

# RecyClass<sup>TM</sup>

The Recyclability Tool for plastic package

# What is RecyClass?

- A tool that ranks the recyclability class of a plastic package and it is the first step towards its improvement



- It ranks packaging according to the class system between **A** and **F** - a scale resembling the well-known energy efficiency rating
- [It gives indications to the user about precise critical points to be changed to improve the recyclability class.](#)

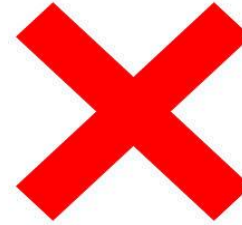


- It provides evaluation of the recyclability of the plastic package given the existing recycling streams



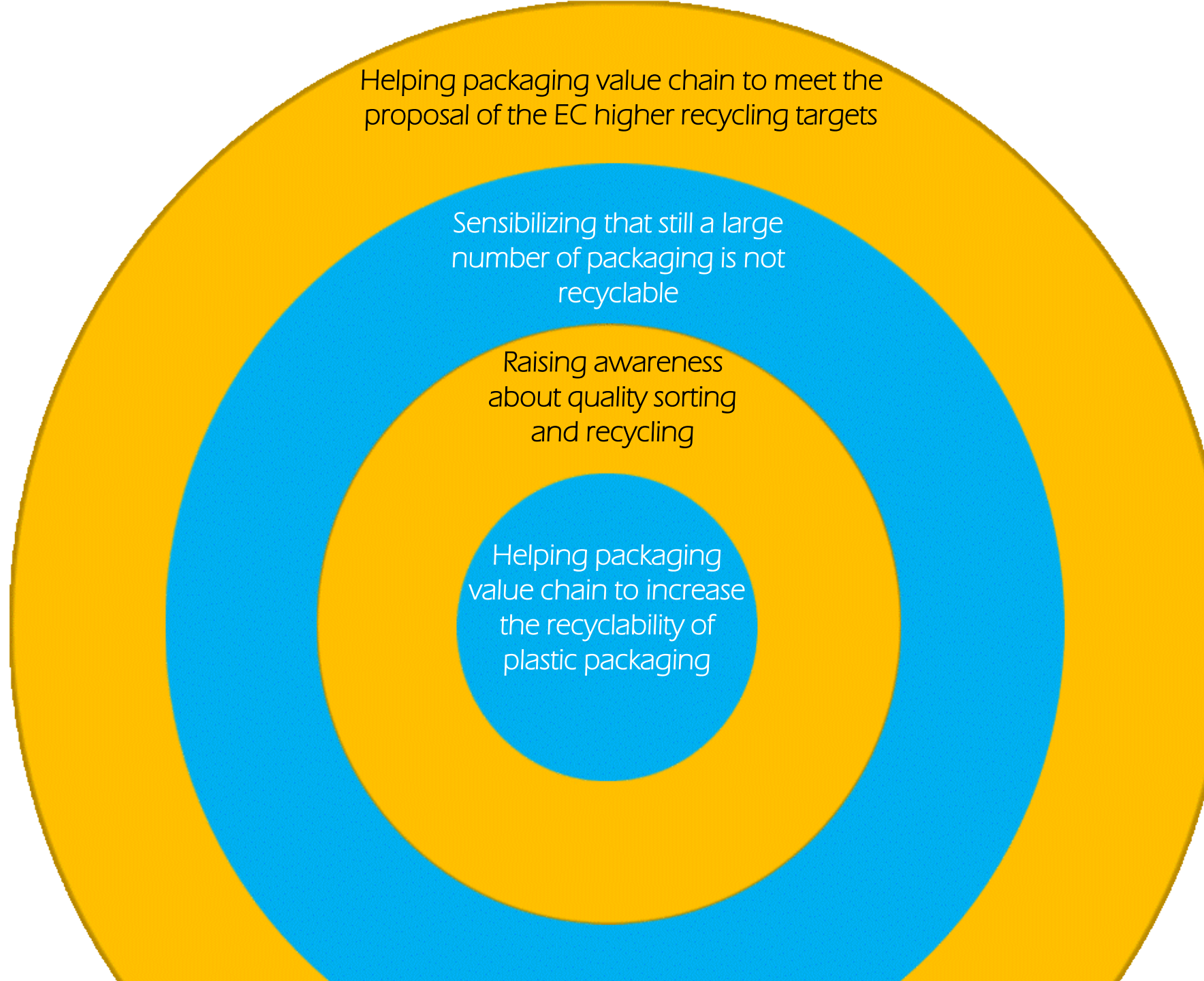
## What RecyClass is not?

- It is NOT a tool to assess the complete environmental impact of a package (LCA indicators are not included)
- It is NOT a way to ban some plastics or polymers - it is simply a ranking scheme
- It is NOT a tool based on lab results but on practical experience in the waste and recycling industry





# What is RecyClass' Aim?



Helping packaging value chain to meet the proposal of the EC higher recycling targets

Sensibilizing that still a large number of packaging is not recyclable

Raising awareness about quality sorting and recycling

Helping packaging value chain to increase the recyclability of plastic packaging

# How to use RecyClass?



RecyClass is an on-line tool



You can test the tool by registering at: [www.recyclclass.eu](http://www.recyclclass.eu)



It is based on different areas of questioning.  
The tool will guide you through 5 levels of questioning:

1. General questions (Decision tree - scheme)
2. Incompatibilities (Design-for-recycling guidelines)
3. % of recycled plastics content
4. Easy-to-empty / Easy-to-access index
5. SoVHc content



After the analysis is completed you will receive a confirmation with:

- a. Recyclability class (between A and F);
- b. Precise indications about parts to be changed to improve the recyclability of the package



Users intending to publish the final result of their RecyClass analysis – for instance to use a label on their package – need to have their analysis certified by an approved external auditor before publication.

# Why should you use it?

In a few simple steps you can check the recyclability of your packaging



It is easy to use



The tool provides advice on improving your package's design



If you want to design environmentally-friendly packaging the tool will guide you through what is important



You will receive a document with your analysis



# Who should use it?

CONVERTERS



RETAILERS



THE WHOLE PLASTIC PACKAGING VALUE CHAIN

BRAND OWNERS



PACKAGING DESIGNERS



PROCESSORS



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