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Iberia expects to recover 80% of the waste generated in the cabins of the aircraft through the LIFE Zero Cabin Waste project for waste recycling, which will be implemented on the airline's domestic flights.

Specifically, the measure is being carried out on domestic Iberia flights, as well as the air bridge connecting Madrid and Barcelona and destinations such as Bilbao and A Coruña. It is also being developed on some European routes such as London, Rome, Paris, Geneva, Zurich, Vienna, Dusseldorf and Oporto; and it will be extended progressively to other destinations until reaching all the national and European flights operated by the company.

To this end, Iberia has introduced a new waste management model on board its aircraft through compartmented trolleys that make it possible to separate the plastic containers, cans and bricks and the paper and cardboard containers from the rest of the waste.



In this way, the waste already separated in the flights are received in a differentiated way in the Gate Gourmet facilities at the Madrid Barajas-Adolfo Suárez Airport, and later they are removed by the waste manager, classified by materials and recycled in the respective facilities.

Thanks to this project, 80% of the waste generated on board flights is recovered through recycling processes, composting or energy recovery, thus achieving a direct benefit to the environment derived from the saving of raw materials and of the efficient use of natural resources.

According to the International Air Transport Association, around 5.7 million tons of waste are generated annually in the cabins of aircraft. This project has been launched with the collaboration of Iberia, Ecoembes, Ferrovial Services, Gate Gourmet and ESCI-UPF.

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