8 Legal stocktake: Circular Economy and Waste Management

This section provides a description of the most relevant legal instruments and existing environmental taxes at different governance levels that are relevant for waste management and the circular economy in Andalusia.

8.1. Legal framework, competencies and responsibilities on waste management

At EU-level, the first Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) in Europe was approved in 2015 (European Commission, $2015_{[1]}$) and, in 2020 the second CEAP was adopted (European Commission, $2020_{[2]}$). The CEAP includes 35 actions such as setting waste reduction targets for specific streams and other measures on waste prevention.

The Waste Framework Directive (WFD) is the main regulation on waste in Europe. The WFD sets targets for preparation for re-use and recycling of municipal waste of 55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035. In addition, the WFD establishes the basic requirements for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive strengthens the reuse of packaging, setting qualitative and quantitative objectives and the use of economic incentives.

The goal of the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Directive is to prevent and reduce the impact on the environment of certain plastic products. It bans several single-use plastic products and for other single-use plastics it established design requirements (recycled content of plastic bottles) and set targets for separate collection and for recycled content for PET bottles.

At the Spanish level, Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy transposes the objectives of the directives.

Table 8.1. Main legislation and targets in the domain of waste and resources across different levels of government

	Legal framework / laws / instruments	Objectives and targets
EU-level	Waste Framework Directive [Directive 2008/98/EC]	 50% of preparation for re-use and recycling of MSW by 2020, 55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035.
	Single Use Plastic Directive [Directive (EU) 2019/904]	 70% of separated collection of bottles in 2023 and of 90% in 2029 30% recycled content for PET bottles by 2025
	Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive [Directive (EU) 94/62]	65% packaging waste recycling by 2025 and 70% by 2030
	Landfill Directive [Directive (EU)1999/31]	By 2035, MSW deposited in landfills must be reduced to 10%
	Plastic Bags Directive [Directive (EU) 2015/720]	annual consumption level does not exceed 40 light plastic bags per person by 2025

National level (Spain)	Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy	 Transposes and adopts the targets of the Waste Framework Directive and Single Use Plastic Directive. 13% reduction in weight of waste generated by 2025 compared to 2010, 15% by 2030. 		
	Spanish Royal Decree 293/2018 on the reduction of the consumption of plastic bags	 By 2020, it bans thick plastic bags with less than 50% of recycled plastic By 2021, it bans light plastic bags 		
	Spanish Circular Economy Strategy 2030	 By 2030, 30% reduction in national consumption of materials in relation to GDP By 2030, 15% reduction of waste generation By 2030, increase reuse up to 10% of municipal waste 		
Regional level	Decree 73/2012, of the Andalusian Waste Regulation	50% of preparation for re-use and recycling of MSW by 2020.		
(Andalusia)	Draft bill of the Andalusian Law on Circular Economy (not yet approved)	 Implementing a separate collection of organic waste by 2023 Implementing a separate collection of textile waste by 2025 Implementing a separate collection of used cooking oil by 2025 Implementing a separate collection of hazardous waste produced by households by 2025 		
	Andalusian Mining Strategy 2020 ¹	 Environmental integration of mining activity and enhancement of the Andalusian mining heritage, as a cultural, social and economic resource that helps the sustainable development of the territory. 		

Table 8.2. Distribution of the main competences in the domain of waste and resources across different levels of government

Matter	National	Andalusia	Local (Municipal)
Waste	Basic legislation on waste management. The national legislation establishes minimum targets for reducing waste generation, as well as preparation for reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery. The national government approves the National Framework Plan for Waste Management, and it authorises shipments of waste to or from non-EU countries (art. 12.1,2,3 Law 7/2022)	Policy development of the basic national legislation and establishment of additional protection regulations. The regional government approves regional plans for waste prevention and management. It is also in charge of authorization, inspection and sanction of waste production and management activities. It also registers information on production and authorises waste management of the shipment of waste from or to EU countries (art. 12.4 Law 7/2022). The regional government also can increase the waste disposal tax rates (art. 93.2 Law 7/2022)	Municipalities are obliged to provide the collection, transportation, and treatment of household waste. Municipalities with more than 5,000 inhabitants are obliged to approve waste management programs. Municipalities can manage commercial waste. Municipalities must establish waste charge to finance the costs of the provided services (art. 12.5 Law 7/2022)
Resources	Basic mining legislation (article 149.1.25 of the Spanish Constitution and Law 2857/1978 which approves the general regulations for the mining regime)	Inspection and monitoring of mining activity. Management of mining resources, resource exploitation authorization and exploration permissions (Law 2857/1978 which approves the general regulations for the mining regime).	Urbanism competences (art. 25.2 Law 7/1985 of the bases of the local regime)

Andalusia is one of the first AC discussing in its Parliament a draft bill for a circular economy law. According to the legislative proposal approved by the Regional Government in February 2022 (BOPA, 2022), an Andalusian Office of Circular Economy would be created as an administrative unit for the development of advisory functions, dynamization, coordination and management of the actions provided for in the Law (chapter I). The legislative proposal includes the following references to economic instruments:

 Article 25.5 states that: "The taxes, charges or, where appropriate, other types of levies, established by Local Entities, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable national legislation, must reflect the real cost of the collection operations, transport and treatment of waste, including the monitoring of these operations and the maintenance and monitoring after the closure of landfills, and should allow progress in the establishment of pay-as-you-throw schemes, without prejudice to the financing obligations that correspond to the Collective Systems of Extended Producer Responsibility in accordance with the national regulations."

- Article 33.1 states that: "In accordance with the principles of respect for the environment and sustainability of the Andalusian port system, set forth in Law 21/2007, of December 18, on the Legal and Economic Regime of the Ports of Andalusia, tax incentives may be established in the rates regulated in such Law for those taxpayers who carry out marine litter collection activities."
- Article 52.3 states that: "Local Entities, within the scope of their competences, may adopt measures
 of deduction, reduction or discount in charges paid by to those companies, households,
 neighbourhood communities, or other users, who adopt biowaste composting systems."
- Article 64.1. states that: "The Administration of the Junta de Andalucía may take into account the
 obtaining of internationally recognised certificates in terms of environmental sustainability of
 buildings and urbanizations in order to propose rebates in municipal taxes or other tax incentives."

Due to the elections in Andalusia in June 2022, the Parliament was dissolved, and ongoing legislative processes were temporarily suspended. As such, this draft bill will likely not be approved in the near future.

8.2. Environmental taxes applied in other EU Member States relevant for the study

Based on the OECD database on Policy Instruments for the Environment (PINE) (OECD, 2022_[3]), as well as on international studies such as two reports by the European Commission (2021_[4]; 2021_[5]), three types of environmental taxes were identified as relevant to promote circular economy: 1) waste disposal taxes, 2) taxes on raw materials extraction, and 3) taxes on specific products. This section reviews examples of these environmental taxes in place in other EU Member States.

8.2.1. Waste disposal taxes

Waste disposal taxes are justified by the environmental impacts of landfilling and incineration, compared to other options higher up in the waste management hierarchy established in the Waste Framework Directive (European Parliament, 2008_[6]). Thus, such taxes are intended to favour waste prevention and increased recycling levels, and move towards the targets of the Landfill Directive. The incineration tax is often applied to prevent the diversion of waste from landfill to incineration.

According to the OECD database on Policy Instruments for the Environment (OECD, 2022[3]) and the latest version of the CEWEP database on landfill taxes and restrictions (CEWEP, 2022[7]), 26 countries out of 30 (27 EU member states plus Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom) have landfill taxes and 5 have incineration taxes, see Table 8.A.1 for the details, as well as Annex D for case studies in Italy, Belgium and the United Kingdom. As can be seen in Table 8.3, disposal tax rates in European countries vary significantly between countries and types of waste.

