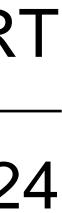


CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT

July 2024



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SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE BAG. WHAT'S IN THE BAG IS MORE IMPORTANT.

CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

CAMPAIGN AIM

The aim of the Make the Label Count (MTLC) campaign is to work with the European Commission to improve the PEF methodology before it is introduced in the EU market for apparel and footwear so that natural fibres do not receive a bad rating based on incomplete information.

CAMPAIGN APPROACH

- Coalition engagement onboard partners from global natural fibre organisations, environmental and social NGOs and others who share our concerns to amplify the campaign.
- EU policy maker engagement meeting with Commission staff and Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to positively influence EU policy and legislative development.
- Social, digital and media campaign layered campaign including advertorials in Brussels-focussed publications, social media channels to target content at EU policy makers, website to house campaign resources, media briefings, speaking opportunities and more.

CAMPAIGN SPOKESPERSON



Dalena White Secretary General International Wool Textile Organisation

CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT

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The equivalent of 1 full-time and 2 part-time staff employed by Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) / The Woolmark Company to actively manage all aspects of the campaign including: Coalition onboarding and management, stakeholder engagement (attending and presenting at meetings with policymakers and building networks), preparing responses to inquiries, preparing presentations, fact sheets and one-pagers, social media management, website management, speaking opportunities at webinars and conferences, and much more.

Additional AWI resources are also used to create campaign collateral and graphics, support with social media posting and website development and management.

ADVOCACY EXPERTS

A 5-person team from the Brunswick Group office in Brussels has been supporting the campaign from the outset. The Brunswick team provides critical policymaker engagement, including identifying key policy makers and arranging meetings. They monitor and review legislative proposals, draft suggested amendments and advocate to policymakers to adopt said amendments.

RESEARCH EXPERTS

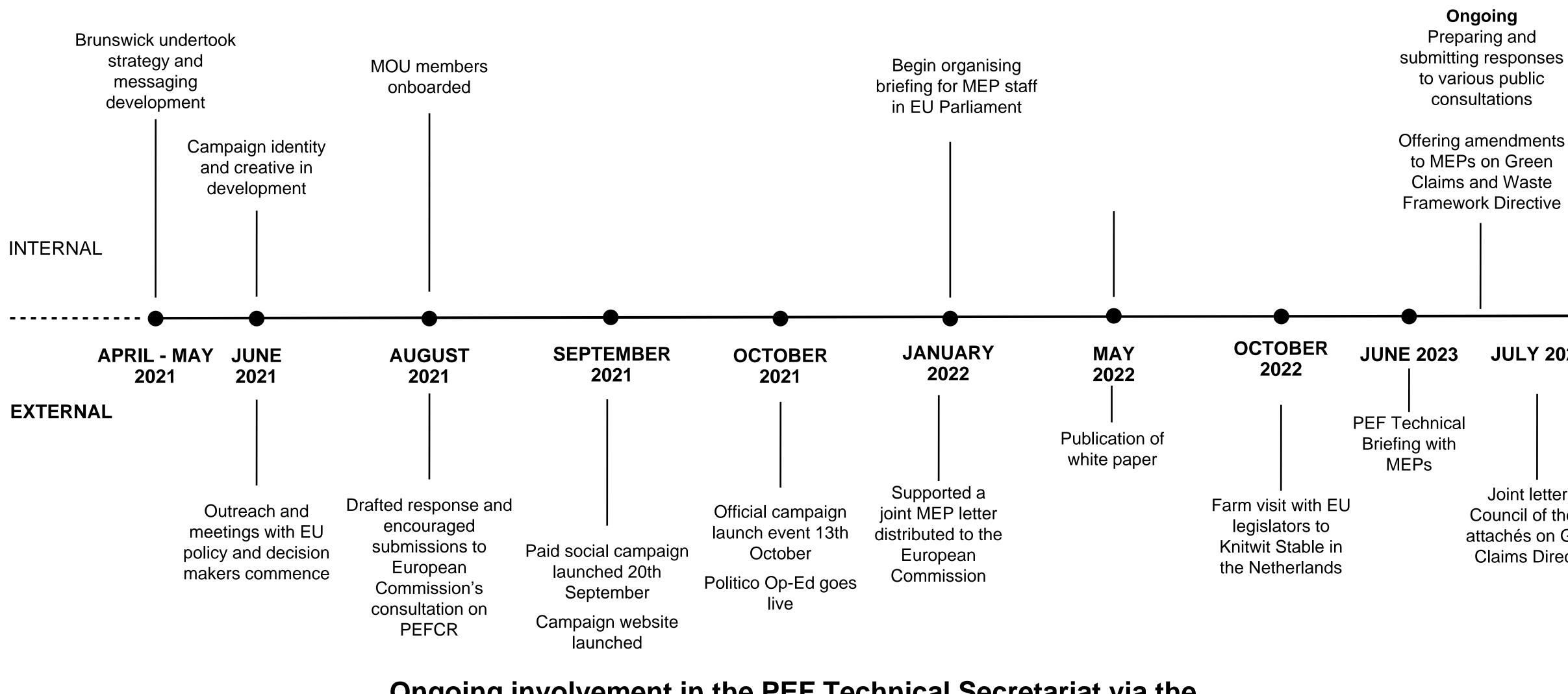
Research experts are engaged through International Wool Textile Organisation to support in developing policy positions and reviewing legislative developments.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

