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Resource use is a main driver of the triple crisis of climate, biodiversity and pollution. Reducing our resource consumption is essential to minimise those interconnected environmental pressures. Future EU policies on the circular economy need a stronger focus on demand-side measures as well as on a just On average, Europeans have an annual material footprint of 15 tonnes per person, with Finland topping the list at 46 tonnes per capita, and Malta at the bottom on 7 tonnes per capita. Finland also generates the most waste per person in the EU (20,993kg), while Croatia produces the least (1,483kg). The average EU citizen's waste footprint in 2020 was 4,815kg. Available figures show that it is Malta that has the lowest European per capita footprint for consumption of raw materials, not the Netherlands. (Source: The Guardian.com, 2024)