In addition to the tax rates, tax policies also vary with modifications. In some countries:

- Disposal taxes are supplemented by additional limitations on the quantities that can be landfilled (more stringent than those indicated in Directive 31/1999 on landfill of waste), e.g., Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, and Finland.
- Disposal taxes are earmarked, e.g., Lithuania, Hungary, Finland, and Austria.
- Specific waste types are exempt from disposal tax if no better treatment than landfill is available, such as asbestos in Flanders, Sweden, and the Netherlands, and for waste from waste recovery processes in Sweden, the Walloon region of Belgium and Portugal. In addition, in the United

- Kingdom landfill operators can offset a maximum percentage of their tax liability by financing environmental projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.
- A differentiated tax rate applies. The tax rate can discriminate based on whether the input waste is pre-treated or not prior to landfill, as done in several Italian regions such as Piemonte, Calabria and Campania, or whether the municipality has implemented separate collection of the organic waste, as is the case in Balearic Islands. In other cases, the tax rate is determined based on the percentage of selective collection of the municipality, or on the quality of the waste landfilled, as in the region of Puglia (Italy) or in the Slovak Republic. These tax configurations would provide an extra incentive to improve selective collection and recycling.
- Disposal taxes apply to landfill and incineration and generally incineration tax rates are lower than landfill tax rates to incentivise energy recovery over disposal (in line with the waste hierarchy).

Table 8.3. Waste disposal tax rates in European countries, based on Table 8.A.1

Taxable Event	Mean (€/t)	Standard Deviation (€/t)
MSW Landfill	39.75	25.95
Industrial Waste Landfill	28.10	27.44
Inert and Construction Waste Landfill	12.33	17.33
MSW Incineration	12.19	9.04
Industrial Waste Incineration without energy recovery	30*	

Note: (*) Standard deviation could not be estimated because there was only one case.

Source: Own elaboration based on data published in (OECD, 2022[3]).

8.2.2. Taxes on raw material extraction

Taxes on the extraction of raw materials have been widespread in Europe since the early 1990s. This type of taxes can reduce demand of primary resources in favour of secondary raw materials while preserving the resource and the landscape.

One of the main raw materials extracted are aggregates. According to the OECD database on Policy Instruments for the Environment (OECD, 2022_[3]), there are currently 88 different taxes applied on extractive activities of aggregates, gypsum and salt in OECD countries. More than half of these taxes (58%) are earmarked. 16% are *ad valorem*, and the remaining (84%) are *ad quantum*.

In relation to the tax base, 64% of taxes are levied on some specific type of aggregates (e.g., calcareous, marble or clay), 24% to all minerals in general (and therefore also on aggregates), 6% to aggregates in general (all equally), 5% to gypsum and 3% to salt. Table 8.C.1 summarises key aspects of the taxes on aggregates currently applied in 10 of the 30 countries analysed (EU 27 plus Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom). The average tax rate in European countries is shown in Table 8.4.The high standard deviation indicates a great variability between countries.

Table 8.4. Tax rates on the extraction of aggregates in European countries

		Quan	Ad Valorem tax			
		€/m³	€/t		Value (%)	Benefit (%)
	Mean Standard Deviation		Mean	Standard Deviation		
Raw material extraction (including aggregates)	1.06	1.31	1.35	1.63	10.00*	2.60*
Specific aggregates extraction	1.34	0.84	1.58*			

Note: (*) Standard deviation could not be estimated because there was only one case.

Source: Own elaboration based on data published in (OECD, 2022[3]).

Denmark was one of the first countries to introduce a tax on the extraction of aggregates. In general, there has been a slight decrease in the extraction of these materials since the introduction of the tax in 1977, but it has not resulted in any reduction in the consumption of these materials (Söderholm, 2011_[8]). This indicates a relative inelastic demand. Although an increase in the use of recycled materials was observed, this was mainly attributed to the introduction of the landfill tax on construction waste that was implemented in parallel (Söderholm, 2011_[8]).

In Sweden, a tax on the extraction of natural gravel has been applied since 1996 to preserve groundwater. It started with a low tax rate, which was raised in 2003. Such increment implied a greater decrease in the consumption of this material. However, the decrease in the extraction of gravel was already significant before the introduction of the tax and could be associated with an increased demand for crushed rock due to its higher quality compared to natural gravel (although its extraction requires higher energy consumption). The decrease in gravel consumption led to an increase in alternative materials with a greater impact on emissions. Therefore, while groundwater quality has improved, emissions have increased. This example highlights the need for careful analysis and possibly additional instruments to avoid burden shifting. The Swedish case also shows that the gradual increase in the tax helps producers to organise themselves, contributes to increasing the elasticity of demand and allows for a better acceptance of the tax (Söderholm, 2011[8]).

In Italy a regional tax on the extraction of aggregates (sand, gravel, and rock) has been applied since the early 1990s. Each region or municipality applies a different tax rate that can vary between €0.41 and €0.57/m³. Each regional authority defines its tax, which is complemented by national legislation. No substantial change in the demand for aggregates has been observed since the implementation of the tax, which indicates a relative inelastic demand that can be associated with the low tax rate (tax payments represent only 5% of the estimated profits of the industry) and the little preparation of the industry to produce and assimilate recycled materials of similar quality, combined with the absence of taxation on landfill of construction and demolition waste (European Environment Agency, 2008_[9]).

In 2002, a tax on the extraction of aggregates was introduced in the United Kingdom and its current rate is 2 GBP (EUR 2.45) per tonne of sand, gravel, and rock (on average 20% of the value of the product). Although in this case there has been a decrease in the extraction of aggregates, this decrease began before the implementation of the tax and is related to factors such as the reduction in investment in infrastructure or the existence of a landfill tax on construction waste (European Environment Agency, 2008[9]). Part of the demand shifted towards non-taxed materials capable of substituting the materials subject to the tax, which have become competitive in the presence of the tax. There are some exemptions from the aggregates levy, such as aggregates which are returned to the ground in the same place and in the same form as they were extracted.²

8.2.3. Taxes on consumer products

As it can be seen on Table 8.D.1, there are several consumer products levied with environmental taxes in different OECD counties, e.g., tyres, pesticides, plastic products, disposal tableware. The Danish

Packaging tax merits specific analysis in this report since it could be an option to consider in the reform of environmental taxes in Andalusia to complement the Spanish Packaging EPR for specific packaging items, such as the beverage cartons. The Danish packaging tax has been levied since 1978 to reduce waste and increase packaging reuse and recycling rates. Denmark chose to internalise packaging waste management costs through this tax instead of setting up an industry-run producer-responsibility scheme (such as the Green Dot system) as done by many EU countries. The tax was initially divided into a weight-based part and a volume-based one. Exports were tax-exempt to avoid damaging the international competitiveness of Danish producers.

In 2001, the tax rates for the weight-based part of the tax were modified to consider the life cycle environmental impact of each type of packaging, per kilogram. The volume-based tax is a duty per unit of packaging for spirits, wine, beer, and carbonated soft drinks (Danish Ecological Council and Green Budget Europe, 2015_[10]). Table 8.D.1 shows the tax rates divided by material and volume.

The management of the tax was difficult due to the large number of producers involved and the complexity of the tax definition (OECD, 2015). By January 2014, the Danish government abolished the weight-based part to reduce the production costs and administrative burdens of firms, but it is still valid on plastic bags, disposable tableware, and PVC foil (Danish Ecological Council and Green Budget Europe, 2015[10]).

Gsell *et al.*, (2022) also propose a Packaging beverage tax for Germany with differentiated tax rates based on the environmental impacts of the material used for the packaging. Latvia instead has a packaging tax, as part of the natural resource tax, which is used as an incentive to join producer responsibility organisations (PRO), as organisations that join a PRO are tax exempted (European Commission, 2021_[5]). Norway has also an environmental tax applied to beverage packaging with differentiated rates per material, as well as a basic tax that applies to all single-use packaging.

8.3. Taxes and regulations at national level in Spain

This section describes two fiscal measures included in the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy³, namely a special tax on non-recycled plastic used in non-reusable packaging and a disposal tax. In addition, this section describes two existing measures currently being applied in Spain that can influence the proposal of fiscal reform for Andalusia. These are the national ban to provide single-use plastic bags and the current regulation and situation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

It is also important to mention that the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy includes the implementation of a Deposit-Refund System for single-use beverage containers with volume up to 3 litres if Spain does not meet the target of 70% of separated collection of bottles in 2023 and of 85% in 2027 established in the Directive (EU) 2019/904.

In addition, the White Book for Tax Reform, published in March 2022, proposes the following measures in relation to circularity: intensification and extension of the taxes of the Waste and Contaminated Soil Law, reformulation of municipal charging of waste to link it to pay-as-you-throw systems, creation of a tax on the extraction of aggregates, creation of a tax on nitrogenous fertilizers and to extend and harmonise taxation on certain emissions from large industrial facilities.