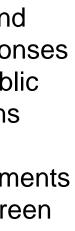


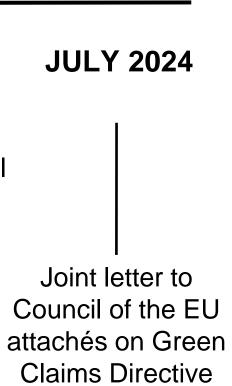
Elisabeth van Delden Sustainability Manager Europe Australian Wool Innovation / The Woolmark Company

CAMPAIGN TIMELINE



Ongoing involvement in the PEF Technical Secretariat via the IWTO Wool LCA Technical Working Group at the cost of 60.000 EUR.





OVERVIEW OF CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES & PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

- Meeting with members of the European Parliament, Council of the European Union and European Commission
- Drafting amendments to the EU legislation
- Organising events and on-site visits
- Drafting open and opinion editorials
- Contributing to public consultations
- Engaging on social media

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

- 66 meetings with EU Institutional stakeholders, including:
 - 39 with MEPs/staff (including 2 MEP, 2 MEP assistants and 1 European Parliament's think tank advisor for the farm visit)
 - 12 with European Commission
 - 14 with EU Permanent Representatives
 - 1 civil society associations
- Email outreach to 433 EU Institutional stakeholders
- 37 Coalition Members

COALITION ENGAGEMENT

COALITION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

An MOU governs the MTLC Coalition. All Coalition members are invited to be active in the campaign to the extent that they're able to contribute.

ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Total membership at 15 July 2024 is 37
- Regular meetings with Coalition members
- Bi-weekly EU policy newsletter (when Parliament is in session)
- Responding to EU consultations •
- Signing joint open letters to the EU
- Coalition representatives engaged for content creation and speaking opportunities







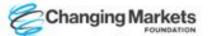




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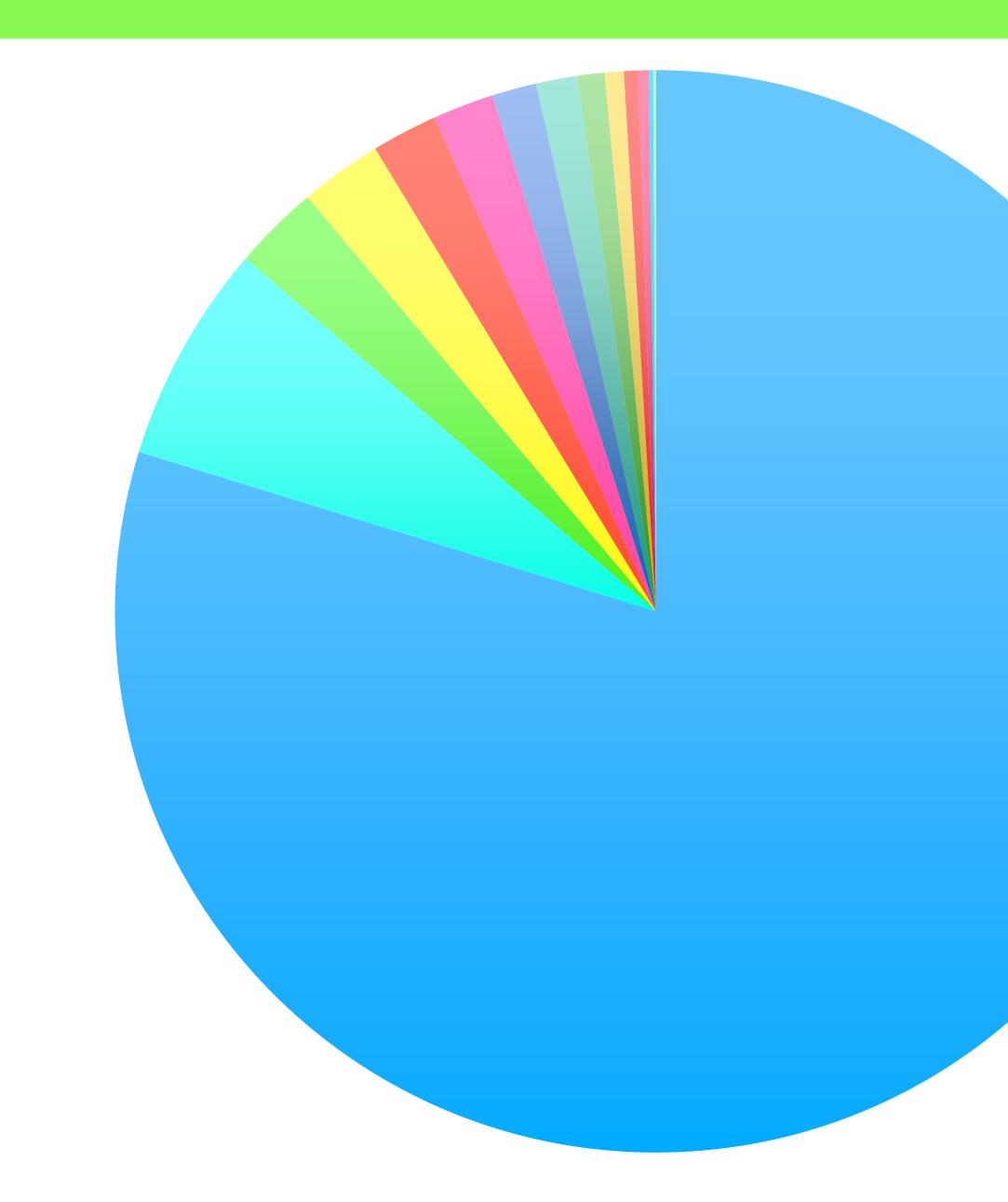








