

## FAQ Bonus Recycled Content (12/08/2025)

### Is there a bonus in the Green Dot rates for the use of recycled content?

Currently, Fost Plus does not award a bonus for the use of recycled content. After all, the [Green Dot rates](#) are based on the cost deficit principle. The rates are calculated based on the actual costs of collection, sorting and recycling of the packaging on the one hand and the proceeds from the sale of the materials on the other. The use of recycled content has no direct effect on those costs and revenues. Packaging made from recycled materials costs the same amount to collect, sort and process as the packaging with no recycled content.

The potential bonus would therefore be financed by companies that do not use recycled content. This includes companies that are not allowed to do so, for reasons of food safety, for example, or cannot do so because there are insufficient materials available. With the arrival of the new European PPWR legislation, the use of recycled content for many types of packaging will also become mandatory. Granting a bonus is of little use in that case.

Of course, we are already taking a lot of initiatives today to support and encourage the use of recycled content in practice. For example, we have been committed to the highest possible collection of materials for many years and we apply very strict quality standards for the collected and sorted materials. At the same time, we invest in sorting and recycling centres close to home, preferably in Belgium, so that high-quality materials become available for local production and therefore also for our members. In our call for tenders for recycling companies, we also give preference to partners who use the materials in new packaging. In doing so, we give a direct boost to the market, which is much more effective than financial incentives.