8.3.1. Special tax on non-reusable plastic packaging

Article 67 of the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy creates a special tax that levies production, importation, and acquisition of non-recycled plastic (i.e. virgin plastic) used in non-reusable plastic packaging. The objective of the tax is to incentivise the reduction of non-reusable plastic packaging as well as plastic recycling. The tax rate will be 0.45 euros per kg of non-recycled plastic used in non-reusable packaging (Article 78). The part of recycled plastic will have to be

certified by an accredited body with the certification UNE-EN 15353:2008 (article 79). Although the tax is not earmarked, the rationale for its creation is to raise an amount of revenue similar to the cost for Spain of the EU contribution for non-recycled plastic (Castells-Rey, Pellicer-García and Puig-Ventosa, 2022_[11]; Puig-Ventosa, 2021_[12]). This contribution, known as the Plastics own resource, was introduced on January 2021 and consists as a national contribution based on the amount of non-recycled plastic packaging waste, which represents a new EU revenue source to the 2021-2027 EU budget (European Commission, 2021_[13]; Council of the EU, 2020_[14]).

Although the law entered into force on the 10th of April 2022, the measures included in Title VII, i.e., the special tax on non-reusable plastic packaging (described in this section) and the national waste disposal tax (described in next section), will enter into force on the 1st of January 2023 (13th final provision of the Spanish Law 7/2022).

8.3.2. National waste disposal tax on landfill and incineration

The national tax on the deposit of waste in landfills, as well as on the incineration and co-incineration of waste, included in the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy (articles 84-97) aims to disincentivise these disposal operations in Spain.

The tax rate (Article 93.1) differs among waste type and disposal activity. Table 8.5 shows landfill tax rates, Table 8.6 shows incineration tax rates and a sole tax rate of 0 €/tonne applies to co-incineration, regardless of the type of waste co-incinerated (Article 93.1.f). Article 93.2 establishes the possibility for Autonomous Communities to increase the tax rates even though the tax collection will in principle be carried out by the State.

The National Tax Administration Agency or, the offices with analogous functions of the autonomous communities, has the competence for the tax management, liquidation, collection, and inspection (Article 95.1). According to article 97, the tax revenue will be distributed back to the Spanish regions according to the location where the taxable event happens. The Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy does not determine how regions must use the revenue generated.

Two additional provisions in this Law are important for Andalusia. The 7th additional provision establishes "1. To the extent that the taxes established by this law fall on taxable events levied by the autonomous communities and this produces a decrease in their income, the provisions of article 6.2 of Organic Law 8/1980" (the provisions of article 6.2 are compensation measures in favour of such AC). "2. The provisions of the previous section will only apply to those taxes of the autonomous communities that are in force prior to December 17, 2020". "3. The compensation measures in favor of the autonomous communities established based on article 6.2 of Organic Law 8/1980, will be reduced by the amount of the collection received by the corresponding autonomous communities in accordance with the provisions of this law".

The 21st additional provision establishes that ACs that at the entry into force of the Spanish Waste Law in 2022 had in place a regional tax on the deposit of waste in landfills, incineration, and co-incineration of waste, may maintain their management if the necessary agreements are established. There is strong uncertainty on the practical implications of the two mentioned additional provisions, which will need to be discussed in the future.

Table 8.5. Landfill tax rates included in the Spanish Law 7/2022

	Landfill	Landfill (EUR per tonne)		
	Non-hazardous***	Hazardous****	Inert****	
1. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	40			
2. Rejects from MSW treatment	30			
3. Different than 1 and 2 (without pre-treatment required*): General character	15	0	_	
4. Different than 1 and 2 (without pre-treatment required*): > 75% of inert waste	3 (15)**	- 8	3	
5. Different than 1, 2, 3 and 4: General character	10	_	4.5	
6. Different than 1, 2, 3 and 4: With more than 75% of inert waste	1.5 (10)**	5	1.5	

Note: (*) in the terms established in article 7.2 of Royal Decree 646/2020; (**) The amount before the parenthesis is the tax rate for the inert part and the tax rate within the parenthesis applies for the rest of waste component; (***) Article 93.1.a); (****) Article 93.1.b); (*****) Article 93.1.c). Source: Own elaboration based on the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy.

Table 8.6. Incineration tax rates included in the Spanish Law 7/2022

	Incineration (EUR per tonne)			
	Disposal D10*	Recovery R01**	Different than D10 and R01***	
1. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	20	15		
2. Rejects from MSW treatment	15	10		
3. Different than 1 and 2	7	4		
4. Different than 1, 2 which have not previously been subject to R02-09, R12, D8, D9, D13 or D14			5	
5. Different than 1, 2, 3 and 4			3	

Note: (*) Article 93.1.d); (**) Article 93.1.e); (***) Article 93.1.f).

Source: Own elaboration based on the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy.

8.3.3. Ban of single-use light plastic bags

The EU Directive 2015/720 amending Directive 94/62/EC aims at reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags from 90 light plastic bags per person at the end of December 2019 to 40 light plastic bags per person by the end of December 2025 (European Parliament, 2015_[15]). It also establishes that by 31 December 2018, lightweight plastic carrier bags cannot be provided free of charge at the point of sale. Very lightweight plastic carrier bags may be exempted from those measures.

The Spanish Royal Decree 293/2018, of May 18, on the reduction of the consumption of plastic bags and by which the Registry of Producers was created transposes Directive (EU) 2015/720 into the Spanish legal system. The Decree (see Table 8.7), bans light plastic bags as of 1st of January 2021 and thick plastic bags with less than 50% of recycled plastic as of 1st of January 2020. Thus, after these dates, only providing very thin compostable bags (free of charge), thin compostable bags (prior payment), thick bags with more than 50% recycled plastic (prior payment), and thick bags with more than 70% of recycled plastic (for free) is still allowed. Annex I of the Royal Decree provides indicative prices to be used by establishments to be applied from the 1st of July 2018.

This annual consumption is of plastic bags in Spain is currently well above the maximum consumption levels and envisioned targets (Box 8.1.).

Table 8.7. Measures and deadlines established to reduce the consumption of plastic bags in the Spanish Royal Decree 239/2018

Deadline	Lightweight plastic bags*	Thick weight plastic bags**	Fragmentable plastic bags***
1 July 2018	Free de	livery to consumers is prohibited	
	Exception: Very light plastic bags.	Exception: If they contain ≥ 70% recycled plastic, they can be delivered against payment.	
1 January 2020		Delivery to consumers is prohibited	Delivery to consumers is prohibited.
1 January 2021	Delivery to consumers is prohibited.	if it contains < 50% recycled	
	Exception: -Compostable lightweight plastic bags, which can be delivered upon paymentVery lightweight compostable plastic bags	plastic****. If they contain ≥ 50%, they can be delivered after payment.	

Note: (*) with wall thickness below 50 microns; (**) with wall thickness equal or above 50 microns; (***) plastic bags made of plastic materials that include additives that catalyse the fragmentation of the plastic material into microfragments. The concept of fragmentable plastic includes oxofragmentable, photofragmentable, thermofragmentable and hydrofragmentable plastics (Article 3.e of the Spanish Royal Decree 293/2018); (****) The retailer must have documentation provided by the manufacturer that proves this percentage.

Source: (Junta de Andalucía, 2022[16]) and Real Decreto 293/2018, de 18 de mayo, sobre reducción del consumo de bolsas de plástico y por el que se crea el Registro de Productores.

Box 8.1. Evolution of plastic bag consumption in Andalusia

According to the Spanish Association of Plastics Manufacturers (ANAIP), the consumption of non-biodegradable single-use plastic bags per inhabitant in Spain was 300 in 2008, but this consumption dropped in the following years (MITECO, 2022_[17]). In 2014, 6,730 million units of lightweight plastic carrier bags (with wall thickness below 50 microns, as defined in Directive (EU) 2015/720) were placed on the market, of which 23% were very lightweight plastic carrier bags (with a wall thickness below 15 microns, as defined in Directive (EU) 2015/720). This means that in Spain there was an average annual consumption of 145 light plastic bags per inhabitant that year (Junta de Andalucía, 2022_[18]).

8.3.4. Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is defined as the environmental policy that intends to transfer responsibility of the post-consumer phase of the product to the producer (OECD, 2016[19]). The two main reasons for assigning responsibility to producers is: (1) to implement the polluter pays principle and ensure economically efficient recovery and treatment of End-of-Life (EoL) products, and (2) the capacity of producers to change products in the design phase to minimise their environmental impact throughout their entire life cycle.