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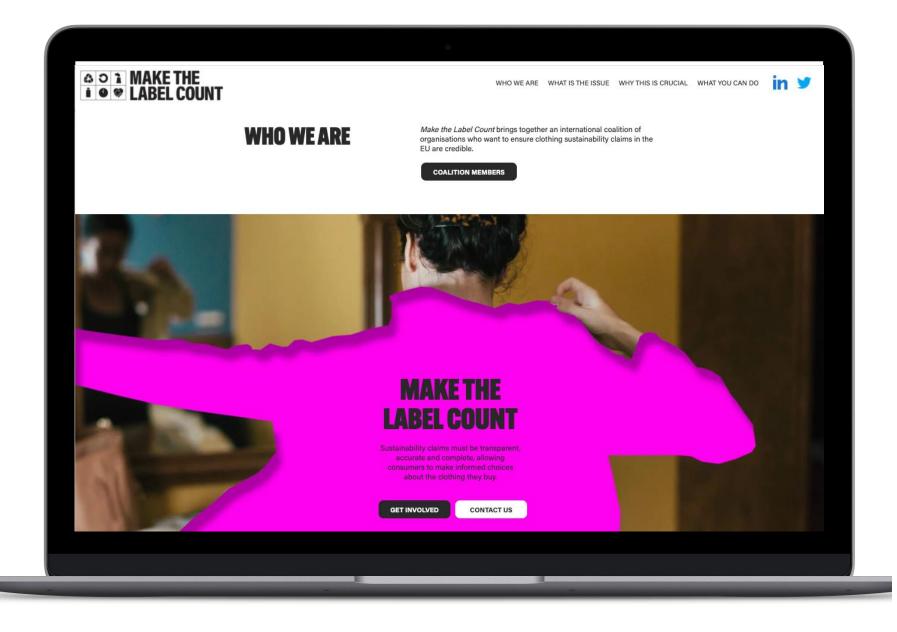
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- Cape Wools SA 7%
- Cashmere & Camel Hair Manufacturers (CCMI) 3%
- IWTO Product Wellness Working Group 2%
- G. Modiano 2%
- GNIN-BNWTA 2%
- American Wool Council 1%
- IWTO Sustainable Practices Working Group 1%
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- International Sericultural Commission 0.6%
- Cotton Egypt Association 0.4%
- Mohair South Africa 0.3%
- Zegna Baruffa Lane Borgosesia 0.1%
- Keese International 0.04%
- Discover Natural Fibres Initiatve (DNFI) 0.02%
- The Sourcery 0.02
- Private 0.01%



CAMPAIGN IDENTITY

We developed an identity and a toolkit of creative assets for the Make the Label Count campaign using the key messages from the strategy and messaging development phase.

These assets are being used across all social and digital media and communications and the website.



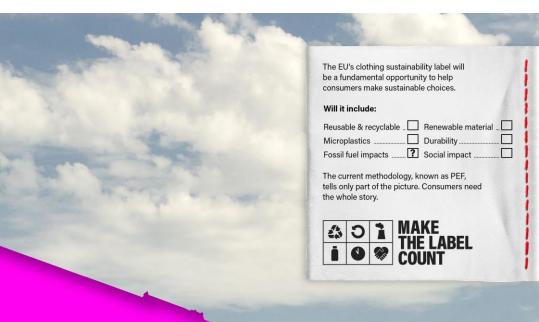


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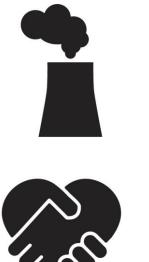
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Not all clothes shed microplastics The EU sustainability (abel should reflect this







(MAKE THE LABEL COUNT. Make The Label Count - PEF Explainer



Coalition members on sustainability claims for textiles





EIHA (European Industrial Hemp Association)

Watch on 🕑 YouTube

VIDEO CONTENT

We created a short animated explainer video to build awareness of the Make the Label Count campaign and issues around the current PEF methodology.

We later created a short video that featured MTLC members talking about the importance of getting PEF right.

