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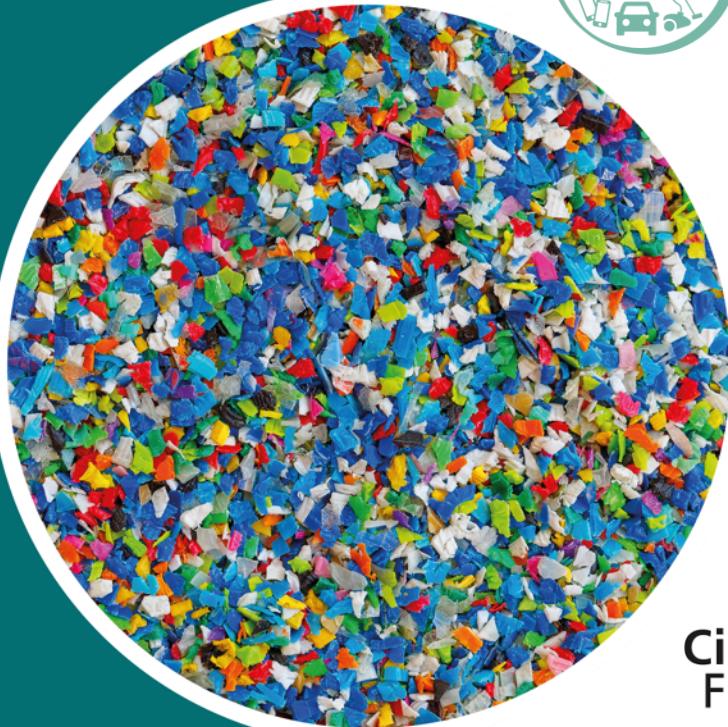
Recycling of plastics. *Towards a more sustainable plastic treatment in 2030*

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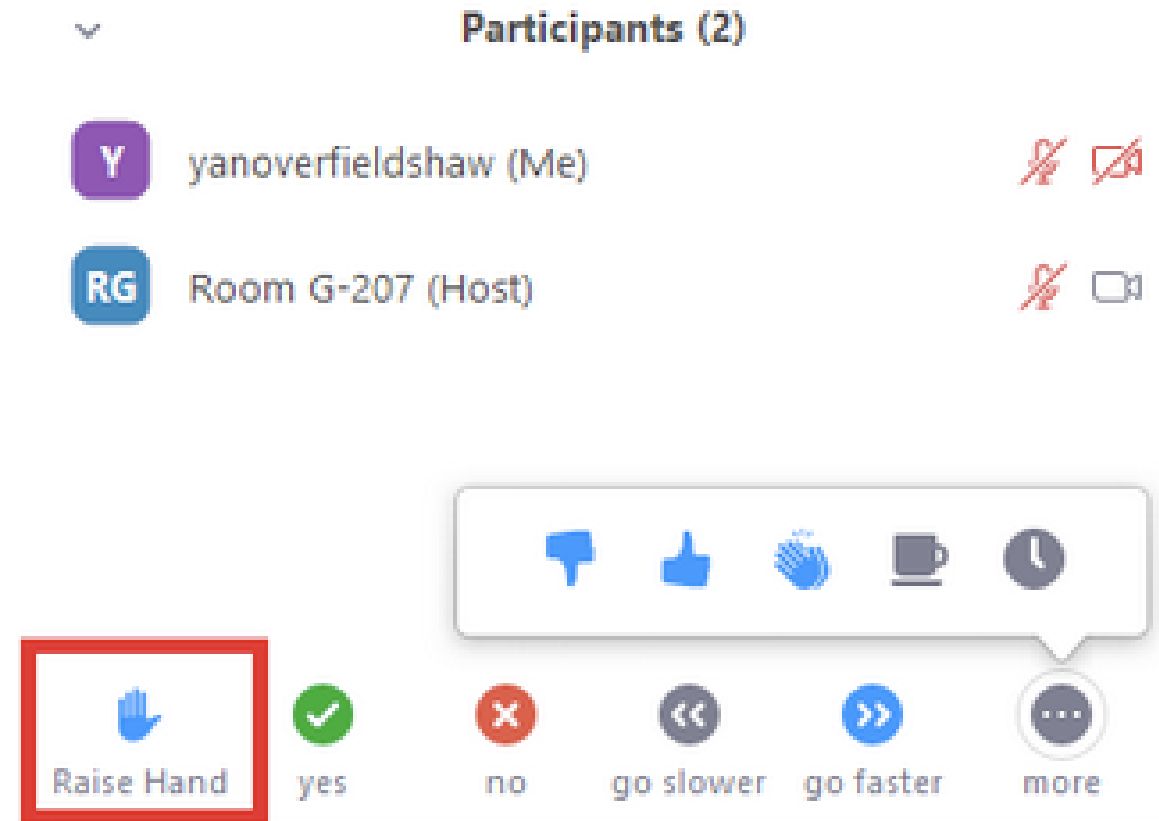
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- 10:00 – 10:05**  **Welcome and introduction** - Mariana Fernandez, Sustainable Innovations & PLAST2bCLEANED
- Session 1 - Viewpoints from the projects (10:05 – 11:20)***
- 10:05 – 10:20**  **NONTOX: Toolbox of technologies to recycle the hazardous plastics** - Muhammad Saad Qureshi, Senior Scientist, VTT-Technical Research Centre of Finland and Project Coordinator at NONTOX EU project.
- 10:20 – 10:35**  **PLAST2bCLEANED: recycling of ABS and HiPS, bromine and antimony trioxide from WEEE plastics** - Esther Zondervan-van den Beuken, Senior Consultant Plastics at TNO and PLAST2bCLEANED Coordinator
- 10:35 – 10:50**  **CREAToR: Collection of raw materials, removal of flame retardants and reuse of secondary raw materials** – Irma Mikonsaari, Project Manager at Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology and CREAToR Coordinator
- 10:50 – 11:05**  **CIRCULAR FLOORING: Recycling PVC from post-consumer flooring waste** - Thomas Diefenhardt, Associate Scientist at Fraunhofer IVV and Circular Flooring Coordinator
- 11:05 – 11:20**  **REACT: Management of waste acrylic textiles coming from outdoor awnings and furnishing,** Roberto Vannucci – Multisectoral R&I Dpt. Manager, Centrocot