Although there is evidence that EPR schemes can reduce public costs of municipal waste management while increasing prevention and recycling rates, currently there are only 4 waste streams for which EU directives establish the use of EPR policies (packaging, batteries, end-of-life vehicles (ELVs), electrical and electronic equipment (EEE)) (Eunomia, 2020_[20]). Additionally, the EU Single-Use Plastics Directive will require Member Countries to implement EPR schemes for tobacco product filters (i.e. cigarettes) by 2023 and fishing gear by 2025 (European Parliament, 2019_[21]) and harmonised EPR rules will be proposed for textiles.

In addition, in some EU countries there are national EPR schemes for products that are not yet addressed in EU-wide legislation (e.g., tyres, graphic paper, used oil and medical waste). In Spain, there are currently six waste flows where EPR is applied: packaging (including Medical Products Packaging and Expired

Medicines), batteries and accumulators, EoL vehicles, EoL tyres, used industrial oils and Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (See Table 8.E.1 for details).

In addition, several additional waste streams are expected to have EPR schemes in Spain in the future:

- Article 60.1 of the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy states that the Spanish government will develop, by regulation, EPR schemes for single-use plastic products listed in Annex IV, part F. These regulations must be established before 6 January 2023 for tobacco products and before 1 January 2025 for food containers, containers and wrappers containing food intended for immediate consumption in the container itself, containers for beverages up to three litres capacity including their caps and lids, drinking glasses including their lids and caps, light plastic bags, wet wipes and balloons.
- Article 60.5 of the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy states that the Spanish government will develop EPR schemes for fishing gear, by regulation, before 1 January 2025. Such regulation will set: 1) a minimum national collection rate for waste fishing gear containing plastic for recycling and 2) the necessary measures to monitor the fishing gear containing plastic placed on the market as well as the waste collected.
- Article 60.3 of the Spanish Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy states that the producers of tobacco products will bear the costs of collecting the waste of said discarded products in public collection systems, including the infrastructure and its operation and the subsequent transport and treatment of the waste. The costs may include the establishment of specific infrastructure for the collection of the waste of said products, such as appropriate receptacles for waste in places where the dumping of scattered garbage of this waste is concentrated. Likewise, they may include costs associated with measures for the development of alternatives and prevention measures to reduce the generation of waste and increase material recovery.
- Finally, the seventh final provision of the Spanish Law 7/2022 states that the Spanish government will develop, by regulation, EPR schemes for textiles, furniture and household items, and nonpackaging plastics for agricultural use before 9 April 2025. Besides, in the regulatory developments of the law 7/2022, the application of the EPR scheme to single-dose coffee capsules may be included.

8.4. Taxes used at regional level in Spain

This section describes existing waste disposal taxes applicable in different ACs (including Andalusia) and the regional tax on single-use plastic bags applied in Andalusia.

8.4.1. Waste Disposal Taxes

Eleven Spanish Autonomous Communities (AC) apply taxes on waste landfilling and four AC levy waste incineration. The nature of these taxes is quite heterogeneous regarding type of waste, waste activity, and tax rates (see Table 8.8).

Among ACs with waste disposal taxes, most of them levy industrial waste (all except Balearic Islands) and construction and demolition waste (all except Andalusia, Balearic Islands and Cantabria), fewer ACs levy municipal solid waste (Catalonia, Balearic Islands, Extremadura, Castile and León, and Navarra). Most ACs apply the same fees regardless of the recovery potential of the waste fractions. In some cases, tax rates are higher for recoverable waste in comparison to non-recoverable waste to incentivise waste recovery, where possible (Andalusia, Castile and León and Valencian Community). The tax rate on the Balearic Islands for MSW disposal is reduced by half if the municipalities have implemented separate collection of organic waste. A similar reduced tax rate scheme was also applied in Catalonia from 2009 to

2016. The Catalan Disposal Tax is described in detail in Annex H and the way it is designed and implemented is considered a best practice.

Along with the creation of their taxes, Catalonia and Navarra created specific bodies to manage them and specific waste management funds where the revenue goes.

Andalusian Waste Landfill Tax

Law 18/2003, of December 29, approved fiscal measures and administrative regulations in Andalusia. Chapter I of Title II is dedicated to environmental taxes. In this way, the taxes on carbon emissions, dumping into coastal waters, deposit of radioactive waste and deposit of hazardous waste were created. Article 14 establishes that the income proceeding from the abovementioned ecological taxes will be used to finance the actions of Junta de Andalucía in terms of environmental protection and conservation of natural resources, but the law did not set up a separate body to manage the tax and the funds generated, as Catalonia and Navarra did. The Andalusian Tax Agency is responsible for the tax management as well as for the determination and verification, where appropriate, of the environmental parameters that allow the quantification of said taxes (Article 16 of Law 18/2003).

Section V (art. 65 to 77) of the Law 18/2003 specifies the tax on hazardous waste, which came into force in January 2004. The taxable event (art. 67) is "the delivery of hazardous waste in public or private landfills" and "the temporary deposit of hazardous waste in the producer's facilities, prior to its elimination or recovery, when it exceeds the maximum period allowed by law and there is no special authorisation from the Ministry of Environment". Taxpayers are those delivering hazardous waste to a landfill for deposit, as well as those that exceed the temporal period allowed by law for temporary storage prior to elimination or recovery of waste. The tax base (art. 71) is the weight of the hazardous waste deposited and the tax rates depend on whether the waste can be recovered or not, in such a way that it is intended to stimulate preventive treatment (see Table 8.8).

Figure 8.1 shows the evolution of the tax revenue and the tax rate in the period 2008-2020.

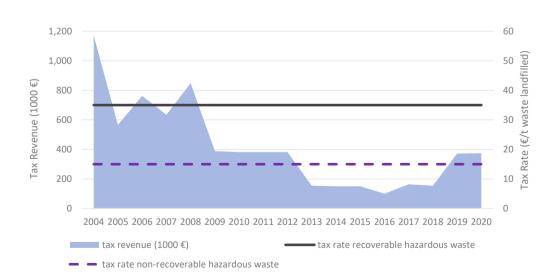


Figure 8.1. Andalusian Waste Landfill tax. Revenue and rate for the period 2004-2020

ource: Own elaboration based on the information available in the Portal of the Ministry of Finance and Public Function (2013-2020). Impuestos Propios (Secretaría General de Coordinación Autonómica y Local, 2022_[22]).

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Table 8.8. Tax rates (€/tonne) of existing waste disposal taxes in Spain, 2021

AC	Activity	Municipa	l Solid Waste	Industrial	Hazardous Waste	Industrial No	on-Hazardous Waste	Construction & Demolition	D 1.0
		Recoverable	Non-Recoverable	Recoverable	Non-Recoverable	Recoverable	Non-Recoverable	Waste	Regulation
Andalusia	Landfill			35	15	·			Law 18/2003
Balearic Islands	Landfill	40 (20)¹							Low 2/2020
	Incineration	20 (10)1							<u>Law 3/2020</u>
Cantabria	Landfill						2		Law 6/2009
Castile and León	Landfill	20	7	35	15	20	7	3	Legislative Decree 1/2013
Catalania	Landfill	59.1 ²		15.8		3	L 0/0000		
Catalonia	Incineration	29.62							Law 8/2008
Extremadura	Landfill		12		18	12		3.53	Law 2/2012
La Rioja	Landfill			21	44	12	44		Law 10/2017
Madrid	Landfill				8		5	15	Law 6/2003
Murcia Region	Landfill				15		7	3	Law 9/2005
Neverne	Landfill		00			20, 5, 16		36	L av. 14/2019
Navarra	Incineration	20							<u>Law 14/2018</u>
Valencia	Landfill			30		20	20	3	Law 04/0047
Community	(Co-)Incineration			307(208)	208	30	207		<u>Law 21/2017</u>

Note: (1) The lower tax rate reported within brackets applies to municipalities that have initiated the separate collection of organic waste and Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) schemes. (2) Tax rates for 2022, see Table 8.F.1 for planned tax rates until 2024. (3) Rate applicable to Inert waste. For the non-inert part of the CDW, a non-hazardous waste tax rate is assumed to be applied. (4) Rate applicable to non-recoverable waste coming from waste treatment facilities. (5) Tax rate per cubic meter of CDW. (6) 20 €/t for non-hazardous waste in general, 5 €/t for industrial non-hazardous with low lixiviation, 1 €/t for natural materials excavated (sand and rocks) and industrial inert waste. (7) Without energy recovery. (8) Hazardous waste in energy recovery operations.