WATCH THE VIDEOS at

WWW.MAKETHELABELCOUNT.ORG

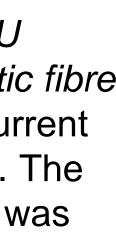


KEY CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTS

In June 2022, the campaign published its White Paper "*Delivering EU* environmental policy through fair comparisons of natural and synthetic fibre *textiles in PEF*'. It provides detailed analysis of the issues with the current PEF methodology and practical recommendations for improvements. The funding of independent researchers and drafting of this White Paper was provided by AWI.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION RESPONSE TO WHITE PAPER

We received a letter in response to the White Paper from Emmanuelle Maire (Head of Unit, DG ENV, European Commission). The Commission continues not to commit to the PEF as the primary methodology to be used in the Substantiating Green Claims proposal. It recognises the gaps in the PEF method on some aspects, such as biodiversity and microplastics, but provides only a top-line approach on how these gaps will be addressed. In response, MTLC drafted an Open Letter and an op-ed.

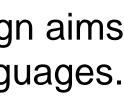




We also created an overview document that runs through the campaign aims and solutions. This was translated into five different European languages.

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SOCIAL CAMPAIGN

LINKEDIN & X

Social media content includes bespoke images and social media tiles that have been specifically produced in-house to promote our key messages, as well as a hero infographic to clearly explain MTLC's recommendations.

We continue to share third party content in the form of news articles as well as sharing relevant content from individuals (e.g. MEPs) and organisations (e.g. Changing Markets) on X and LinkedIn

On X, we target an EU-focussed audience with an interest in sustainability and the circular economy.

On LinkedIn we target our content to individuals who work in the European Parliament or European Commission. LinkedIn continues to be the stronger of the two channels, with a narrow targeting and a sharper focus on policy makers.

The social campaign was initially paid and geotargeted, however due to funding constraints, this ceased mid-2023.



Make The Label Count

COMPLETING THE PEF PICTURI

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MAKE THE LABEL COUNT

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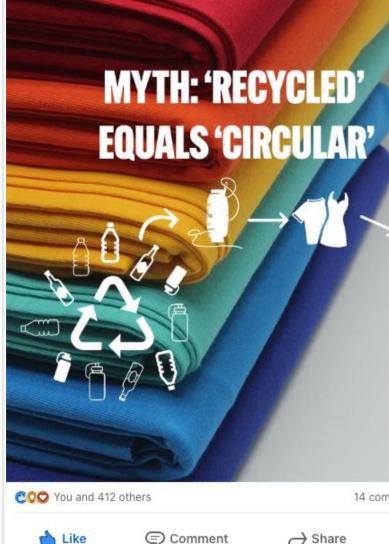
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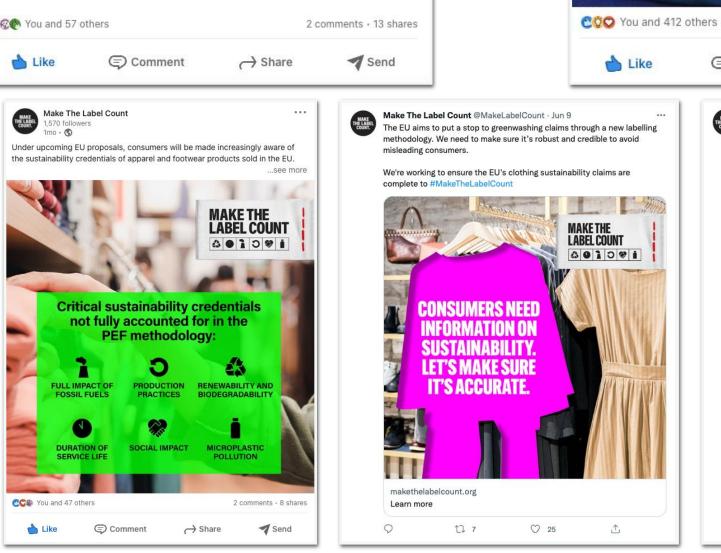
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For recycled textiles to effectively function in the circular economy, they must be ered after the use phase and recycled into new fibres. Estimates suggest ss than 1% of clothing is recycled and returned to the fashior





Make The Label Count @MakeLabelCount · May 19 Synthetic fibres shed microplastics. Natural fibres don' onsumers deserve the whole truth.