Session 2 - Interactive discussions (11:20 – 11:55)

- 11:20 – 11:50  Interactive discussion based on selected questions
- 11:50 – 11:55  Interactive polling with participants
- 11:55 – 12:00**  Wrap-up of main takeaways and Calls to Action



NONTOX - Increasing recycling rates of plastics waste containing hazardous substances. Developing and optimising recycling processes for safe and high-quality secondary plastic materials.
nontox-project.eu

Grant Agreement No.820895



CREATOR - Removing hazardous, already banned bromine-containing flame-retardants from waste streams using continuous purification technologies: supercritical CO2 and cost-effective solvent-based processes. creatorproject.eu

Grant Agreement No.820477



PLAST2bCLEANED - Developing a human and environmentally safe recycling process for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) plastics in a technically feasible and economically viable manner by closing the loop of polymer and flame retardants.
plast2bcleaned.eu

Grant Agreement No.821087



CIRCULAR FLOORING - Recovery of a PVC compound from post-consumer PVC floor coverings and the separation of legacy plasticisers with the innovative, patented CreaSolv® process in order to create a recycled material for the manufacturing of new PVC floor coverings (comment Melanie, CF).
circular-flooring.eu

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REACT - Recycling of waste acrylic textiles. Ensuring the safe utilisation and disposal of removed substances.
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NONTOX

Toolbox of Technologies to
Recycle The Hazardous Plastics



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Muhammad Saad Qureshi – Project coordinator

Recycling of plastics. Towards a more sustainable plastic treatment in 2030, 1st July 2021

Agenda



◆ NONTOX in short

◆ The challenge

◆ The NONTOX concept

◆ The impacts

◆ Policy recommendations

NONTOX in short



Budget 5 million euros

Duration 3 years (2019-2022)

The NONTOX value chain → 12 partners from 7 European countries

- collection scheme (manufacturers' representative)



- treatment plants



- research technology organizations



- universities



The challenge - Saving valuable plastics



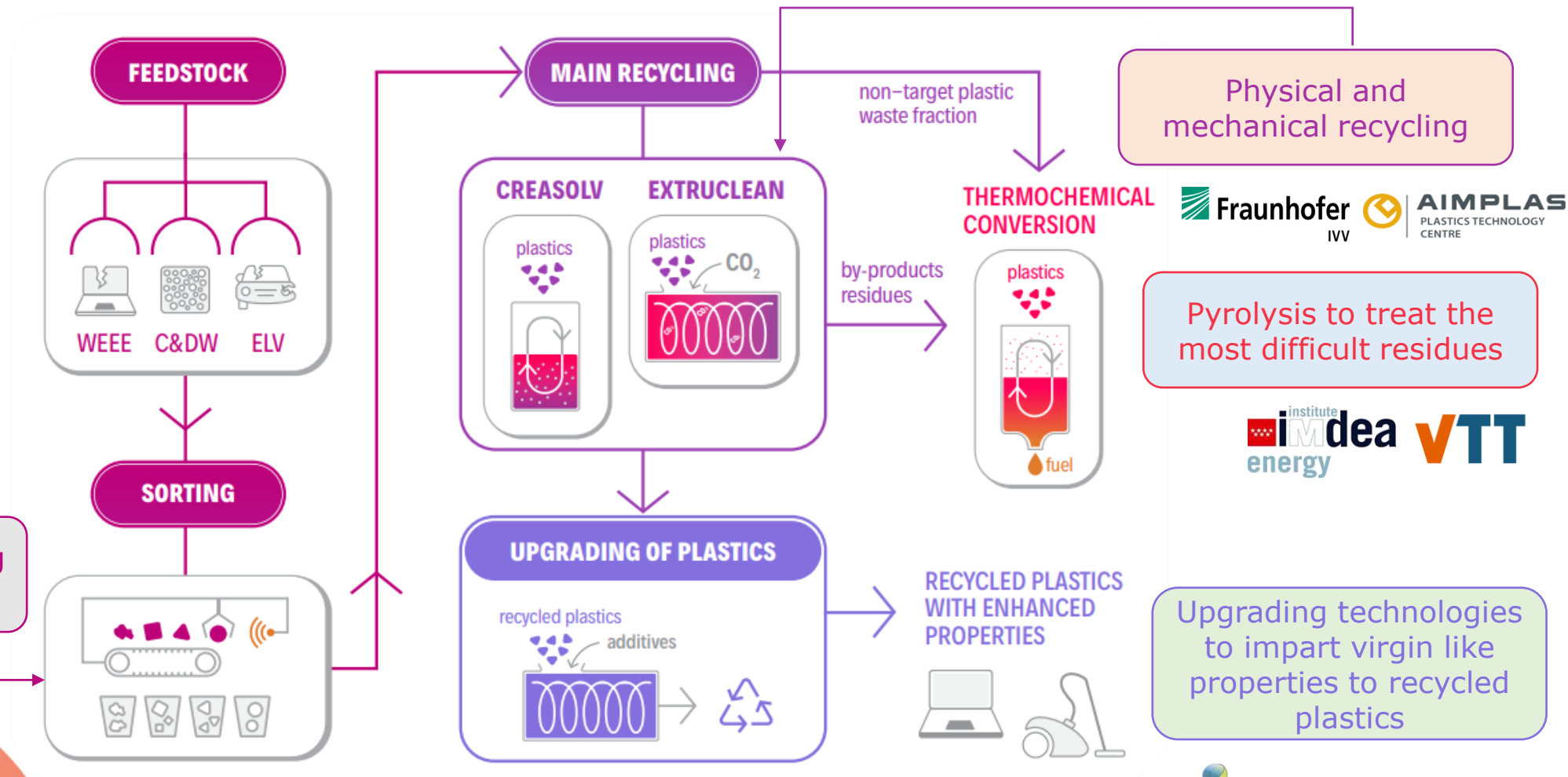
How much potential hazardous waste (WEEE, CDW, ELV) plastic is sent to incineration each year in Europe?



