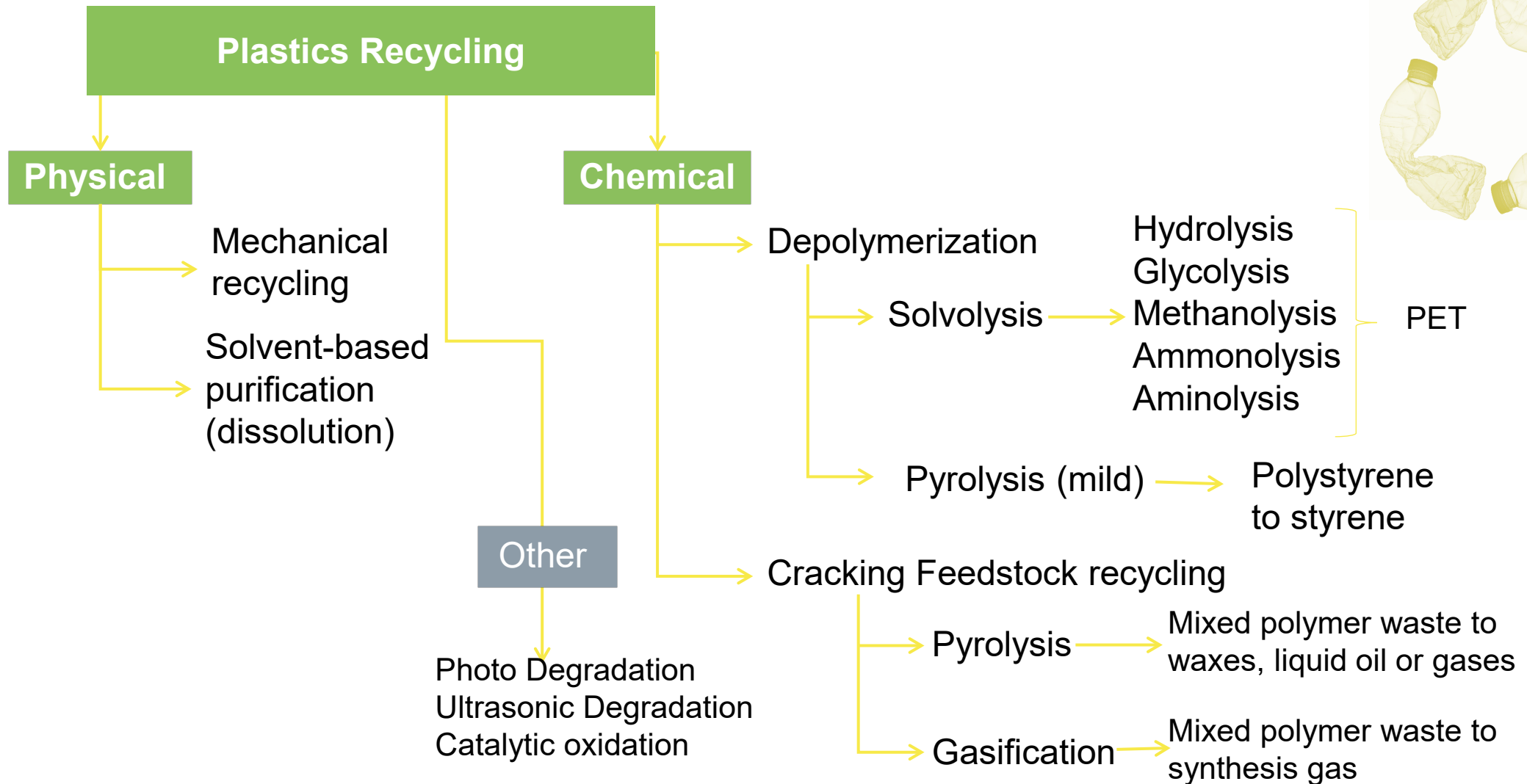
Capacity by Region and Technology



Note: Includes all years, i.e. Operational, Under construction, and Under feasibility

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Multiple options, no single solution