Source: Own elaboration based on (Fundació ENT, 2022_[23])

8.4.2. Single-Use Plastic Bag Tax in Andalusia

On 1 May 2011, the Single-Use Plastic Bag Tax came into force in Andalusia, regulated by Law 11/2010, on fiscal measures for the reduction of the public deficit through sustainability, which taxes the supply of plastic bags by commercial establishments located in Andalusia.

The taxpayers are the natural and legal entities owning the commercial establishments where single-use plastic bags are provided to customers. The law does not differentiate between type of plastics bags (e.g., thick, thin, and very thin), but compostable and reusable plastic bags are exempt from the tax. The main aim of the tax was reducing single-use plastic bags consumption, but additional tax revenues for the Junta de Andalucía also motivated the implementation of the tax.

The tax is fully passed on to consumers, and must be stated on the corresponding invoice, receipt, or voucher, as a separate item denoting the number of bags paid for. The tax revenue goes to the general funds of the AC. The tax base is the number of plastic bags provided by the retailer. The tax rate has been 5 cents per single-use bag since 2011 (See Figure 8.2 in Box 8.2.). An increase to 10 cents was planned, but never implemented

Bags supplied by commercial retail establishments in which the holders are registered exclusively under a heading of group 64 of the Tax on Economic Activities including for instance retailers of exclusively fruits and vegetables, meat, fish or bread. Not part of this exemption are retailers of the sub-groups 645,646 and 647, including for example retailers or wines and beverages, tobacco products or general grocery shops.

Box 8.2. Evolution of tax revenue from Andalusia's Single-use plastic bag tax

Based on the tax revenue of 2014 (EUR 388,380) and the tax rate (EUR 0.05 per bag), the taxable event in 2014 equalled to 7.77 million bags. Considering the population of Andalusia in 2014 (8.4 million inhabitants), the taxable event per inhabitant corresponded to 0.9 bags per inhabitant per year. This amount is very small compared with the Spanish average annual consumption of 145 light plastic bags per inhabitant reported by ANAIP for the same year (Junta de Andalucía, 2022[18]). This could mean either that the tax was highly effective and reduced almost completely the consumption of taxed single-use plastic bags, that exemptions applied to the establishments of group 64 of the Tax on Economic Activities commercial retail mean a large volume of bags that are not included in the tax revenue, or that some taxpayers are not fulfilling their obligations with regards to the bags delivered in their establishments.

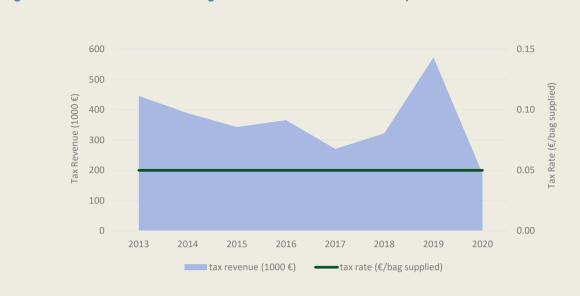


Figure 8.2. Andalusian Plastic bags Tax revenue and rate for the period 2013-2020

Note: According to Junta de Andalucía, in 2019 there was a peak in the supply of non-exempt bags, and it can be seen in the revenue of the same year. While the number of exempt bags decreased by 13%, the non-exempt ones increased by 40.7%. This could be related to the period of adaptation of businesses to the Spanish Royal Decree 239/2018 whose measures came into force in July 2018. In addition, the revenue of 2019 should be interpreted with caution, given that in December 2018 the Andalusian Budget Law for 2019 was not approved, for that the tax rate that applied from January 1 to July 24 of 2019 was 10-euro cents for each single-use plastic bag supplied instead of 5-euro cents. Subsequently, through the 4th Final Provision of Law 3/2019, of July 22, of the Budget of the Autonomous Community of Andalusia for the year 2019, with effect from January 1 of 2019 and indefinite validity (retroactive character), the tax rate was established at 5-euro cents for each single-use plastic bag supplied. Thus, part of the revenue was paid back to taxpayers and the actual revenue (after deductions) was less than the value shown in Figure 8.2.

Source: Own elaboration based on the data available from the Junta de Andalucía.

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8.5. Charges at the municipal level in Spain

At municipal level, waste charges are used to finance waste collection and management services. Waste charges are regulated through the fiscal ordinances of each municipality and are often conceived as flat rates or depend on criteria different than waste generation. This lack of connection with the effective waste generation and source separation of each user represents a missed opportunity to incentivise waste prevention and separate collection at local level.

The Observatory on Waste Taxation carried out an assessment of the Spanish waste charges applied over five years (2015, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021) by evaluating qualitatively and quantitatively the waste fiscal ordinances of 125 Spanish municipalities (Fundació ENT, 2021_[24]). The study concludes that:

Great variability exists among the waste charges applied around the Spanish territory. This
heterogeneity can be explained by the flexibility allowed by the Royal Decree 2/2004 on Local
Treasuries when designing the charge and by the different configuration of waste collection
services at municipal level, which translates into different costs.

- Waste charges have increased both for households and commercial activities between 2015 and 2021. However, some regression in the trends was observed in 2021, as some reductions were introduced to alleviate the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Most of the household waste charges are fixed rates (46.4% of the municipalities), while most of the commercial rates differentiate per "type of activity" and "area of trade".

The analysis suggests that the potential for waste charges to improve waste management has been hardly exploited. The situation will change with the implementation of the Spanish Waste Law 7/2022, since it contains relevant regulatory reforms applicable to waste charges and specifically foresees the mandatory nature of the waste charges (or equivalent figure, such as public prices or tariffs), as well as the obligation that such a figure covers the full cost of the service. It also establishes that waste charges "must allow for the implementation of pay-as-you-throw schemes" (art. 11.3), which will incentive the adoption of such schemes.

The White Book for Tax Reform recommends reformulating the current municipal waste taxation system to link it to pay as you throw systems.

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Annex 8.A. Landfill and Incineration taxes in OECD countries

Annex Table 8.A.1. Landfill and incineration taxes for non-hazardous waste in OECD countries

Country	Region	Year	Taxable event	Tax Rate (€/t)	Earmarked
Austria		1989	MSW Landfill	9.2 - 87. Lower rates for landfills with modern technologies	Yes
		2006	Waste incineration	8	Yes
		1990	Inert Waste Landfill	19.87	
			Mineral Waste Landfill	9.03	Yes
Belgium	Flanders		MSW Landfill	59.33	
		1989	Waste Incineration and Co- incineration	8.18	Yes
	Wallonia	1991	MSW Landfill	66.89; non-valorisable waste: 36.12 €; Stabilised waste: 30.58 €	
Bulgaria			MSW Landfill	50.00	
Denmark		1987	MSW Landfill	79.00	
			Mineral Waste Landfill	1.31	
Estonia		1990	Inert Waste and MSW Landfill	29.84	
			Construction Waste Landfill	0.63	
Slovenia		2001	MSW Landfill	11.00	
Finland		1996	MSW & Non-hazardous industrial waste Landfill	70.00	Yes
France		1993	MSW Landfill	54.00	
Greece		2019	MSW Landfill	15.00	Yes
Hungary		2013	MSW Landfill	19.35	Yes
Ireland		2002	MSW & Non-hazardous industrial waste Landfill	75.00	
Israel			Construction Waste Landfill	0.94	
			Inert Waste Landfill	5.50	
			Mineral and Construction Waste Landfill	5.68	
		2001	Inert Waste incineration without energy recovery	0.2 - 2 depends on the region	
		2001	Non-inert Waste incineration without energy recovery	1.03 - 5.16 depends on the region	
	Abruzzo		MSW Landfill	25.00	
	Aosta Valley		MSW Landfill	18.00	
Italy	Apulla		MSW Landfill	MSW Separate collection: <65% = 20.69; >65% = 12.07; >90% =5.17	
Italy	Basilicata		MSW Landfill	20.00	
	Calabria		MSW Landfill	15.50; Pre-treated waste: 5.33; From outside the assigned area to the landfill: 25.82	
	Campania		MSW Landfill	10.30; Pre-treated waste: 5.2	
	Emilia- Romagna		MSW Landfill	19.00	
	Friuli- Venezia Giulia		MSW Landfill	25.82	
	Lazio		MSW Landfill	15.49; Well separated residue: 10.33	