Toolbox
of Technologies



NONTOX concept



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Potential impacts of NONTOX



2.18 Million tonnes of plastics recycled
each year in EU

Up to **74%** increase in the recycling
capacity

2.1 Million tonnes of greenhouse gas
emissions avoided

Three-fold increase in jobs in the
recycling sector

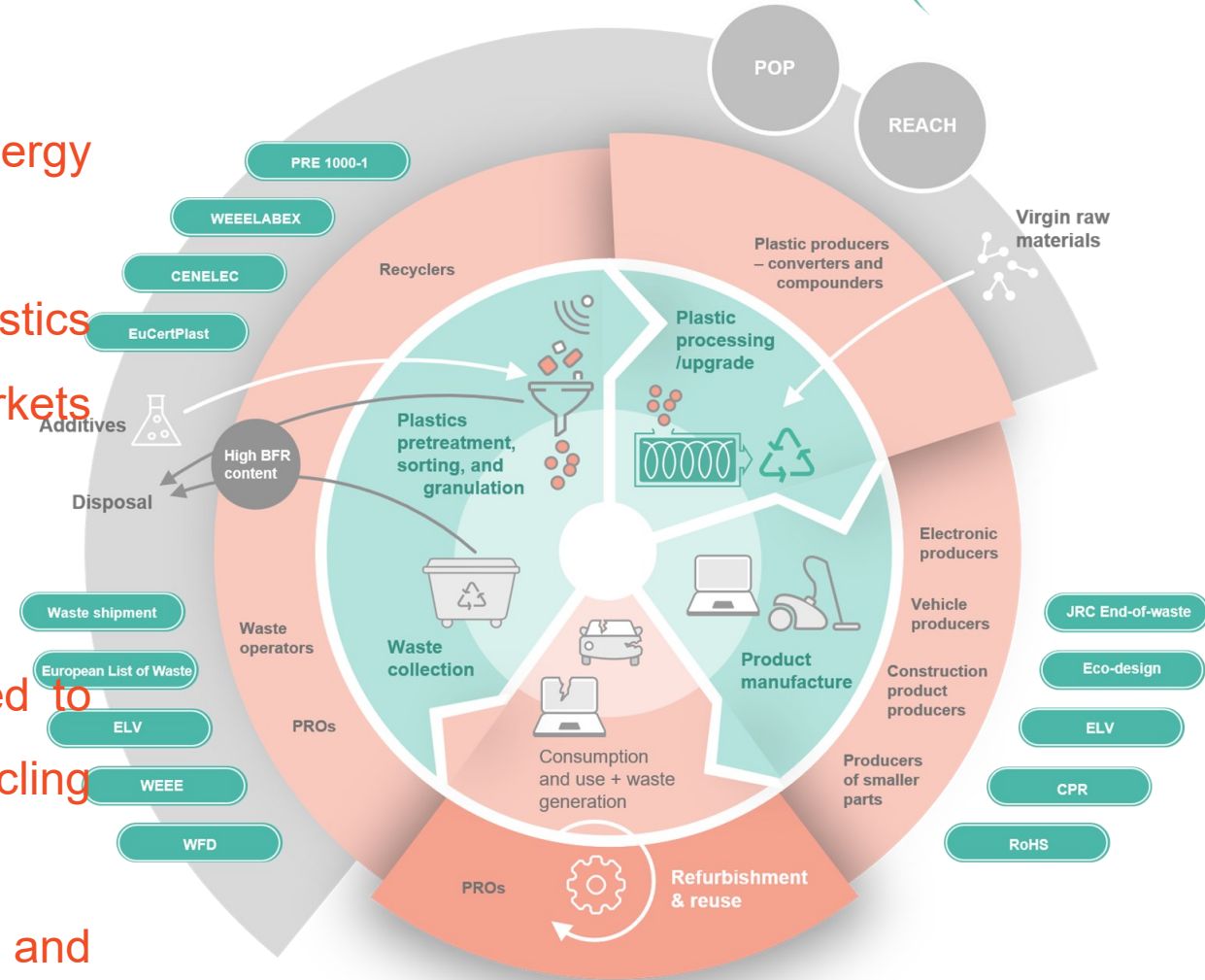
Policy recommendations

Most important finding

1. The current eco-design legislation promotes energy efficiency rather than material efficiency
2. The introduction of end-of-waste criteria for plastics could harmonize and facilitate exchange in the markets (EU and non-EU market).

