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The Contribution of the TouMaLi Project to Strengthening the EPR System: Design and Implementation of the National Producers' Register in Tunisia

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Context overview



- The TouMaLi project has helped highlight the issue of packaging waste in the tourism sector, particularly its impact on marine ecosystems.
- CITET and ANGed took part in technical discussions on the functioning of the national system for the collection and recovery of used packaging (ECO-Lef) and on strengthening producer responsibility, especially within the HoReCa sector.
- Packaging waste generated, among others, by HoReCa operators is covered by Tunisian regulations and managed through the public ECO-Lef system. A preliminary assessment study was conducted for this purpose.
- Through the TouMaLi project, and under the coordination of the University of Rostock and Landbell Group, ANGed benefited from technical support to further develop an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system, including the implementation of the circul8® online producers' register.





















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Study Mission for the Development of the Producer Register for the Public ECO-Lef System



Mission Phases:

- Phase 1: Stakeholder mobilization, data collection and regulatory analysis
- Phase 2: Extraction, processing and analysis of sectoral customs data
- Phase 3: Financial impact assessment on the WM System

Targeted Product Categories:

- Beauty products (perfumes, cosmetics)
- Cleaning products (soaps, surfactants)
- Plastic and/or metal packaging for other cleaning products outside the scope of the environmental tax (TPE)





















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Study Results and Recommendations:

- A list of customs HS codes for the products concerned has been identified.
- The system is based on the eco-contribution, which must be calculated according to packaging weight.
- There is a need to implement a standardized calculation method for the eco-contribution and align its value with the TPE.
- The eco-contribution is estimated at 1% of the import value.
- The implementation of an online producers' register is essential...





















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- A tool enabling producers (importers) to submit their annual declarations on packaging placed on the local market under the EPR framework—strengthening fairness and transparency among producers.
- Currently, the system relies on the environmental import tax (TPE), transferred to ANGed's budget by the Ministry of Finance.
- The eco-contribution (outside TPE) directly funds the activities of PRO.
- Identifying producers requires coordination with Customs (DGD) to integrate the identified products into customs declaration systems, and collaboration with the Ministry of Trade.

















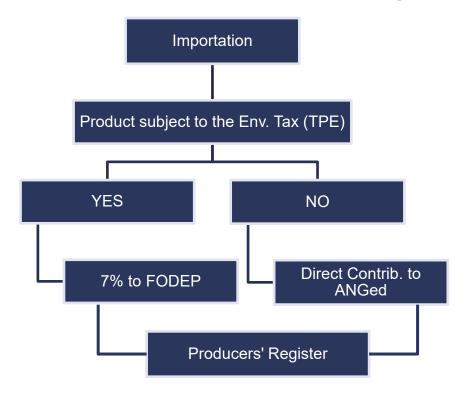




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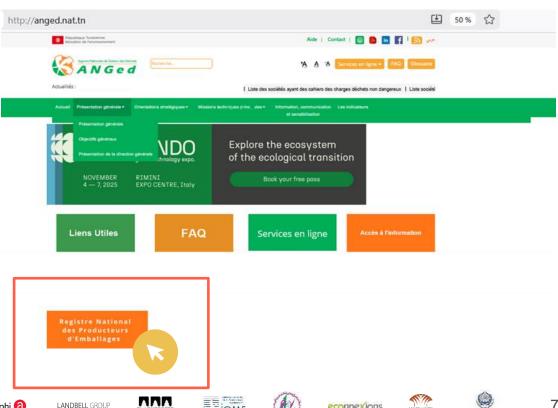


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 With support from the University of Rostock, a service contract was concluded with Landbell Group to develop the interface and online deployment of the national producers' register as part of a three-year pilot phase.

























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- The online register is now accessible to producers.
- meetings are held with producers participating in the public ECO-Lef system to promote the online tool.
- Information sessions are also be planned to support producers in register onboarding (20/11/2025).

























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Next Steps

Resume engagement with producers (importers) to promote the use of the online register

Deploy the online register in a pilot phase, followed by progressive implementation through regulations to enable fullscale adoption

Update regulations, in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Customs (DGD), to guide importers toward the online register





































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