Plastics – the fast Facts 2023

Note: Plastics Europe keeps on adapting its datasets on a continuous basis, to offer the best available data that can help to assess and track progress towards sustainability. This

2. Data on mechanically recycled plastics had been developed for 2018; data for following years are based on estimations and statistical projections.
3. European trade balance (in value) in 2022
4. Economic figures

2022 key economic figures

Europeans love and use plastics. Every person in the EU uses on average 150 kg of plastic products per year. However, the use of plastics has a negative impact on the environment.

Global and European plastics production

World plastics production

European plastics production

European plastics conversion

European plastics trade

European trade balance (in value) in 2022

Intra-European top trade partners (in value) in 2022

Facts shows preliminary global and European:

- Post-consumer recycled plastics production in 2022
- Economic figures

EU27+3. Due to a lack of available data, bio-attributed plastics production data are not included.

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