Key policy message

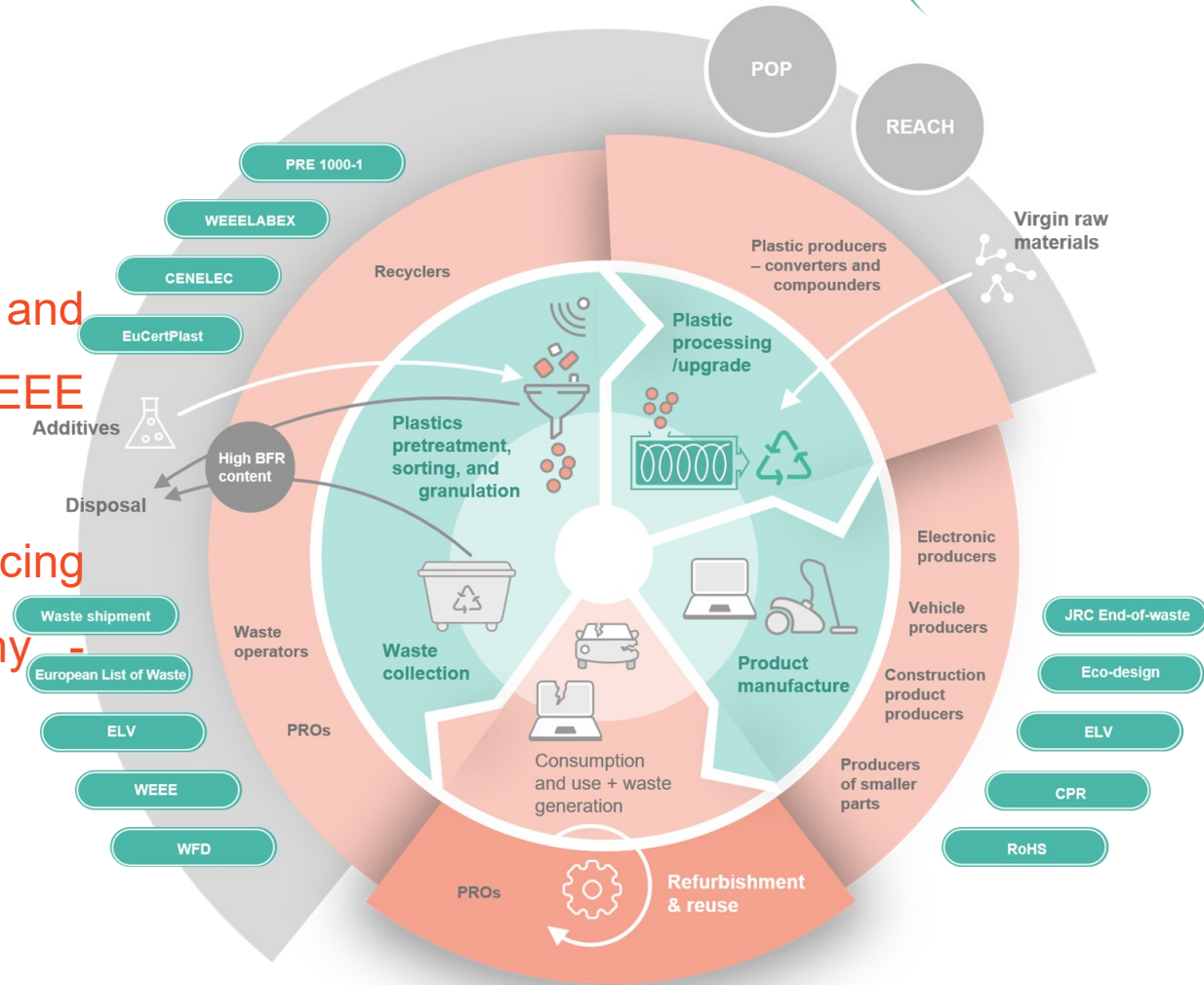
1. Eco-design directive should include aspects related to recyclability. Design FOR recycling and FROM recycling should be considered.
2. Strong cooperation and relationship between waste and chemical legislation should be fostered



Policy recommendations

Future activities

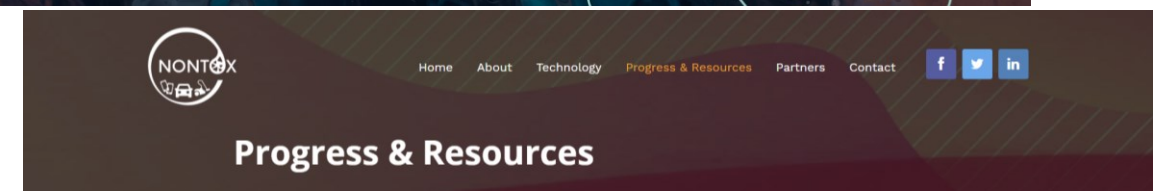
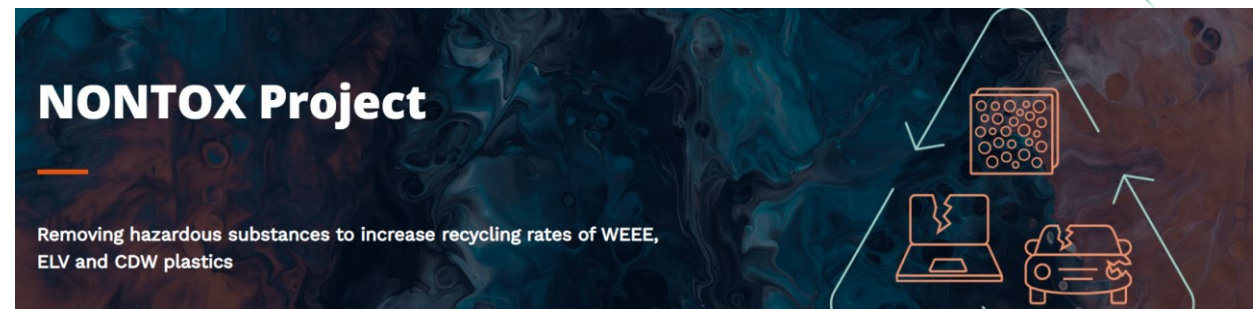
1. Development of a report on eco-design criteria and guidelines for recyclability specifically for ELV, WEEE and C&DW - deliverable
2. Development of a report on actions for enhancing circularity to reach the circular plastic economy - deliverable