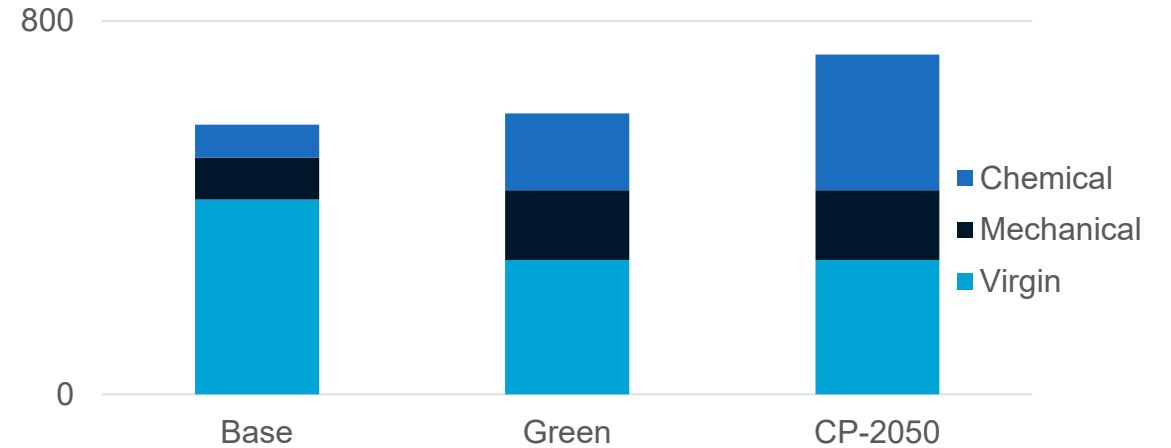
Business-as-usual risk increases with transformation

\$1.3 trillion: total processing investment required for “Circular Plastics 2050”

Incremental spend \$0.3 trillion

Increasing risk /opportunities from potential economic impact of carbon valuation and ecosystem costs

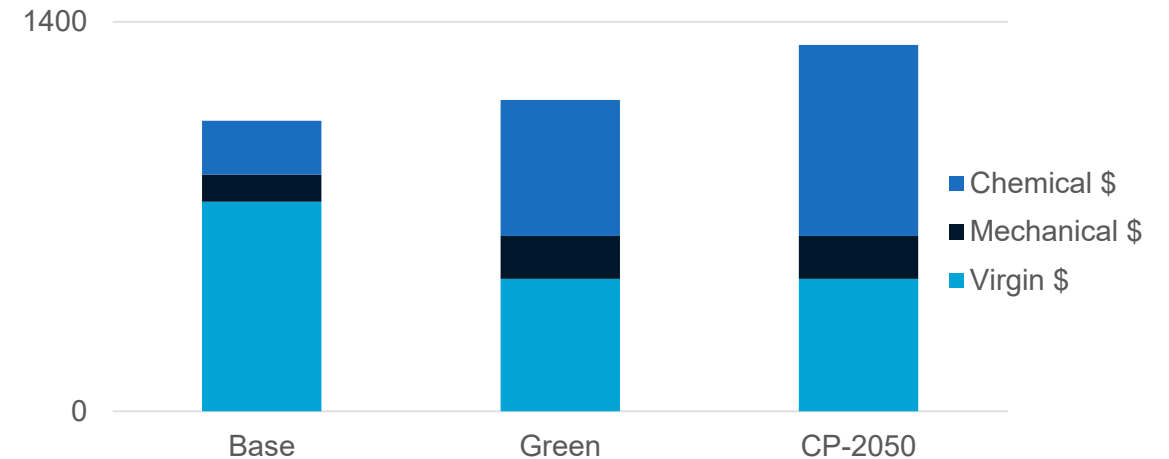
Capacity Additions (MMT)



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Capital Spending (USD Billion)



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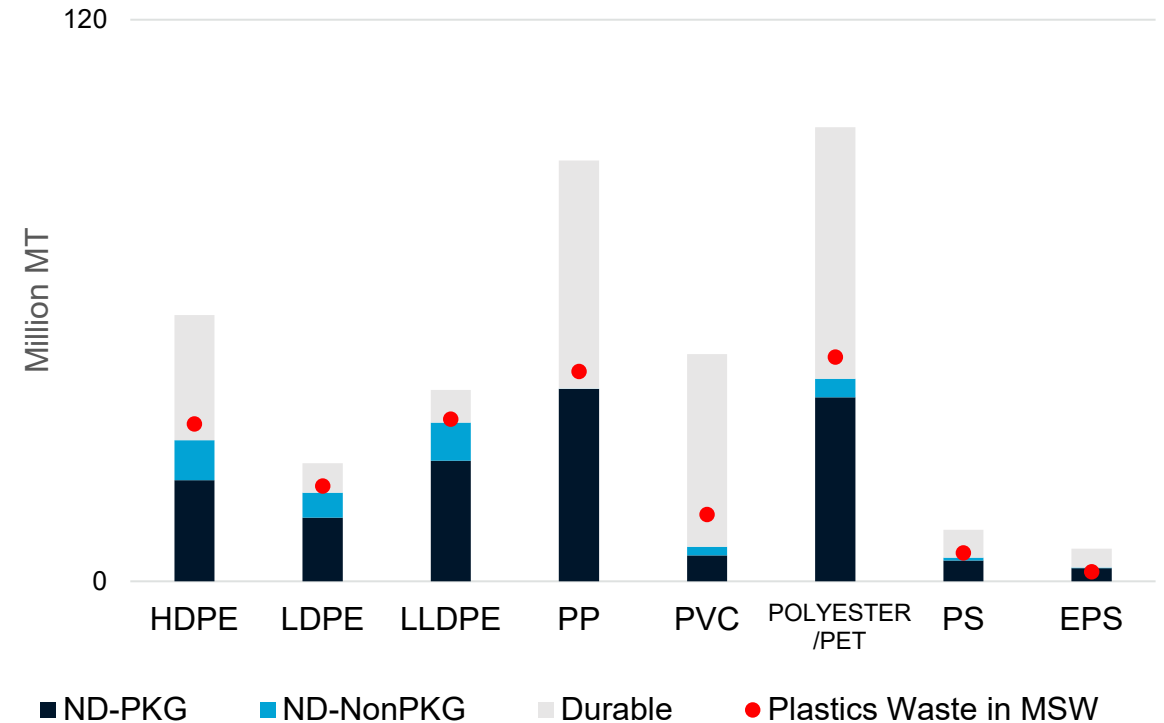
Comparison of post-consumer plastics waste generation and polymer demand reveals challenges and opportunities

