**Six facts on Packaging and packaging waste's environmental impact**

1. In 2020, the EU27 produced a total of **79.3 million tonnes** of packaging waste, 177 kg per person.
2. Packaging accounts for **40% of the plastics** and **50% of the paper** utilized within the EU.
3. Packaging waste **increased by** more than **20% over the last 10 years** in the EU, in particular as **single-use packaging**, and will increase by another 19% until 2030.
4. Packaging causes **CO2 emissions,** they are projected to reach **66 million tonnes** of CO2in 2030.
5. Packaging contributes to **soil and land pollution**, and is about half of **marine littering.**
6. Over the past decade, there has been a significant **decrease in** the **reuse of packaging,** while this would bea **key prevention measure.**

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