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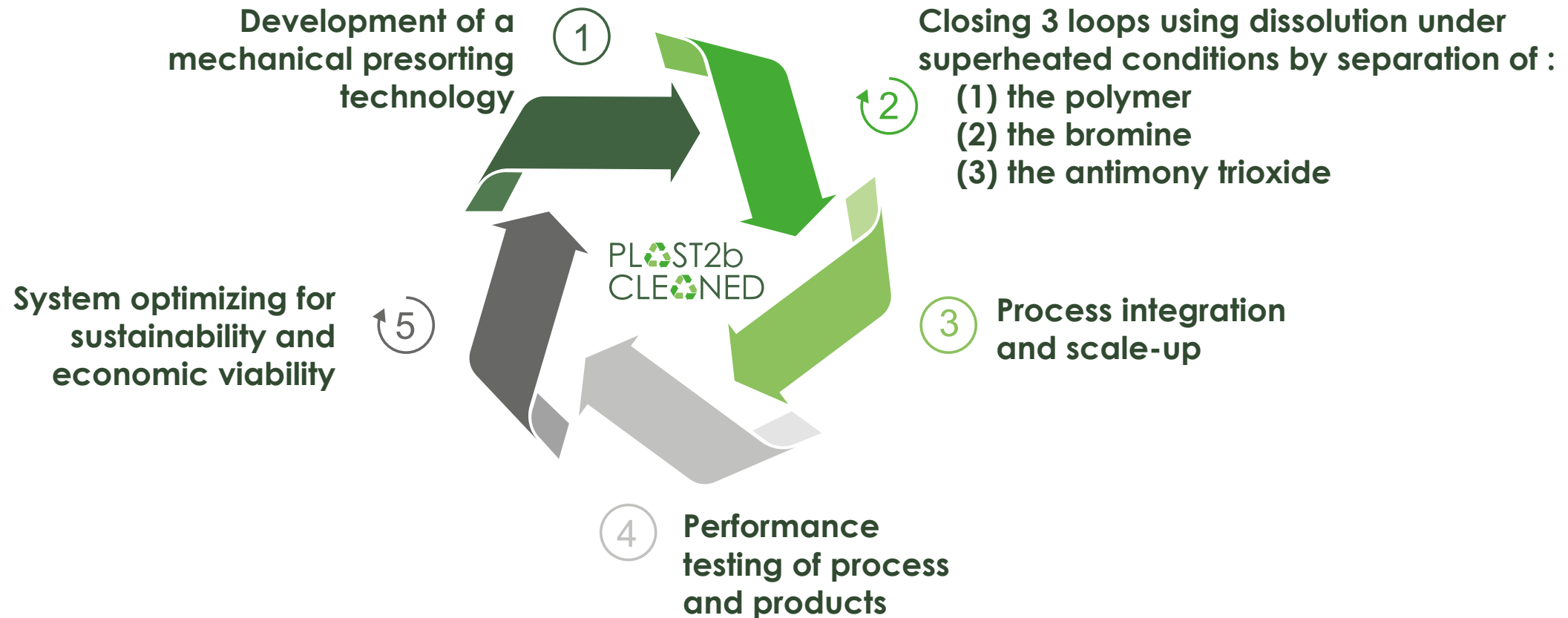
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Objectives

The overall aim of PLAST2bCLEANED is to develop a human and environmentally safe recycling process for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) plastics in a technically feasible and economically viable manner.



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Desired recovery yield

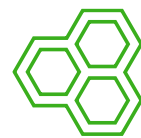


Increased recycling rate



40% reduction

kton CO2 emissions saved



Closing
3 loops

Recycling of polymers, antimony
and bromine flame retardants



Profitability



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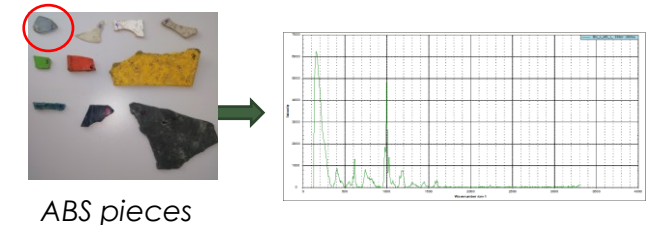
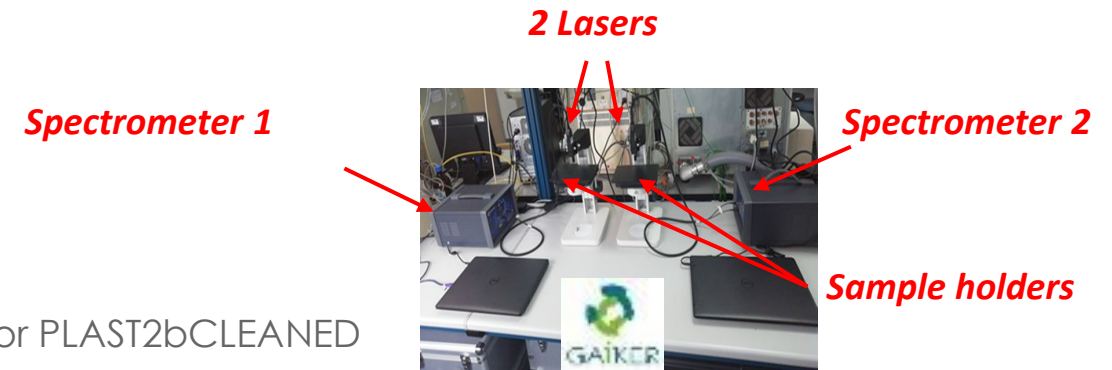
Pre-process: sensing and sorting

Aim of WP1: DESIGN A PRE-TREATMENT AND SORTING PROCESS to provide separate and clean polymers (ABS and HIPS) from WEEE streams


- To identify all coloured polymers (including blacks)
- To sort ABS & HIPS for upgrading in other WPs

- ✓ RAMAN equipment set-up & training
- ✓ Experimental tests with RAMAN spectroscopy: spectral library for PLAST2bCLEANED

1. Identification tests with reference materials:
2. Spectral analysis of real WEEE samples (ABS & HIPS). First results:
 - Defined peaks in some transparent and/or clear samples
 - Fluorescence interference observed in some pieces (dark samples, clear coloured samples with fluorescent additives)
 - On-going research on polymers identification and to eliminate fluorescence
3. Chemometric analysis of the spectral data of the real samples has been explored

