

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the
European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions**

A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy

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The Chamber of Deputies recommends increasing efforts towards standardisation, including the voluntary standardisation of manufacturing companies in the area of consumer goods in order to reduce the consumption of plastics, to eliminate the risk of intentional design faults and to support repair, instead of premature replacement.

Recommends carrying out exchanges of experience and supporting Union level actions towards promoting, within education systems, the responsible behaviour in regard to separate collection and especially towards promoting a technologic education in accordance with the objectives of circular economy.

Underlines that scientific research is necessary in the area of plastics which allow more uses, sterilisation and cleaning, but that the appearance of those on the market imposes also the intervention at Union level, through rules in the area of public safety, in the sense of removing the newly pose risks and also in the sense of eliminating those proving to be excessive or those which are outdated.

Underlines that microplastics negatively affect oceans, standing waters and even temporary ones and calls for a broader approach in regard to combating these by the European Union, in order to include, especially in the rural and mountain areas, but also in marine areas with a special sensibility because of the physical-geographical characteristics.