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Closing date: 4 February 2019

Title of the public consultation: Intent & Objectives: Single-Use Plastic Products Strategy for Malta, 2019-2025 - Re-think Plastic

Ministry: Ministry for Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change

Entity: Environment & Resources Authority

1. Background

In terms of Article 51 of the Environment Protection Act (Cap. 549), it is duly notified that the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA), in collaboration with the Ministry for Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change is preparing a national strategy for the reduction of single-use plastic items in the Maltese Islands. This document shall be entitled “**Single-use plastic products Strategy for Malta, 2019-2025 - Re-think plastic**”. The Strategy shall be in line with the [European Union Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy](#). The aim of the strategy will be to ensure the protection of the environment and human health from plastic pollution.

Items, that are entirely or partially made of plastics, that are used once and then are disposed of, are commonly used in everyday life. Such items constitute an important element of our economy. On the other hand, such items have low rates of reuse, recovery and recycling when compared with other recyclables such as paper, metals and glass. The majority of plastic waste is generally either sent to the landfill or incinerated. Yet, a significant amount of items made from plastic may end up as litter in the marine or terrestrial environment.

The objectives of this Strategy are to:

- 1. Reduce consumption of single-use plastic (SUP) products; and**
- 2. Increase the quality and quantities of Single-Use Plastic waste collected for recycling.**

2. Consultation

The public is invited to submit any feedback or comments on the intent and objectives of this strategy.

3. Submission of feedback:

- **E-mail:** era.policyconsultation@era.org.mt

4. Further notes:

The proposed Strategy will be available for public consultation in due course at the following web link: <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/Active-Public-Consultations.aspx>

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