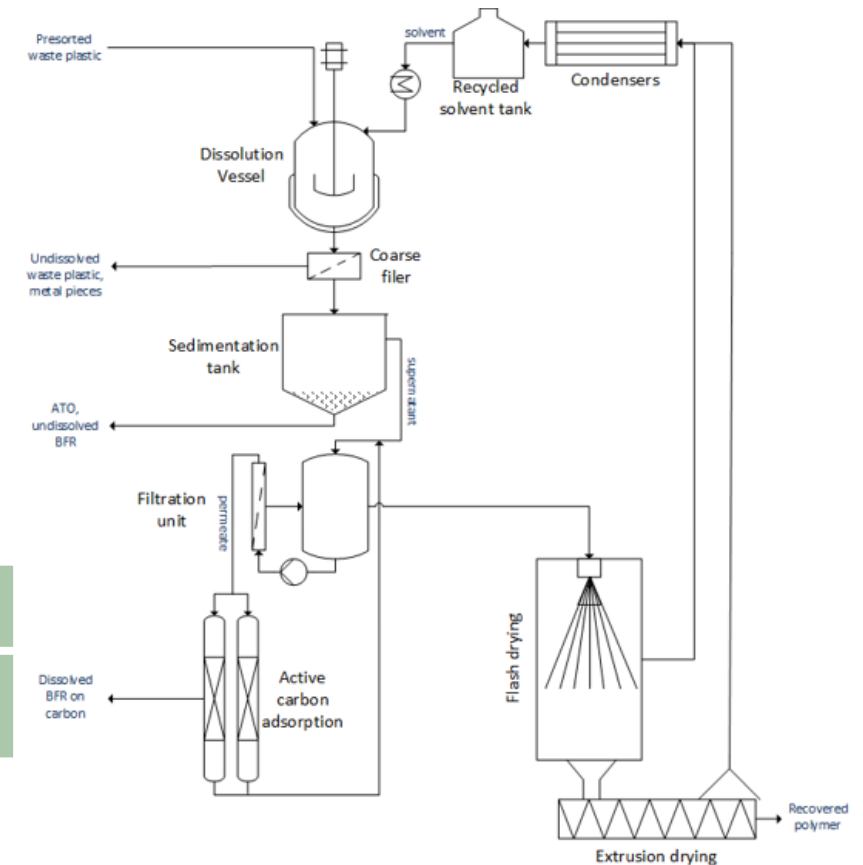


Process development

- Dissolution of HIPS respectively ABS
- Separation of the bromine (Brominated Flame Retardants, BFRs) and antimony trioxide (ATO) additives
 - With high yield
 - Recovery of ATO with low levels of organic contaminants
 - Recovery of BFRs with low levels of inorganic contaminants
- Recovery of solvent and polymer samples
- Lab scale development as preparation for scaled-up demo TRL 5/6
- Möbius concept 

Started with test samples with known composition

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HiPS + 12% soluble BFR + 4% ATO | ABS + 12% soluble BFR + 4% ATO |
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Testing scale up

From basic testing in pressurized test tubes to a 100 g/day semi-batch process



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Lab-scale filtration set-up for demonstrator



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Main achievements

- Proven significant progress in purity of the polymer recovered from the reference sample
- ❖ Purity:
 - Br reduction to 0.6% reached while to 0.4% is needed
 - Sb target reached
- ❖ PLAST2bCLEANED target in the product:
 - < 380 ppm Br
 - < 1000 ppm ATO

Reference sample



Cleaned polymer



Recovered ATO



- Process Flow Diagram for demonstrator
- Identified junctions in the process where a decision on either of two options is needed
- Challenge to separate ATO from BFR (specially the insoluble BFR)



Waste perspective: to compare the PLAST2bCLEANED recycling method to other recycling methods
“The End-of-Life treatment of 1 tonne of WEEE plastics in a defined average composition and particle size, coming from a WEEE treatment plant”.

Product perspectives (ABS and HIPS): to compare the benefits of using recycled plastics (and flame retardant) instead of virgin materials



1 external door frame (made out of 0.495 kg ABS) of a washing machine with overall running time of 220 washing cycles per year and an expected lifespan of 10 years (7,000 running hours)".



1 inner liner (made out of 4.6 kg HIPS) of a household refrigerator's cabinet with overall running hours of 78,840 hours and an expected lifespan of 9 years"



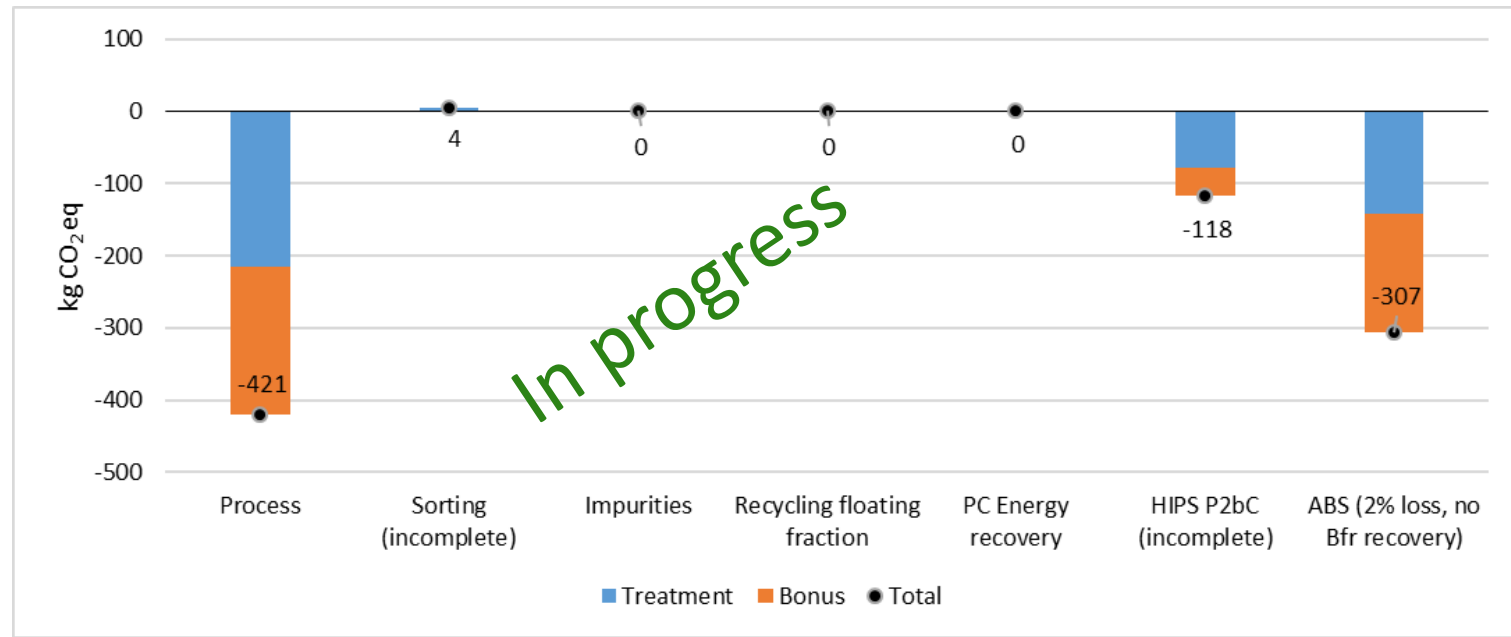
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Quick scan LCA results – Draft!