Packaging mandates compete with voluntary targets

Value proposition directing non-durables to durables

- Cost and risk avoidance benefits
- Benefits from forced alignment
- Addressable market to displace other materials with lower net emissions
- Reduce demand risk during transition

Global Waste Analysis by Polymer Type

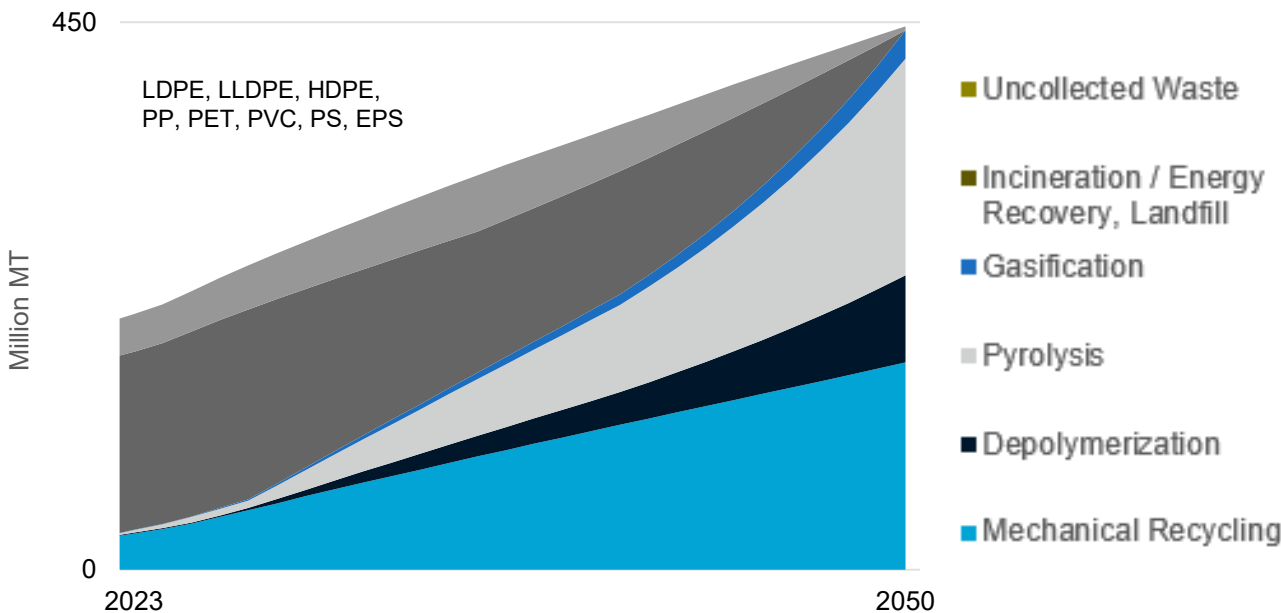


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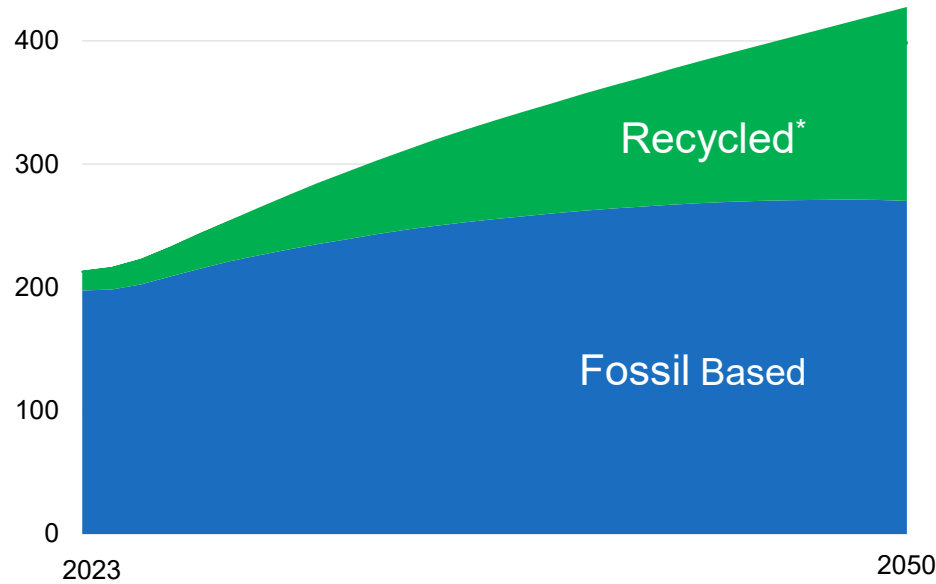
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Addressable volumes of post-consumer/commercial plastics waste fails to eliminate fossil-based plastics

