



# Introduction of an Extended Producer Responsibility system for packaging



## Background

Jordan has undergone intensive economic development and constant population growth in recent decades. This has resulted, among other things, in increasing packaging waste and associated environmental issues. With the technical support of the German consultancy cyclos GmbH, the Jordanian government has prepared a legal framework, which will serve as the foundation for introducing an extended producer responsibility (EPR) system. It is intended to ensure the long-term financing of a recycling collection and recovery system for packaging. The system shall be organised by the private sector and financed by industry. Within the framework of the Export Initiative for Green Technologies, in March 2019, the “Jordanian Association for Recycling the Consumer Packaging Materials”<sup>1</sup> was founded by nine international companies and organisations. The aim of the association is to create the basis for an EPR system together with the Jordanian Ministry of Environment.

## Aim of the cooperation



The objective is to support the development of an EPR system by adapting and creating institutional and operational frameworks. The module makes a direct contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal on the development of sustainable cities and settlements (SDG 11), in particular target 11.6: “By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management”.

## What we do

- **Legal framework:** In cooperation with international experts from the cyclos GmbH, we support local partners in setting the legal framework and assigning responsibilities for the introduction of an industry-financed EPR system for Jordan.

<sup>1</sup> <http://epr-jordan.com>



- **Administrative framework:** We support our partners in developing an organisation that will implement the EPR system, taking into account the definition of responsibilities to take over its statutory tasks by building up the necessary operational and administrative capacities.
- **Policy advice:** We support the Jordanian Ministry of Environment in building the necessary institutional and human resource capacities to implement its tasks as the central supervisory authority for the registration and oversight of the EPR system.
- **Pilot projects:** Together with our partners, we are developing pilot projects for separate collection systems for packaging materials in the capital city Amman.
- **Knowledge management:** We process the results and experiences of the pilot project and actively introduce them to relevant stakeholders in our partner countries.

## Key results

- In August 2020, the Jordanian Ministry of Environment introduced under Article (7), paragraph (c) of the Framework Law on Waste Management No. 16 of 2020 the notion of the EPR system in this general waste regulation. Specific EPR legislation is being developed by the Ministry of Environment including EPR Instructions for Packaging Waste.
- We are continuously providing support to the partners and the ministry during events to foster the information exchange, overcome barriers, and help implement an initial voluntary EPR system for packaging waste.

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