INSTEAD OF MUNICIPAL WASTE INCINERATION (REFERENCE), THE BR-HIPS AND BR-ABS ARE RECYCLED THROUGH DISSOLUTION. THE DELTA CO₂ IS SHOWN BELOW.

- PLAST2bCLEANED reaches a lower CO₂ impact compared to the reference.
- ABS is contributing more to the total impact savings compared to HIPS.

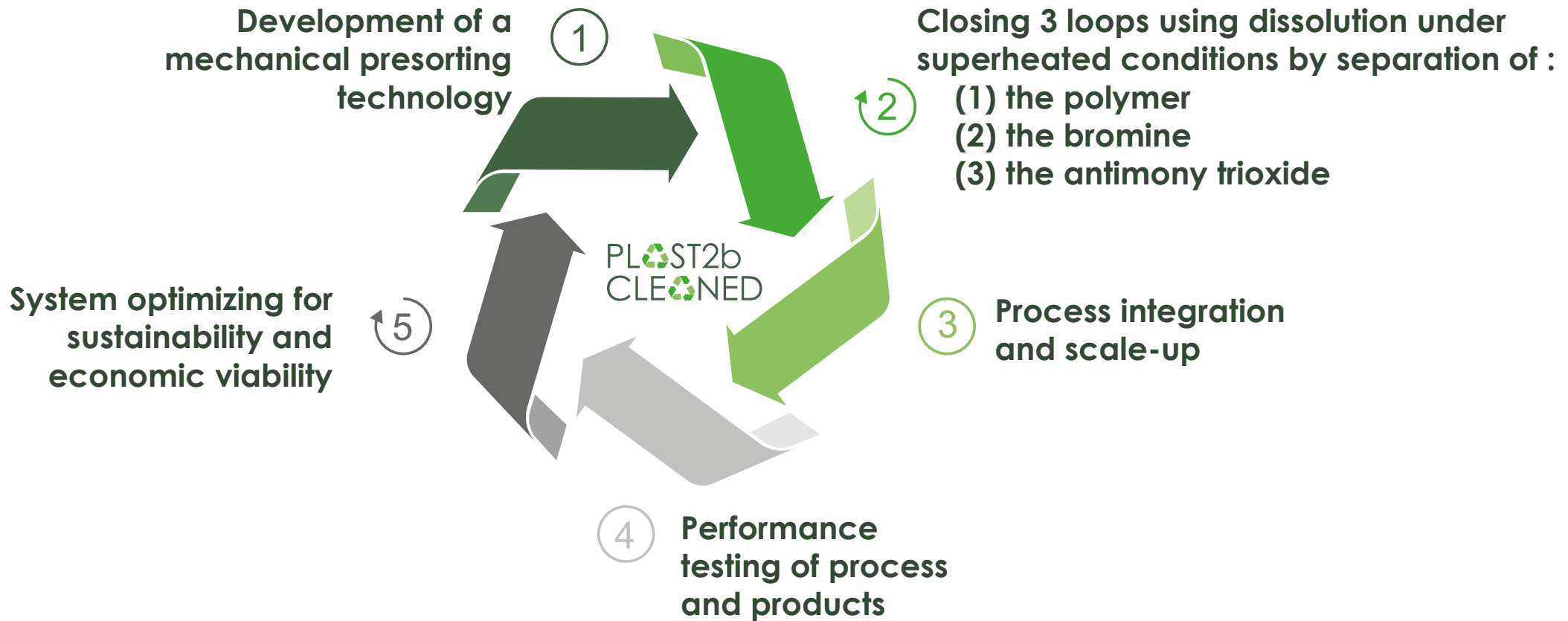
1 Tonne of WEEE plastic, unsorted; delta CO₂ emissions



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Summary and next steps

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CREAToR - Collection of raw materials, removal of flame retardants and reuse of secondary raw materials (1.6.2019-30.11.2022)

Irma Mikonsaari, Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology



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Agenda

- What does CREAToR aim for?
- What has CREAToR achieved so far?
- What is CREAToR's wider impact on the circular economy?

