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### EU waste recycling targets "are enforceable"

The agreement struck between MEPs and governments on legislative proposals to reform the EU's 1975 waste framework directive is "enforceable", a European commission official told ENDS.

Green groups have criticised as "very low and unenforceable" proposed recycling goals for 2020 of 50 per cent of combined glass, paper, metal and plastic waste from households or other origins and 70 per cent for construction and demolition waste ([EED 04/06/08](#)).

"We have looked at the text of the article on recycling targets and we believe we can enforce them", the commission official said on Wednesday. EU member states failing to meet the new targets will be taken to the European court of justice, he stressed.

The official added that the second reading agreement was "generally acceptable" to the European commission. "The targets are a novelty not proposed by us, so we are glad to have the 2014 review clause in there", he said.

The European parliament is expected to approve the deal at a plenary session in Strasbourg next week. It will then have to be approved by the council of ministers.

Follow-up: [European commission](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)([http://ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)) , tel: +32 2 299 1111.

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