**Joint meeting between FEVE & FERVER**

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**Draft Report**



The two associations organised a joint meeting in the premises of Eurovetro Recycling. Following a round of introductions by Baudouin Ska (Secretary General of FERVER), Adeline Farrelly (Secretary General of FEVE), Ulli Ix (President of FERVER) and Pierluigi Galli (CEO of Eurovetro Recycling), the group went on a visit of the Cullet Treatment Plant.

Following the tour, the group reconvened to discuss trends and issues on packaging policy affecting the container glass market, as well as the impact of collection systems on glass recycling. The meeting was initiated by two PowerPoint presentations (available on both websites) prepared and presented resp. by Jean-Paul Judson and Baudouin Ska. During the following debate between the participants, both associations called for increased cooperation in order to achieve higher glass collection & recycling rates. Both associations also agreed to work in close partnership to establish harmonised calculation on the reporting of glass recycling rates across all EU Member States. Several members expressed the urgency to act fast.

The main actions that were decided were:

**Implementation of the Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive:**

* A joint FEVE / FERVER letter should be sent to the European Commission to clarify whether Member States will be allowed to account for “backfilling” and “aggregates” as “recycling” insofar as the reporting on recycling is concerned. It is understood that backfilling is not recycling according to the definition of recycling, but “construction materials” are tolerated as a destination point for recycled glass in the implementing act supporting the Packaging & Packaging Waste Directive, and in the Waste Framework Directive there is a reference to “backfilling” that may be accounted for as recycling for the purpose of reporting on the recycling rates. The concern expressed by both associations is that if Member States are allowed to report backfilling and aggregates as recycling, there is less incentive to establish the type of selective collection required for recycling glass into a furnace for glass packaging.
* With the new calculation point for reporting on recycling rates, the Cullet Treatment Plant becomes a key process in the reporting of glass recycling rates. There will need to be increased traceability on the input waste material (by country of origin) and the output material (End-of-Waste, but also what is sent to insulation glass ( fibre/foam), abrasive materials, filtration media and construction materials – and other destinations not considered to be recycling). In order to better understand the losses that are to be expected in different collection scenarios, FEVE and FERVER agreed to work jointly to clarify waste flows and establish a benchmarking study.
* Based on this benchmarking exercise, FEVE and FERVER will aim to work on a campaign towards national authorities to establish harmonised reporting on glass recycling.

**Increasing Glass Collection & Recycling:**

* Inventory of the relevant studies and reference documents to be collected for further analysis and reflection and identify the gaps in our knowledge: FEVE and FERVER to ask members to provide links & details to studies on glass collection & recycling that can be collected for the inventory of studies. This inventory would then be assessed to find out what is missing from our knowledge and to what new studies might be needed to support further evidence-based input to our programme on glass collection & recycling.
* While clearly every region and country is different and no one size fits all, an important area for further work that was highlighted by many participants is the role of municipalities in designing the collection systems, and the key role played by EPR schemes in the interface between the payers (producers) and the collectors (municipalities). We should aim to help the municipalities to do more. A quantification and qualification of the benefits of glass recycling for municipalities should therefore be carried out (e.g. socio-economic analysis of glass recycling for municipalities; what are the data on benefits to the municipalities and what is the return on investment), possibly in partnership with the municipalities themselves…
* FEVE and FERVER to organise a follow-up meeting, with a focus on priority actions for increasing glass collection & recycling. FERVER and FEVE to discuss internally and prepare a list of priority actions and build up a circle of influence i.e. organisations who are important influencers in getting more glass collected.

Adeline Farrelly closed the meeting by expressing, in name of both federations, her gratitude to the Eurovetro team for their excellent hospitality and quality of the guided visit of the plant.

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