

## The race to climate neutrality...and what it really means

#### **Europe – carbon neutral by 2050**

- 55% GHG reduction of 1990 levels by 2030
- This political commitment just became a legal one via The Climate Law

#### USA – carbon neutral by 2050

• 52% GHG reduction of 2005 levels by 2030

#### UK – carbon neutral by 2050

- 68% 78% reduction of 1990 levels by 2035
- <u>Degrowth</u> is seen as a realistic & desirable outcome
- Almost all legislation related to fibrebased industry is under revision



"Despite many intrinsic strengths, fibre-based packaging does not have a privileged position to satisfy legislators & consumer goods companies' sustainability criteria"



EU targets textiles, batteries & packaging

EU at war!

"Single use plastic...single use anything"

"plastic laminates more than 5% in Weight are problematic & to be avoided" WRAP

> "current paper recycling is unable to provide a sustainable route for an increase in paper packaging"

"by 2050 we will need three planets to sustain our consumption habits." -Timmermans

> UV printed papers are unrecyclable

consumer goods companies Work together to accelerate a systematic shift away from single-use towards reuse systems



# The Circular Economy Action Plan – a key building block to achieve climate neutrality

From Single Use Plastics to Single Use anything...reusable

Packaging will be driven into more sustainable solutions

What is sustainable packaging – how is fibre placed?

- Designed for reuse or recyclable reduced complexity of packaging
- Material efficiency over-packaging (or under packaging)
- Renewable raw materials
- Recycled content noting food safety concerns
- Collection / sorting / recycling systems
- Re-use vs single use EPPA study







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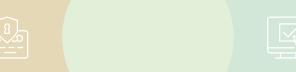
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THE ALLIANCE FOR
BEVERAGE CARTONS
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TWO SIDES





"A significant challenge for the forestry & fibre sectors is to communicate and demonstrate the simple idea, that one of the best ways of saving a forest...is to use it"