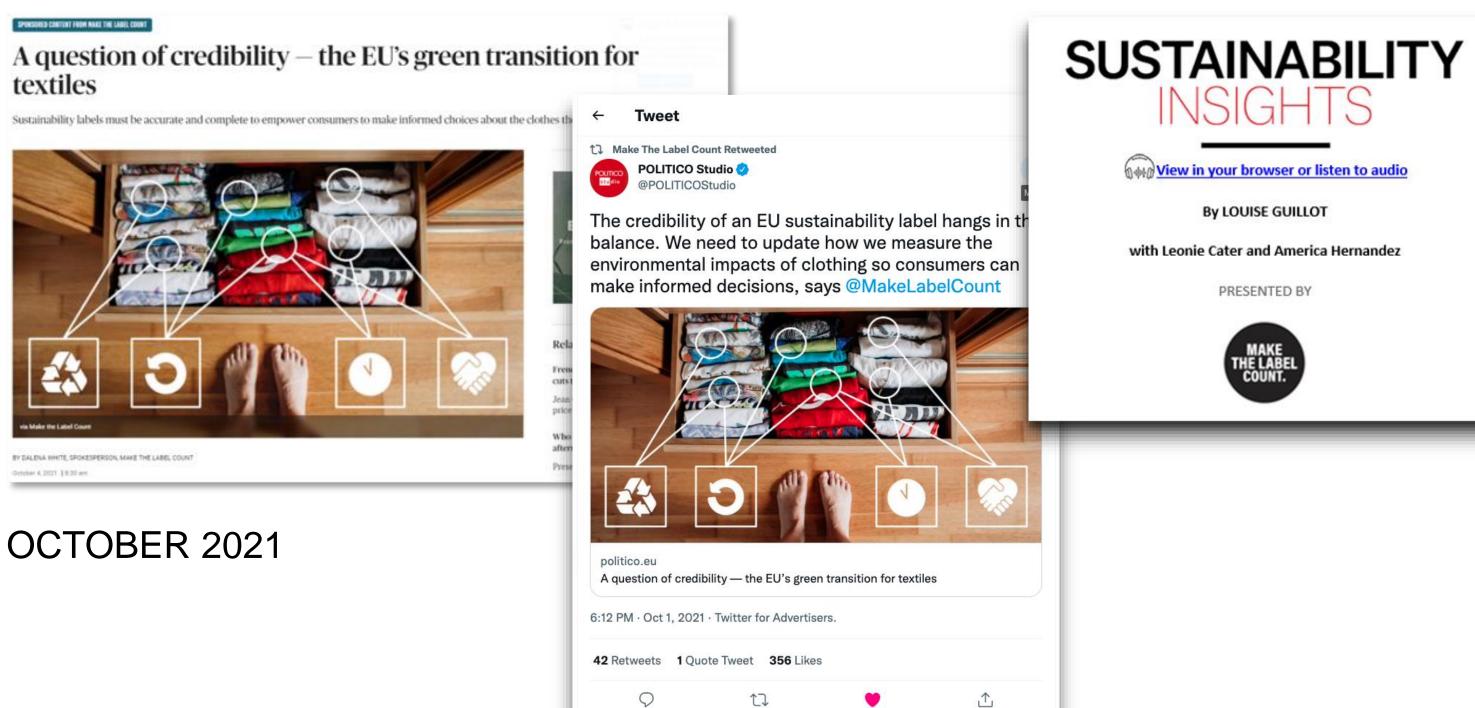
A sustainability label for clothing that does not account for micro omplete and misleading





OPINION EDITORIALS

Placement of paid articles in <u>October 2021</u>, along with the 'takeover' of the sustainability section, and again in November 2022. POLITICO is a highly read publication amongst EU policy makers and stakeholders. The articles performed well and within the benchmarks, in the busiest period of the year, with the highest number of sponsored articles being launched.



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SPONSORED CONTENT FROM MAKE THE LABEL COUNT

Putting fast fashion out of fashion

The EU is leading the global pathway towards sustainable clothing... but a course correction is needed.

C² SHARE



VIA Getty Images/Make the Label Count

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 5:00 AM CET BY DALENA WHITE, SPOKESPERSON, MAKE THE LABEL COUNT

NOVEMBER 2022



OPEN LETTERS

Publishing of 4 individual joint-letters in <u>November 2022</u> as well as in June 2024 to raise awareness of the impact EU legislation will have for natural fibre farmers as well as the shortcomings of PEF.



The current dominant textile industry is a major source of greenhouse gas emission circular practices, excessive pesticide, insecticide, and chemical fertilizer use, da surrounding ecosystems, and threatening workers' health¹. This is exacerbated and fu vast overproduction and overconsumption: between 2000 and 2014, clothing produc doubled². Public opinion surveys evidence widespread EU citizens' dissatisfaction current textile sector: over 80% of EU citizens are in favour of an environmental imp labour conditions labelling on clothing products, as well as stricter rules³.

A framework evaluating the environmental and social footprint can positively h sustainability transition in the fashion and textile industry, prevent greenwashing, and transparent consumer information, but only if based on a methodology that adconsiders the externalities stemming from the textile sector^{4 5}.

10th June 2024

We write to you in our capacity as researchers, concerned consumers, farmers, textile companies throughout the value chain, and NGOs regarding the European Commission's proposal on the Green Claims Directive (GCD), and the recent integration of references to the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) in the text prepared for the Council for the European Union for June 17th 2024.

We welcome that the Council has articulated some reservations regarding the integration of PEF (i.e. recital 32) into GCD. However, as we will seek to demonstrate, references to the PEFCR for apparel and footwear as a preferred method is, as of June 2024, both premature and misleading

In its current iteration, the PEFCR focuses overwhelmingly on technical durability, and fails to include other key environmental indicators related to Duration of Service (DoS) or, more simply put, the "lifetime" of products and how we use and wear them. As prolonged wear is the most effective means by which to reduce negative environmental impact. DoS is essential in ensuring true and fair product comparisons and, indeed

Furthermore, current system boundaries produce additional discrepancies in how natural and synthetic materials are accounted for¹, disadvantaging natural materials and promoting continued plastification, by which the PEF risks misleading industry and consumers alike, while not contributing to the reduction of

As such the omission of key indicators ultimately means that the PEF does not constitute a sufficient or valid tool for "empowering consumers for the green transition" in alignment with the purpose of the GCD, nor does it meet the EU's own target of making "fast fashion out of fashion", as stated in the EU Textile Strategy.