Country	Region	Year	Taxable event	Tax Rate (€/t)	Earmarked
	Liguria		MSW Landfill	15.00	
	Lombardy		MSW Landfill	19.00	
	Marche MSW Landfill Molise MSW Landfill		MSW Landfill	25.00	
			MSW Landfill	21.00	
	Piedmont		MSW Landfill	25.82; Pre-treated waste: 12.91	
	Sardinia		MSW Landfill	25.80; Stabilised waste: 18.	
	Trentino		MSW Landfill	12.86	
	South Tyrol		MSW Landfill	11.40	
	Tuscany		MSW Landfill	25.82; Stabilised waste: 21	
	Umbria		MSW Landfill	25.82	
	Veneto		MSW Landfill	25.82	
Latvia		1991	MSW Landfill & Non-hazardous industrial waste	65.00	
1.20			Inert Waste Landfill	30.41	Yes
Lithuania			MSW Landfill	10.00	
Malta			Construction Waste Landfill	3.26	
Netherlands		1995	MSW Landfill	33.15	
Dalamal			MSW Landfill	46.00	
Poland			Industrial waste Landfill	5.28	
		2007	MSW Landfill	22.00	
Portugal			Waste Incineration without energy recovery	7.70	
UK		1996	MSW Landfill	98.6	
		2004	Industrial waste Landfill	7.00	
Slovak			Inert Waste Landfill	66.00	
Republic			MSW Landfill	MSW separate collection: <10% = 33; <20% = 30; <30% =27; <40% = 22; >50% = 19; >60%=15; > 60%=11	
Czech Republic			MSW Landfill	20.00	
Romania		2019	MSW Landfill	17.00	
Sweden		2000	MSW Landfill	51.00	
Switzerland			Stabilised waste and Construction Waste Landfill	13.76	
			Inert Waste Landfill	4.30	

Note: The Spanish regions with waste disposal tax do not appear in this table. These are presented in Table 8.5. Source: Own elaboration based on (OECD, $2022_{[3]}$) and (CEWEP, $2022_{[7]}$).

Annex 8.B. Case studies on landfill taxes in other OECD countries

Annex Table 8.B.1. Landfill tax in the United Kingdom

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Legal bases	Finance Act of 1996						
Objective	To encourage efforts to minimise the amount of material produced and the use of alternative waste management options, such as recycling or composting.						
Level of responsibility	Central government (the United Kingdom)						
Tax setter(s)	Central government (the United Kingdom)						
Revenue beneficiary(ies)	Central government (the United Kingdom)						
Tax payer(s)	Operators or controllers of landfill sites transfer the cost to waste producers, the waste industry and local authorities to dispose municipal waste.						
Tax base (including main exemption(s), credits or	The landfill Tax is charged on material disposed of at a landfill or unauthorized waste site, and the tax base is tons of waste.						
deductions)	Exemptions apply to the following waste fractions, disposed at authorised landfill sites:						
	 Material removed from inland waterways and harbours by dredging,. 						
	 Material arising from mining and quarrying operations, 						
	 Burials of pets at certain authorised landfill sites (the site must be used solely for the burial of domestic pets), 						
	 Lower rated material used to fill existing or former quarries, 						
	Waste from visiting military forces (e.g. North Atlantic Treaty Organisations).						
Tax rate(s) (including their calculation)	The tax rate is based on the weight of waste, differentiated by two rates. As of 1 April 2022, the standard rate is GBP 98.6 (EUR 114.49) per tonne and the lower rate amounts to £3.15 (EUR 3.65) per tonne.						
Governance and implementation	The landfill tax was the first UK tax to have an explicit environmental purpose. Nevertheless, it was considered "a popular tax" as it benefited from widespread support from industry, local authorities and NGOs due to the expected use of revenue to partially offset the burden to business (revised in 2003 to only 6%). The final instrument design was fine-tuned during a consultation period, which continued after its implementation. In 1998, it was suggested to increase the tax rates since the previous rates were shown to be insufficient to shift away from incineration towards more investment in recycling. This suggestion was implemented, and since then, the tax rates have been constantly updated (Eunomia, 2016 _[25]).						
Environmental, social & health impacts	Combined with other policy measures, the tax has significantly contributed to reducing the quantity of waste sent to landfills: in 1996-1997, 50 million tonnes annually were sent to landfill, while it declined to around 12 million tonnes in 2015-2016 (Eunomia, 2016 _[25]).						

Source: (Eunomia, 2016_[25]), (The United Kingdom Government, 2021_[26]), (The United Kingdom Government, 2022_[27])

Annex Table 8.B.2. Belgium, Flanders: Tax on Landfilling and Incineration of Waste

Legal bases	Decree of December 23, 2011, on the sustainable management of material cycles and waste
Objective	To reduce or avoid altogether the landfilling of waste
Level of responsibility	Region (Flanders)
Tax setter(s)	Region (Flanders)
Revenue beneficiary(ies)	Region (Flanders)
Tax payer(s)	Landfill and incineration operators
Tax base (including main exemption(s), credits or deductions)	The tax base is the tons of waste.
Governance and implementation	Landfill taxes and bans on landfilling certain waste streams (e.g., separated waste and untreated municipal waste) have been used to shift from landfilling to incineration and recycling. These instruments are complemented with obligatory separated waste collection, pay-as-you-throw schemes, extended producer responsibility, as well as quotas on waste production per capita. Flanders also applies landfill taxes to waste exported for landfilling with the deduction of any taxes paid in the recipient country (a similar mechanism is used for waste exported for incineration) (OECD, 2021 _[28]).
Environmental, social & health impacts	The mix of waste policies in Flanders described above has contributed to reduce the average household waste from 555kg in 2007 to 490kg in 2017, resulting in only 1% of average household waste being directed to landfill sites. In 2012, Flanders only had 17 operational landfills in contrast with 118 in 1985 (Interreg Europe, 2018 _[29]).

Source: (OECD, 2021_[28]), (Interreg Europe, 2018_[29]), (European Environment Agency, 2013_[30])

Annex Table 8.B.3. Tax rate(s) (including their calculation)

Depends on the waste fate and the type of waste:

	[EUR/t]
Landfilling of flammable waste	101.91
Landfilling of non-flammable waste	56.05
Incineration without permit	270.84
Landfilling of household waste that cannot be incinerated in an incinerator	36.12
Landfilling of flammable recycling residues (some categories have a lower tax rate = compensation factor)	101.91
Landfilling of non-combustible recycling residues (some categories have a lower tax rate = compensation factor)	56.05
Landfilling of dredging sludge on a specific site therefore permitted	0.19
Landfilling of residues from permitted treatment facilities of sewage sludge	5.42
Landfilling of residues from soil remediation	3.98
Landfilling of sludge residues from the cleaning of sieving sand	5.42
Landfilling of inert waste	19.87
Landfilling of ore residues	9.03
Landfilling of iron oxide of waste from zinc production	9.03
Landfilling of gypsum or calcium waste	1.81
Landfilling of immobilized non-flammable waste	30.58

Source: (Interreg Europe, 2018[29])

