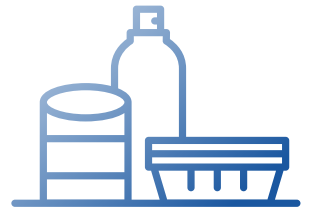


ALUMINIUM

2025 figures

Aluminium packaging is collected via the blue bag. They belong to the PMD waste. Examples include drinks cans, aerosols, aluminium trays and small aluminium items such as drinks capsules and caps.



Collection scenario

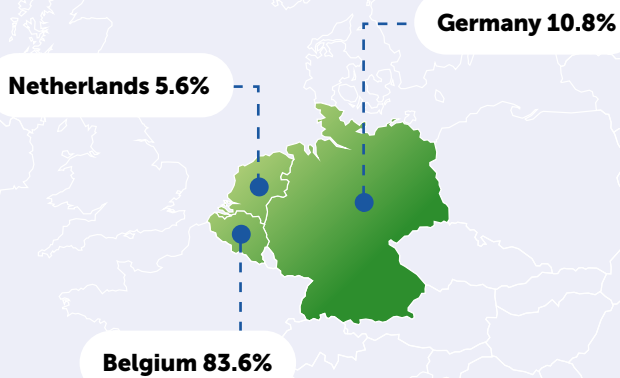
PMD is collected door-to-door or via drop-off points such as underground containers and sorting streets. Additionally, in certain intermunicipal associations, PMD can also be brought to the recycling park.



Recycling process

Aluminium packaging is crushed and further cleaned to produce scrap qualities ready for melting. Small aluminium items are recycled by pyrolysis.

Where is the material recycled?



Materials and equipment

Aluminium is sorted into two streams:

- Aluminium
- Small aluminium items (incl. drinks capsules)

European recycling targets



Collection metal beverage packaging

80% (2026)

90% (2029)

Recycling aluminium packaging

50% (2025)

60% (2030)

94%

of beverage cans recycled

(beverage cans can be either steel or aluminium)



26.1 kg

of PMD waste per inhabitant collected



34.5 kT

of recycled aluminium packaging



Recyclate applications

- New packaging for food and non-food (cans, pots, trays)
- Products such as a bicycle or a car part
- Applications in the construction industry

Recycling rate for members* of Fost Plus

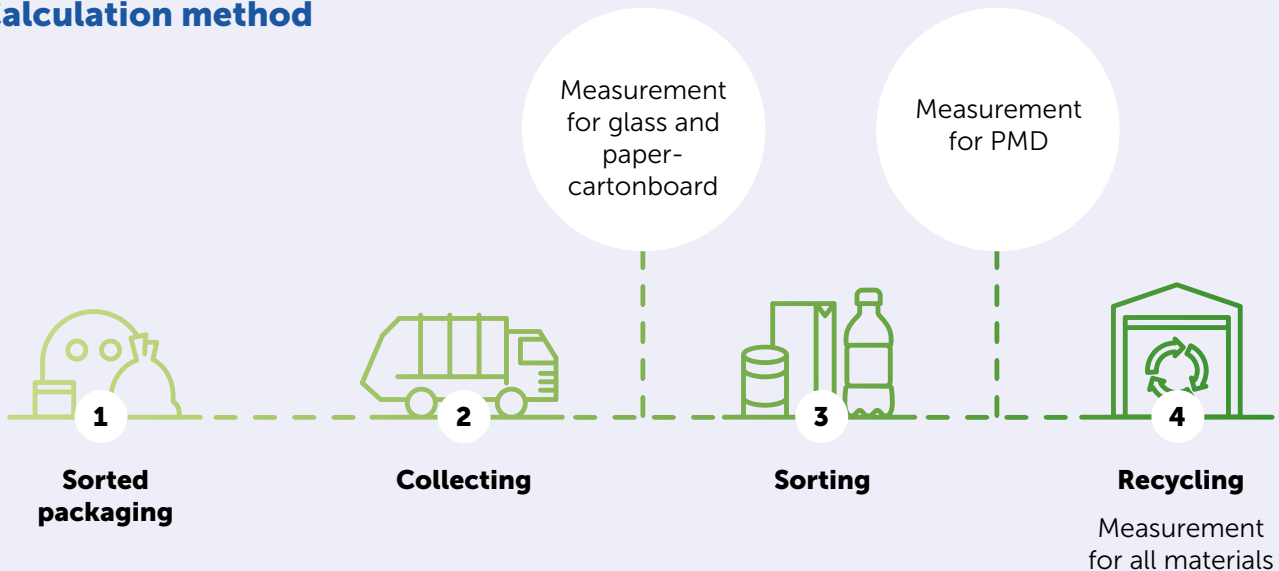
96%*



**approx. 81% of all packaging on the Belgian market (by weight) comes from Fost Plus members. The rest is purchased by consumers abroad (cross-border purchases) or sold by businesses that consciously or unconsciously evade their take-back obligation (so-called free-riders).*

Aluminium is also recovered from incinerator ash. This means that even when steel packaging such as drinks cans is not selectively collected, it is still recycled and a high rate of material circularity is achieved.

Calculation method



How is the recycling percentage calculated?

The recycling percentage is calculated when the recycling actually takes place, after removing any contaminants and unsuitable materials from the sorted bales.

The method used has been determined at European level and validated by the Interregional Packaging Commission (IRPC).