For example, the PEF demonstrates:

• A lack of actual function in the calculations of the "functional unit" of apparel The duration and frequency of textile usage are paramount factors influencing environmental impact. The PEF focuses overwhelmingly on technical durability, i.e. a product's resistance to abrasion, pilling etc. Yet, only 37% of clothing is technically worn out before it is discarded, while 35% stems from a lack of perceived intrinsic value and 28% can be assigned to fit². Intrinsic qualities may also be referred to as "emotional durability", an issue for which there is, to this point, little empirical data that can be used in LCA-modelling³. To base claims on requirements concerning technical durability in clothing, when most of it is discarded for entirely different reasons, is thus not only futile; it can be directly harmful to both the environment and consumers, as demands for greater durability may favour a continued increase in synthetic materials, as well as prove inefficient in regulating consumed volumes. Furthermore, the PEFCRs unfairly disadvantage products made from natural fibres⁴, although

Fashion must protect our farmers, our land and our communities.

In an unprecedented move, hundreds of thousands of farmers from all over the world send urgent appeal to the European Council to protect their livelihoods and natural fibres from unjus fashion-focused policies favouring fossil fuel fibres.

Dear Council of the European Union,

We are writing to you as a global collective of farmers highly concerned about t on the Green Claims Directive regarding references of the Product Environmental substantiate claims.

Recent communications suggest that the European Council is endorsing PEF or PE Directive, which will be agreed upon on 17 June 2024. The PEF methodology fuel-derived materials over natural fibres, misrepresenting natural fik environment and therefore posing a significant risk of injustice to farn production of these natural fibres.



dations on the Green Claims Directiv

We, the undersigned, represent a coalition of natural fibre organisations, environmental nor governmental organisations and researchers committed to sustainability, consumer protection, and climate action. The signatories of this letter appreciate the Council's efforts to strengthen the Green Claims Directive, which aims to prevent greenwashing, a goal that the signatories of this letter fully

We write to express our collective concerns regarding the Council's current position on the Gree Claims Directive regarding references to the use of the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) as the methodology to substantiate claims.

It is imperative to improve the PEF methodology to ensure it accurately reflects the environment impacts of the products in question. Until the PEF and PEFCR are improved, they should not be used o substantiate Green Claims as they risk further greenwashing

We urge the Council to refrain from:

 recommending the use of the PEF or PEFCR, and (2) presuming that requirements for substantiation are met when using PEFCF

PEF is an incomplete tool for substantiation. We appreciate the Council recognising some of the shortcomings of the PEF method in recital 32. However, we are concerned about the Council's decision to recommend the incorporation of PEF in recitals 17. 24 and 32 as a tool for substantiati claims. The current PEF and subsequent Category Rules are incomplete and risk misguiding wellntended consumers and becoming a greenwashing tool that the legislation is aiming to avoid. The PEFCR for apparel and footwear, for example, considerably downplay the benefits of using renewable, biodegradable materials like natural fibres and score fossil-fuel based materials like polyester better. The reason for this being fundamental flaws in the PEF methodology that need to be improved.

The PEF may be a valid methodology when applied to manufactured products, however it gives inaccurate results when it is applied to food and agricultural products, where the most intensivelyproduced the product, the most environmentally friendly it tends to be according to PEF. It subsequently disregards the benefits of extensive and sustainable methods of production. For natural fibres, this is exacerbated even further by the PEFCR for apparel and footwear which assumes that the most durable products will have the longest life, despite the fact that clothing made from fibres with the lowest physical strength have the longest life in our wardrobes.



Brussels, 6 June 2024

As and when the EU calls for feedback on relevant EU legislation, MTLC drafts and disseminates responses to the below public consultations to support Coalition members and their networks to respond.

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SIX-MONTH OUTLOOK

Brussels dynamics and the need to keep campaign momentum:



New Rapporteurs on Parliament Committees responsible for Green Claims and Waste Framework Directive



Climate policies loosing momentum



PEFCR fundamentally flawed, questionable governance of Technical Secretariat

Over 60% of MEPs are newcomers following EU election Some Member States are in favor of PEF

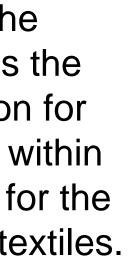
Secondary legislation-"Delegated Acts" - require more technical expertise and engagement