Global Disposition of All Plastics - Circular Plastics



Global Polyolefins Demand - Circular Plastics 2050

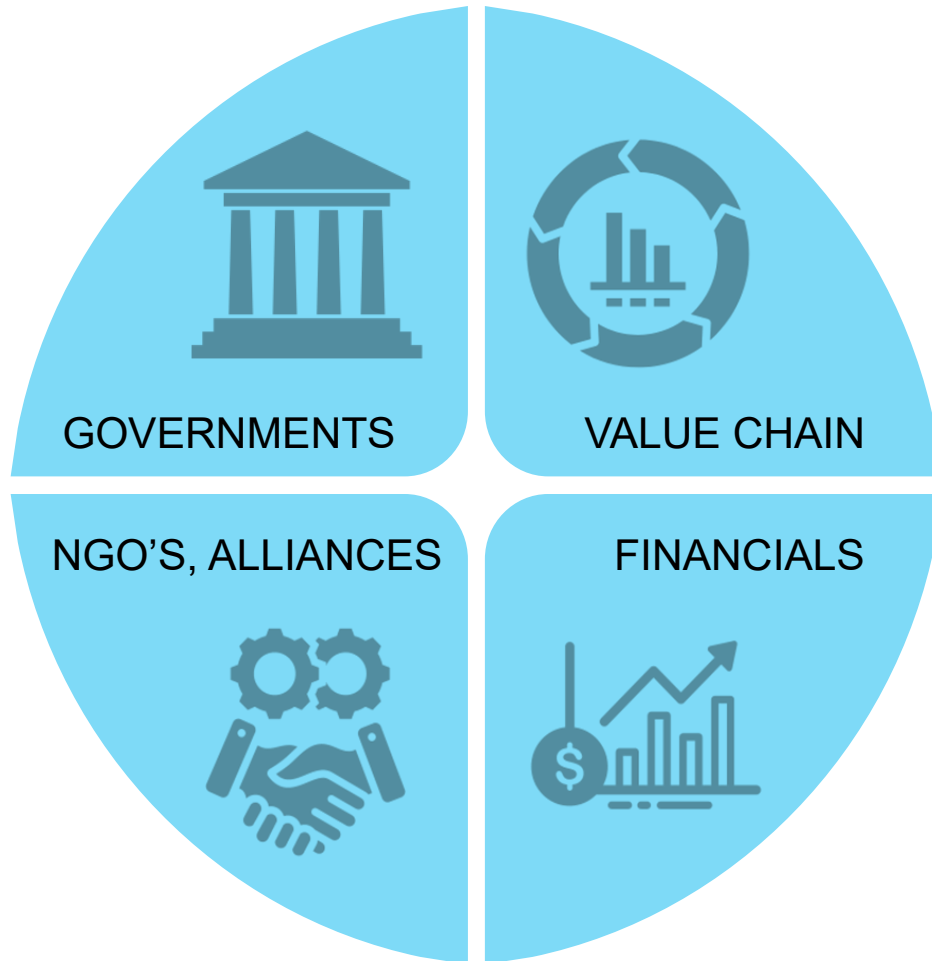


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* Proportional Basis

A disruptive journey ahead



Annual generation of plastic waste will increase

Current pace inadequate

Waste generation & “build to export” disconnected

Critical bottleneck is supply, not demand

Reverse supply chain increasingly bypass MSW

Fixing the plastics waste problem does not equate to elimination of fossil fuels

Risk assessment takes on new meanings

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