

EBI's work and position on end-of-life topic

Network of stakeholders on end-of-life boats and composites

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Industry & Environmental Challenges



6.5 million boats in Europe, mostly under 7.5 m



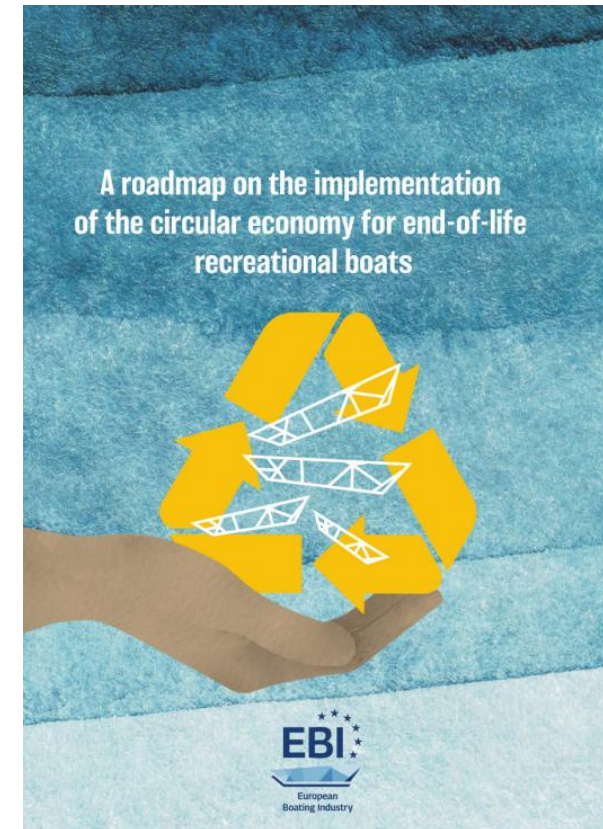
30,000+ boats projected to reach end-of-life annually by 2030



Over 23,000 tonnes of composite waste expected each year

Actions: The 2023 Roadmap

- **Launched** by EBI in collaboration with DG MARE and stakeholders in **March 2023**
- **Goal:** Phase out landfill and energy recovery by 2030
- Covers financing, dismantling, recycling, R&I, transport.



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- Challenges:
 - Composite recycling technologies exist, but are not deployed at scale
 - Barriers are regulatory, logistic and economic
 - Boats are ultra-durable products: materials that pose significant challenges for dismantling, transport, and recycling

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- Key asks:
 1. Create dedicated EU waste codes for composites: this will enable tracking, pooling and investment in recycling infrastructure
 2. Enable decentralised dismantling: simplified rules for marinas and boatyards
 3. Support scalable recycling solutions (including cement co-processing)

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 4. Create enabling financial and logistical conditions: supported by tailored EU funding, to enable dismantling and recycling infrastructure for end-of-life boats.
 5. Strengthen EU Waste Shipment Regulation for composites: to facilitate cross-border movement of composite waste, enabling economies of scale and viable recycling markets.

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 6. Enhance boat registration and data collection: through an established unified EU system to enable effective planning and scaling of end-of-life dismantling and recycling.

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Conclusion:

We are not asking for new technologies, we are asking for the **conditions to make existing solutions work.**