

Press Kit

ABOUT COMIECO

Comieco is a consortium grouping together approximately 3,500 companies involved in the paper supply chain. Its institutional task is to achieve the paper and board packaging recycling and recovery targets set by EC Directive 94/62, as implemented by the national legislation.

Established on October 24, 1997 as the National Consortium for the Recovery and Recycling of paper and board packaging, as provided by the "Ronchi Decree" (Legislative Decree 22/97), Comieco met the targets set for the first five-year period (45% recycling, 50% recovery) far in advance.

The Consortium's name takes origin from the Committee for Ecological Packaging (**Comitato per l'Imballo Ecologico**, or Comieco) established back in 1985 as a free association of companies in the paper sector, aware of environment protection and involved for many years in the strong promotion of paper and board packaging recycling and eco-innovative packaging design. Thanks to this activity, among other things, carried out on a voluntary basis, our Country was well prepared to approve the European Directive 94/62 and to face the new legal provisions introduced by the "Ronchi Decree" issued in our Country for its implementation.

It was then just natural to entrust Comieco, in the meantime incorporated as the National Consortium for the Recovery and Recycling of paper and board packaging, with the task of meeting the paper and board packaging recycling and recovery targets on behalf of its members.

Upon agreement with CONAI (National Packaging Consortium), Comieco manages the paper and board packaging collection, recycling, and recovery system and, in close compliance with its own history, also voluntarily takes over the collection of graphic paper (magazines, newspapers, etc.) resulting from separate waste collection. This activity is aimed at environmental protection and by now involves the majority of Italian citizens.

Within the framework of the general agreement renovated in December 2004 between CONAI and ANCI (the association of Italian municipalities), the Consortium has entered so far into **649 agreements** for separate waste collection with **5,797 Municipalities**, where over **48 million people** (over 85% of Italian citizens) live.

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