Annex Table 8.B.4. Regional landfill taxes in Italy

Legal bases	National law 549/1995 and all additional regional laws
Objective	To improve the waste management cycle by reducing the share of waste being landfilled, making landfills less convenient, supporting waste initiatives to reduce waste generation, and incentivising recycling and energy recovery alternatives.
Level of responsibility	Regions (Italy)
Tax setter(s)	Regions (Italy)
Revenue beneficiary(ies)	Regions and municipalities (Italy)
Tax payer(s)	Landfill operators
Tax rate(s) (including their calculation)	The tax rates vary regionally within the maximum threshold of EUR 25.8 per tonne, which is set by the central government. The rates are obtained by multiplying the unit amounts, differentiated by categories of waste, quality and conditions of delivery by the quantity, expressed in tons, of the waste delivered. The categories are the following: (i) urban waste and waste from urban treatment, (ii) inert waste, (iii) non-hazardous special waste, and (iv) special hazardous waste (European Commission, 2021 _{[51}).
Tax base (including main exemption(s), credits or deductions)	The tax base is the tons of waste.
Governance and implementation	The landfill tax was introduced on 1 January 1996 to promote the separate waste collection and to support recycling and energy recovery plants. Although a landfilling reduction has been recorded since 1996, 22% of the total municipal waste was disposed of in landfills in 2018, which is far above the EU 10% target set for 2035. The main reason for this is the current relatively low rates of regional taxes. Since 2018, the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA) has been leading discussions and open consultation for tax enhancement and determining a "zero landfill" goal. Finally, to increase the effectiveness of the tax, the European Commission has recommended that Italy reforms the tax by increasing the rates and harmonising them across regions (European Commission, 2021[5]).
Environmental, social & health impacts	Since tax rates are determined at the regional levels, the effectiveness of taxes depend on the region considered. In Veneto, separate waste collection went from 34.4% in 2001 to 76.1% in 2020, whilst in Sicily, it varied from 3.3% to 43.3% in the same period (ISPRA, 2022 _[28]). Despite the reduction of landfilling, landfilling levels remain above the EU 10% target for 2035. Due to the tax's relatively low levels, it is also unclear whether landfilling decreased because of the tax or due to other mechanisms, such as pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) schemes, the improved sorting and recycling infrastructure, and other incentives (e.g., modulation of fees according to municipalities waste management performance) (European Commission, 2022 _[29]). For instance, Treviso in Veneto introduced a PAYT system in 2014 where 85 000 residents pay waste fees, which are 60% based on the number of people living in the same household, and 40% varies according to the amount of mixed waste. After the implementation of the tax, the separate collection in Treviso increased from 55% in September 2013 to 80% in December 2014, and the production of mixed waste decreased from 20kg/resident/month to 6kg/resident/month over the same period (European Commission, 2019 _[30]).

Source: (European Commission, 2021[5]), (European Commission, 2019[30]), (ISPRA, 2022[28]), (European Commission, 2022[30])

Annex 8.C. Taxes on Aggregates extraction in OECD countries

Annex Table 8.C.1. EU Environmental taxes on aggregates extraction in OECD countries

0	V	Madadal	Ad Quantum tax 2020	Ad Valor	em 2020	F	Funds destination	
Country	Year	Material	(€/m³)	(% benefit) (% market price)		Earmarked	Funds destination	
		Clay-cement	0.79					
		Clay-ceramic	0.75					
		Clay-Infusible	1.42					
		Dolomite-fill	0.94					
		Dolomite-high quality	2.36					
		Dolomite-low quality	1.40					
		Dolomite-technology	3.34					
		Gravel-construction	2.43				Natural regeneration of resources, preserving the	
Estonia	1991	Gravel-fill	0.60			Yes (partly)	environment and repairing environmental damage. In 2014	
		Limestone-fill	0.98				44% of the collection went to the general state funds.	
		Limestone-finish	2.94					
		Limestone-high quality	2.36					
		Limestone-low quality	1.49					
		Limestone-technology	2.49					
		Sand-construction	1.55					
		Sand-fill	0.42					
		Sand-tech	1.64	1.64				
		Clay, Devonian period	0.86					
		Clay, others	0.51				20% of the revenue is transferred to the municipalities	
1 :45	1001	Clay, Triassic	0.84			V (41. \	where the material is extracted and the funds are used to	
Lithuania	1991	Dolomite	0.99			Yes (partly)	finance the Environment Protection Support Program of the	
		Limestone	0.84				municipality.	
		Quartz sand	1.59					

		Sand	0.38				
		Construction sand	0.48				
		Sand used for silicone	0.44				
		Land used for construction	0.26				
Sweden	1996	Natural gravel	1.58 (2007)			No	State general fund.
Croatia	1959	Materials (without specifications)		2.6% (5% in protected areas) (2003)		Yes	Investments associated with economic development and environmental protection measures.
Cyprus	1990	Materials (without specifications)	0.26 (1999)			Yes	75% of the funds are used to regenerate the environmental damage in municipalities affected by extractive activity, the remaining 25% destined to projects for the restoration of abandoned quarries.
Czech Republic	1991	Materials (without specifications)	3.00(2011)		Up to 10%	Yes	25% allocated to projects for the restoration of abandoned quarries. Economic compensation for damages due to mining activity.
Denmark	2006	Materials (without specifications)	0.7 (2009)				
France	1999	Materials (without specifications)	0.20*				
United Kingdom	2002		2.50*				
ltaly**	1998		It depends on the region		Up to 10.5% in Tuscany	Yes	50% goes to environmental recovery and remediation of disused quarries and degraded areas.

Note: In the OECD database these taxes appear as: mining charges, mineral extraction charges, natural gravel tax, quarrying charge, aggregates tax and general tax on pollution. The taxes of UK and Italy were not found in the OECD database. (*) Tax per tonne of material (**) Regional tax.

Source: Own elaboration based on the OECD database (OECD, 2022[3]).

Annex 8.D. Consumer products taxes in OECD countries

Annex Table 8.D.1. Consumer products levied with environmental taxes in OECD countries

Product	Country applying environmental tax
Household batteries	Croatia, Denmark, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden
Disposable tableware	Belgium, Denmark, Latvia
Disposal cameras	Belgium
Aluminium foil	Belgium
Plastic carrier bags	Belgium, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland
Packaging items	Denmark, Latvia
Electric light bulbs	Denmark, Latvia, Slovakia
Motor vehicle batteries	Bulgaria, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Sweden
Car tyres	Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia
Paint, other solvent-containing products	Belgium, Canada
Pesticides	Canada, Denmark, Norway
Vehicles oils and lubricants	Canada, Croatia, Finland, Norway
Consumer electrical products	Canada, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia

Source: Own elaboration using (OECD, $2015_{[25]}$) as main source of information.

Annex Table 8.D.2. Volume-based tax rate of the Danish packaging tax (in DKK/unit for 2022)

	Volume (cl)								
	<10	10-40	41-60	61-110	111-160	>160			
Cardboard or laminate	0.08	0.16	0.26	0.53	0.79	1.05			
Other (glass, plastic, metal, etc.)	0.14	0.26	0.42	0.84	1.27	1.69			

Source: (Danish Ministry of Taxation, 2022[26])

Annex 8.E. EPR schemes in Spain

Annex Table 8.E.1. EPR schemes applied in Spain in 2022

	Waste Flow	Producer Responsibility Organization	Spanish Regulation	EU Directive	
	Light packaging (including plastic, metal, beverage carton and paper/cardboard)	ECOEMBES	Law 11/2997		
ing	Glass Packaging	ECOVIDRIO	Royal Decree 782/1998		
Packaging	Medical Products Packaging and Expired Medicines	SIGRE	Royal Decree 102/1990	Directive 2018/852	
	Phytosanitary Products Packaging	AEVAE	Payal Dagrag 1416/2001		
	Agriculture Products Packaging	SIGFITO	Royal Decree 1416/2001		
	Batteries and accumulators	European Recycling Platform & Fundación Ecopilas	Royal Decree 106/2008	Directive 2006/66/EC	
	End-of-life vehicles	SIGRAUTO	Royal Decree 265/2021 that modifies Royal Decree 2822/1998	Directive 2000/53/EC	
End-of-life tires		SIGNUS & TNU	Royal Decree 731/2020 that modifies Royal Decree 1619/2005		
Used Industrial Oils		SIGAUS & SIGPI	Royal Decree 679/2006 modified by Order ARM/795/2011		
Wa	Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) >11 organizations (e.g., AMBILAMP)		Royal Decree 110/2015	Directive 2012/19/EU	

Source: Own elaboration based on the information available at (MITERD, 2022[27]).

Annex 8.F. The Catalan Waste Disposal Tax

The **Catalan waste disposal tax** is one of the oldest of its kind that exist in Spain and the first one and still one of the few that levy not only landfilling but also incineration. The regulation on the management of the tax is defined in Law 8/2008 on the financing of waste management infrastructures and the fees on waste disposal.

The taxpayers are the local entities that own the MSW management service (or those that have it delegated) and the producers of the waste in the case of waste that is not the responsibility of the Local Authorities. The owners of the waste disposal facilities are substitute taxpayers.

Its design (object and tax rates) has evolved over time. In 2004 the landfill tax for municipal solid waste (MSW) was introduced, then it was extended to construction and demolition waste (CDW) in 2009 and to industrial waste (IW) in 2014. From 2009, the tax also included incineration of MSW. The tax rates have also been progressively increasing over time. In 2020, an increase in tax rates on municipal waste was approved until 2024 (see Table 8.F.1).