Increased lobbying by Fast Fashion

Hungary holds EU presidency between July – December 2024



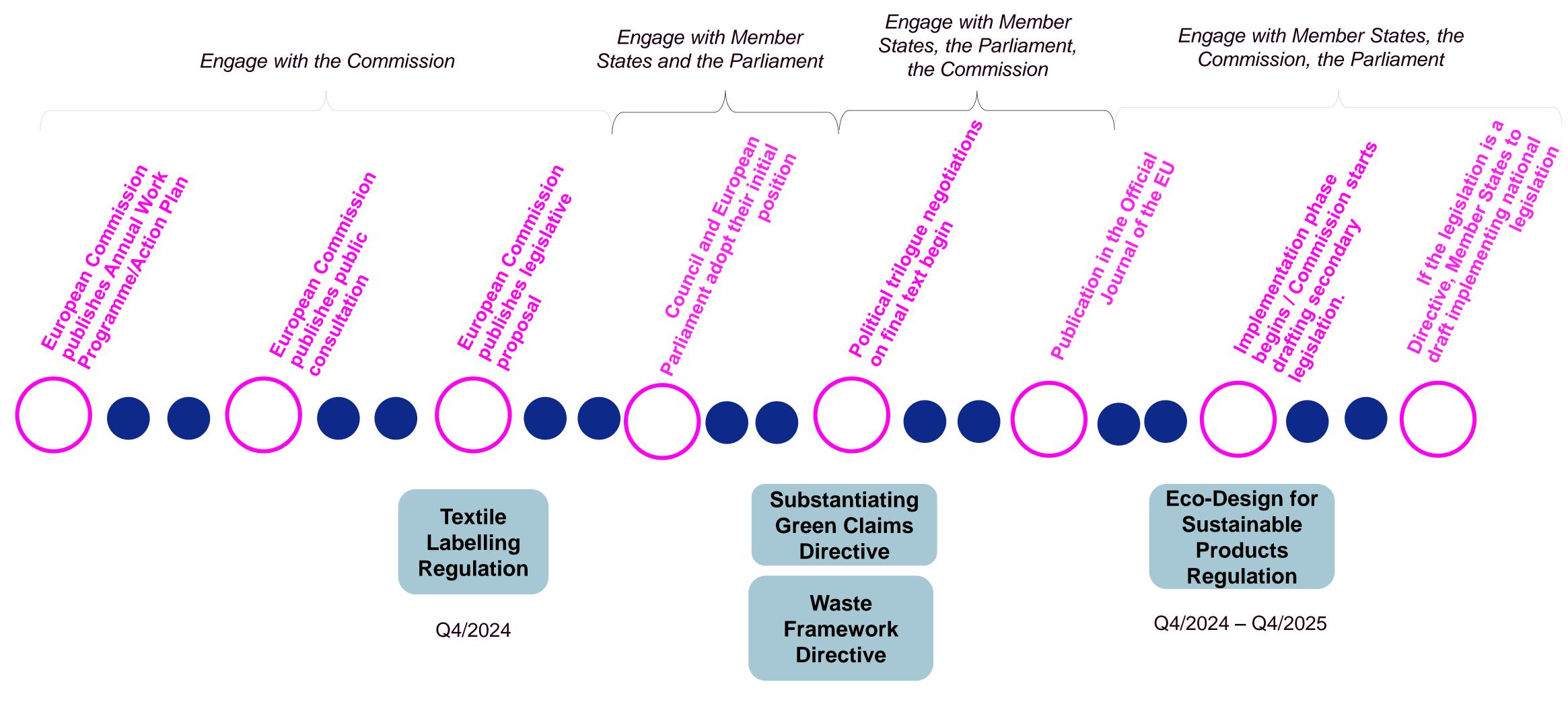
	Textile Labelling Regulation	Waste Framework Directive	Substantiating Green Claims Directive	Eco-Design for Sustainable Products Regulation
MTLC Goal	 Avoid the inclusion of PEF Introduce a microplastic warning and year of production to labels 	 Develop an EPR scheme that applies fees based on the quantity of garments found in waste streams based on data collection such as duration of service. 	 Maintain originally proposed provisions to allow for any scientifically-based methods to be used as the baseline for substantiation and verification, rather than the PEF method alone. 	 Avoid the use of the PEFCR method as the baseline foundation for any requirements with the delegated act for the product category texting
Target audiences	Commission	MEPs, Council Attachés, Commission	MEPs, Council Attachés, Commission	Commission, Joint Research Cent
Actions	 Participate in webinars and public consultations Draft position statement Arrange one-on-one meetings with Commission 	 Monitor Publish position paper Arrange one-on-one meetings with Committee members 	 Monitor Publish position paper Arrange one-on-one meetings with Committee members 	 Provide expertise to Ecodesign Forum Monitor Publish position pape
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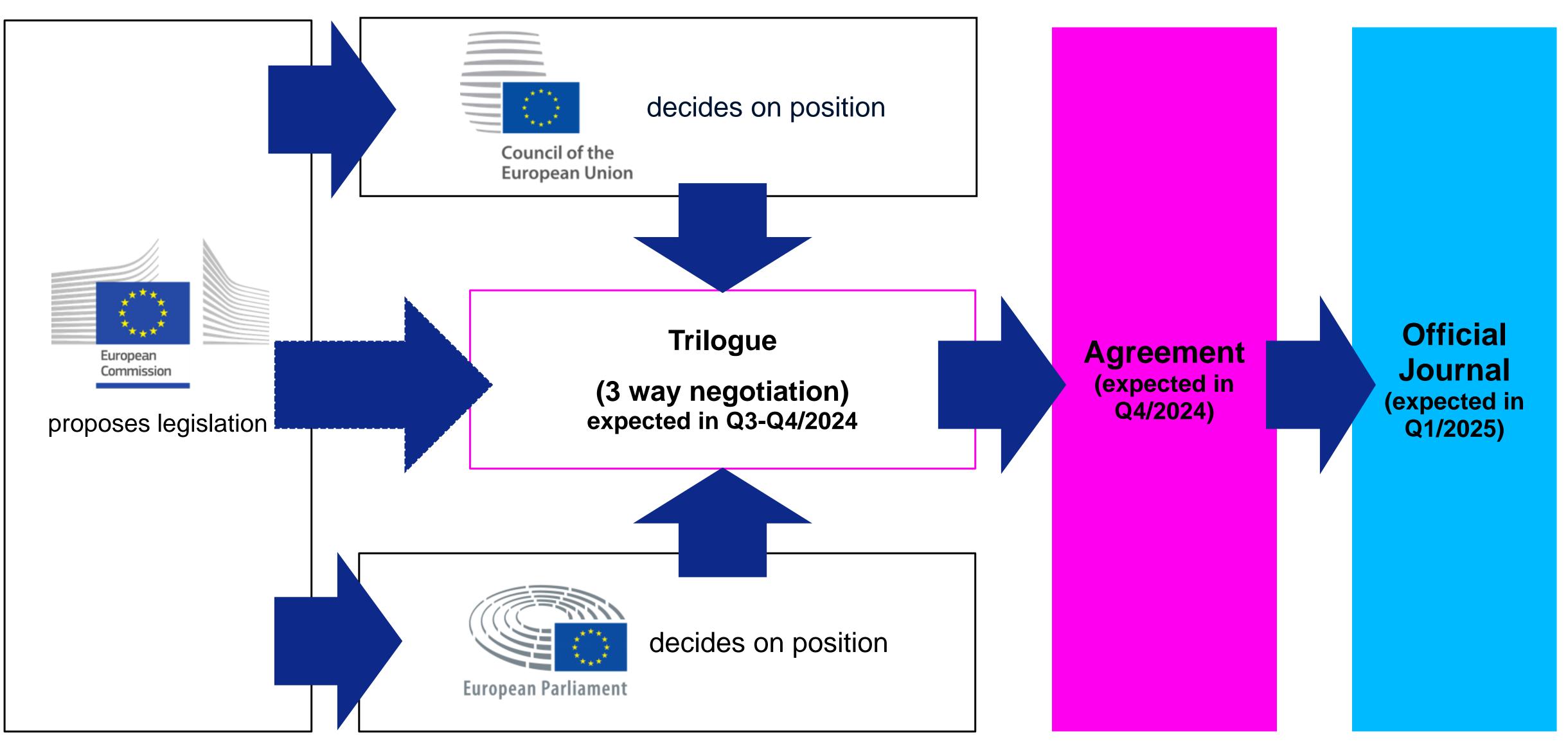


