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Milestones in the History of Forum PET

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| 1990 | Germany-wide introduction by Coca-Cola of the first reusable PET bottle in collaboration with manufacturer Schmalbach-Lubeca AG and resulting criticism from the established packaging industry |
| 1991 | Founding of Forum PET by seven founder members – including the two above-named companies – with the aim of explaining the advantages of PET |
| End of the 1990s | Reusable PET bottle firmly established on the market – suppliers of mineral water already using it to bottle their products. |
| 2000 | First life cycle assessment of beverage packaging on behalf of the Federal Environment Agency confirms the advantages of reusable PET bottles put forward by Forum PET. |
| 2002 | Initial market penetration by one-way PET bottle and renewed criticism of the new packaging type |
| 2002 | Integration of Forum PET into the IK Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen e.V. followed by expansion of membership along the value creation chain (PET manufacturers, bottling companies, closure manufacturers, PET-recycling companies and machine manufacturers). Markets for recycled PET, e.g. PET films and PET bottles for household cleaning agents and cosmetics, also gain significance within Forum PET. |

- 2003 Introduction of compulsory deposits also on one-way PET bottles for beer, mineral water and carbonated soft drinks
- 2003 to 2010 Thanks to reduced weight of one-way PET bottles, recycling, shorter transport routes and reduction of energy consumption during manufacturing, the sector succeeds in continuously improving the environmental properties of one-way PET bottles.
- 2010 Life cycle assessment on behalf of Forum PET comparing various types of beverage packaging. Result: In this respect, the widely used 1.5-litre one-way PET bottle for carbonated water and soft drinks demonstrates no significant overall advantages or disadvantages in comparison with the reusable glass bottle.
- 2010 Forum PET plays a crucial role in the founding of Forum PET Europe in Paris.
- 2013 Beverage industry and Forum PET establish the RAL "Wertstoffkette PET-Getränkeverpackungen e.V." quality association for the purpose of agreeing minimum standards for the PET material cycle. The RAL Quality Mark stands for the highest quality requirements.
- 2016 Today, Forum PET has around 30 member companies spanning the entire PET material chain, from packaging manufacturers through bottling companies down to recycling companies.