To encourage the implementation of separate collection of organic waste, from 2009 to 2016 differentiated rates were applied. The higher tax rate (reported within parentheses in 8.F.1) applied to municipalities without separate collection of organic fraction applied only to those that should have implemented separated collection of organic waste according to the separate collection deployment approved by the Catalan Waste Agency (ARC).

Annex Table 8.F.1. Tax rate evolution (€/t) of the Catalan waste disposal tax (2004-2024)

	2004- 2008	2009- 2010	2011	2012- 2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
MSW Landfill	10	10 (20)	12 (21)	12.4 (21.6)	15.8 (25.4)	19.1 (28.7)	19.1 (28.7)	30	35.6	41.3	47.1	53.1	59.1	65.3	71.6
MSW Incineration	-	5 (15)	5.5 (16)	5.7 (16.5)	7.4 (18.6)	9 (20.2)	9 (20.2)	14.5	17.8	20.6	23.6	26.5	29.6	32.7	35.8
IW Landfill	-	-	-	-	3.95	7.9	11.85	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	tbd	tbd
CDW Landfill	-	3	3	-	-	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	tbd	tbd

Note: tbd = to be defined; () = Amounts within parentheses applies to municipalities without separate collection for organic waste that should have it according to the separate collection deployment project approved by the Catalan Waste Agency (ARC). Source: Own elaboration.

The tax revenue goes to the Waste Management Fund regulated by Law 8/2008, of July 10, financing waste management infrastructure and the tax on the disposal of waste and attached to the Catalan Waste Agency (article 4). The Waste Management Fund is the body responsible for collecting and managing tax revenues, and it is the body that establishes the purpose of the funds collected and helps to prevent fraud. The fund is managed by two governing boards, the Governing Board for Municipal Waste and the Governing Board for Construction Waste. It is up to each of these boards to plan, decide and manage the destination of the funds. In the case of industrial waste, the funds are managed by a collegiate body made up of different organisations and entities.

Table 8.F.2 summarises the tax revenues from 2016 to 2019. The beneficiaries of the funds vary according to the type of waste. The beneficiaries of the revenues from MSW are municipalities and other local

authorities in charge of collection and treatment MSW. The beneficiaries of the revenues from IW and CDW are the natural or legal persons who carry out actions for the prevention and material recovery of such waste.

Annex Table 8.F.2. Tax revenue (€) of the Catalan waste disposal tax, 2016-2019

Year	MSW Landfill	MSW Incineration	IW Landfill	CDW Landfill	Total Revenue
2016	28 109 717	6 197 830	4 414 252	3 701 139	42 422 938
2017	41 431 877	8 963 549	5 154 098	2 736 437	58 285 961
2018	56 558 520	11 030 233	6 375 591	4 871 586	78 835 930
2019	63 797 934	13 051 194	8 127 961	5 427 159	90 404 248

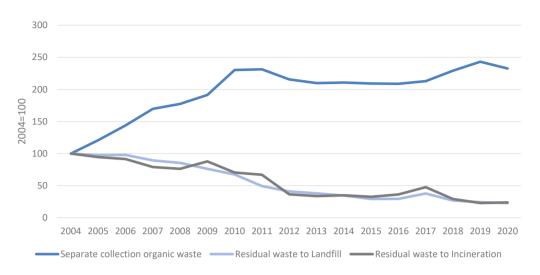
Source: Own elaboration based on data provided by the Catalan Waste Agency.

The distribution of the income collected with the MSW tax is of special interest. There is a procedure for revenue distribution, colloquially called "tax return", since it returns above 95% of tax revenues to taxpayers according to different concepts defined annually by the Municipal Waste Management Board. Concepts subject to tax return and the amounts returned to local entities in 2021 can be found in an guidance document published by the waste agency (Agència de Residus de Catalunya, 2021[28]). They depend on the performance of the Local Authorities in terms of waste management. The better the performance, the higher the tax return. One of the concepts is the amount of separately collected organic waste and the impurities content.

The funds collected from industrial waste must be allocated to prevention studies and new technologies for waste treatment (10%), abandoned waste management actions and other activities related to industrial waste management developed by ARC (40%), to green infrastructure actions and territorial environmental improvement (2%) and the remaining 48% to prevention actions. The funds collected with the tax on CDW must be used for actions to prevent and recover CDW, to optimise CDW management and to the promotion and research of recovered materials. As for IW, 2% of the funds collected must be used for actions of green infrastructure and territorial environmental improvement.

A statistical study carried out by ENT in 2021 demonstrated that the presence of a Catalan waste tax applied to MSW has significantly contributed to an increase in municipal separate collection. The design of the Catalan landfill and incineration taxes, with its earmarked character and with a detailed and dynamic income distribution system, has increased separate collection of organic waste and reduced landfill and incineration waste over time (see Annex Figure 8.F.1).

Annex Figure 8.F.1. Evolution of the separate collection of organic waste, landfilling and incineration in Catalonia, 2004-2020



Source: Own elaboration based on the data available in http://estadistiques.arc.cat.

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Annex Table 8.F.3. Best practices: Summary of the Catalan Waste Disposal Tax

Catalonia (Spain)

Title: Catalan Waste Disposal Tax

Objective: To discourage landfilling and incineration of waste and to create a twofold incentive for the separate collection and recovery of waste streams by making disposal more expensive and by channeling revenues to local authorities according to their results in separate collection and waste treatment.

Competence: Catalan Waste Agency (ARC)

Legal basis: Law 8/2008 on the financing of waste management infrastructures and the fees on waste disposal **Setter**: The Parliament of Catalonia

Beneficiary: Municipalities and other local authorities in charge of collection and treatment of MSW through the Waste Management Fund created by Law 8/2008

Payer: Local entities that own the MSW management service (or those that have it delegated) and the producers of the waste in the case of waste that is not the responsibility of the Local Authorities.

Taxable event: Landfilling and incineration of waste (Municipal solid waste, industrial waste and construction and demolition waste)

Calculation: Progressive increase in tax rates

Strengths: Distribution of the income collected with the MSW tax

Weaknesses: Long time to reach significant tax rates

Annex 8.G. Tax on aggregates in Andalusia

Annex Table 8.G.1. Price and demand variation of the tax on aggregates proposed for Andalusia

	Price (including tax) Variation (%)		Demand Variation (%)	
	Ad Quantum	Ad Valorem	Ad Quantum	Ad Valorem
Andesite	59.2%	10.0%	-5.92%	-1.00%
Clay	91.0%	10.0%	-9.10%	-1.00%
Siliceous Sand	11.0%	10.0%	-1.10%	-1.00%
Sand and gravel	48.6%	10.0%	-4.86%	-1.00%
Sandstone	27.2%	10.0%	-2.72%	-1.00%
Basalt	23.1%	10.0%	-2.31%	-1.00%
Limestone	26.4%	10.0%	-2.64%	-1.00%
Diabase	26.4%	10.0%	-2.64%	-1.00%
Greenstone	25.7%	10.0%	-2.57%	-1.00%
Dolomite	27.1%	10.0%	-2.71%	-1.00%
Granite	27.3%	10.0%	-2.73%	-1.00%
Greywacke	52.0%	10.0%	-5.20%	-1.00%
Loam	91.8%	10.0%	-9.18%	-1.00%
Ophite	21.9%	10.0%	-2.19%	-1.00%
Trachyte	14.8%	10.0%	-1.48%	-1.00%
Gypsum	21.7%	10.0%	-2.17%	-1.00%

Note: Ad Quantum tax of 1.35 €/t, Ad Valorem tax of 10% of the market price, Elastic demand of 10%.

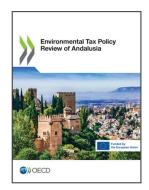
Source: Own elaboration.

Notes

¹ In June 2021, an Agreement was approved for the formulation of the Strategy for Sustainable Mining in Andalusia 2030 (Acuerdo de 1 de junio de 2021, del Consejo de Gobierno, por el que se aprueba la formulación de la Estrategia para una Minería Sostenible en Andalucía 2030 (EMSA 2030).

 $^{^2}$ See (HMRC UK Government, $2020_{[25]}$) for a complete description of the exemptions and (Ettlinger, $2017_{[26]}$) for a brief summary of the levy.

³ Ley 7/2022, de 8 de abril, de residuos y suelos contaminados para una economía circular.



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