ENGAGEMENT PROCESS – 2024 - 2025



Q3-Q4/2024

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FOR WASTE FRAMEWORK AND GREEN CLAIMS



POLICY MILESTONES AND MTLC ACTIVITY

July-August

September

Q3 2024 – Q1 2025 Green Claims and Waste Framework Directive trilogue discussions

Key institutional milestones

Q2-Q4 2024 **Commission reviews** consultation responses and works on draft proposal to the revision of the Textile Labelling Regulation

September – December 2024

Continue engagement with Commission officials to ensure successful trilogue discussions and lay the groundwork for discussions on Delegated Acts for Green Claims and Waste Framework

Engage with targeted MEPs and Member States attaches on trilogue discussions of Green Claims and Waste Framework

MTLC Activity

July-August 2024

Monitoring of new formation of European Parliament and map new MEP targets and **Committee members**

October

November-December

Q1/2025

Q2/2025

Ongoing 2025

Ongoing work on EU Ecolabel and the ecodesign requirements

Q4

Expected publication of revision of Textile Labelling Regulation

Q1 2025 PEFCR for apparel and footwear expected approval and publication

Q4 2024

Track developments of the **Textile Labelling Regulation** and track any other relevant **Commission moves**

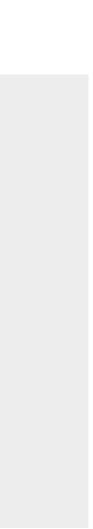
Ongoing 2025

Engage with Commission developing ecodesign delegated acts and review of **Textile Labelling Regulation**

Engage with Rapporteurs, Shadow **Rapporteurs and Member States** Representatives as well as Commission on the Textiles Labelling Regulation to ensure successful trilogue



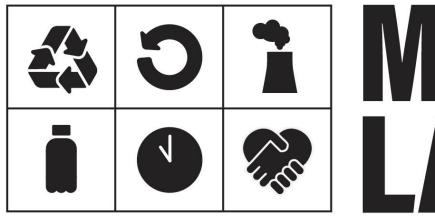




NEXT STEPS

- Support of the campaign joining as coalition members
- Support in financing the campaign for the next 12 months
- Contact points for further engagement

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