CREAToR

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THE PROCESS



INNOVATION

A new, cost-effective approach



Consideration of the **whole value chain** for various **polymers** ABS, PC, PA, PS



Characterisation and sorting of large polymer parts containing brominated flame retardants at **kg scale**
Removal of Br-FR down to **0,1 wt-%** in continuous process at kg scale

MARKET INTEGRATION

CREAToR delivers solutions to various steps of the production chain

construction & demolition



waste source
end-product re-use

electrical & electronic equipment



waste source
end-product re-use

aeronautics industry



waste source
end-product re-use

automotive industry



end-product re-use

recyclers



characterisation in the sorting and removal of hazardous components

polymer parts manufacturers



labeling and re-additivation

DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRAL LOGISTIC CONCEPT



collection of **waste**



separation of **polymer** parts



continuous extraction for removal of **Br flame retardant**



labelling of **Br free** material



modification for **reuse**



Sorting line with LIBS technology (**Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy**) for characterisation



Extractive extrusion with **super critical CO₂** and **NADES ionic liquids** for the purification



Re-additivation for the re-use (new flame retardants, processing additives)

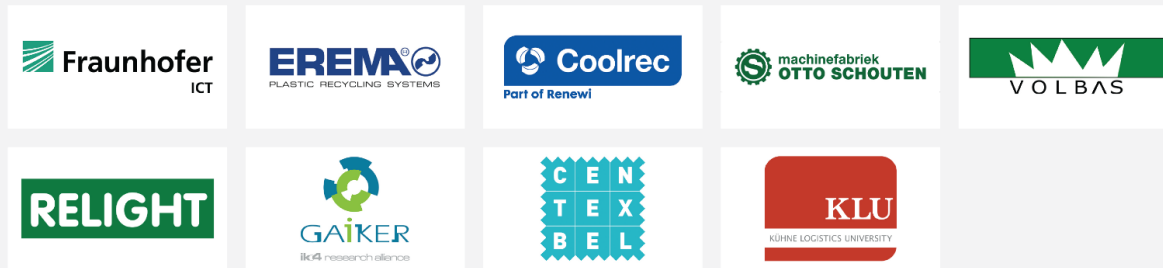


Labeling of the material to ensure hazardous flame retardant content **< 0,1 wt-%**

TECHNOLOGIES

THE CONSORTIUM

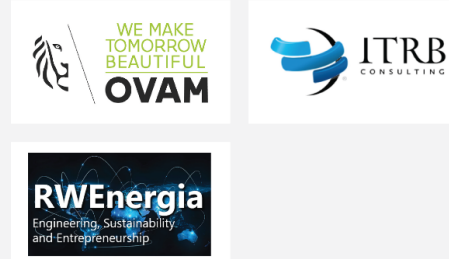
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RE-USE



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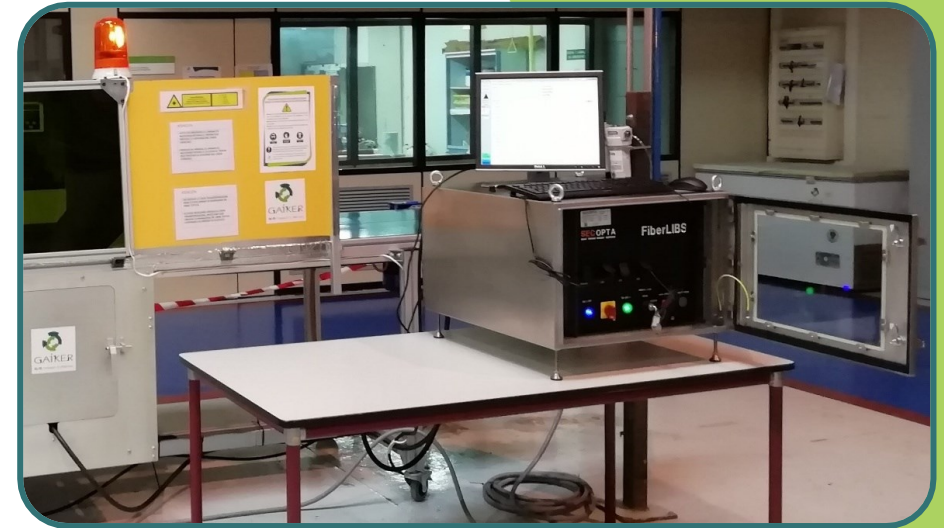
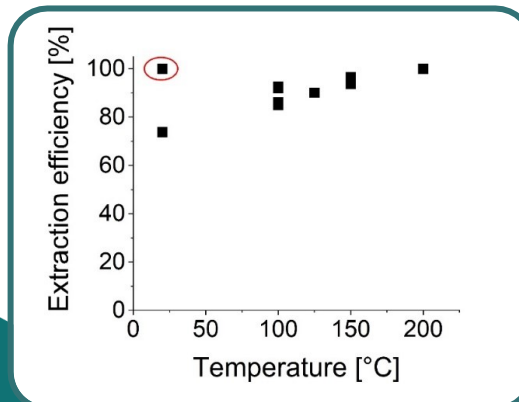
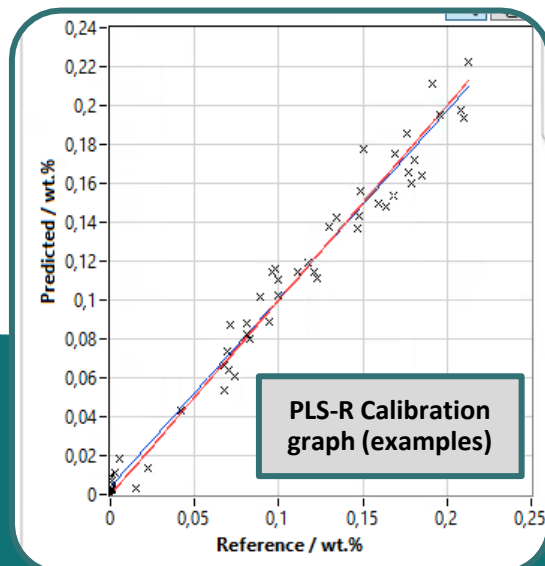
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Key results

Recycling

Identification + Sorting + Purification

- Sorting at the contamination level of 1000_ppm bromine
- Batch and continuous extraction of flame retardants in extrusion, sc-CO₂ and NADES as extractive liquids

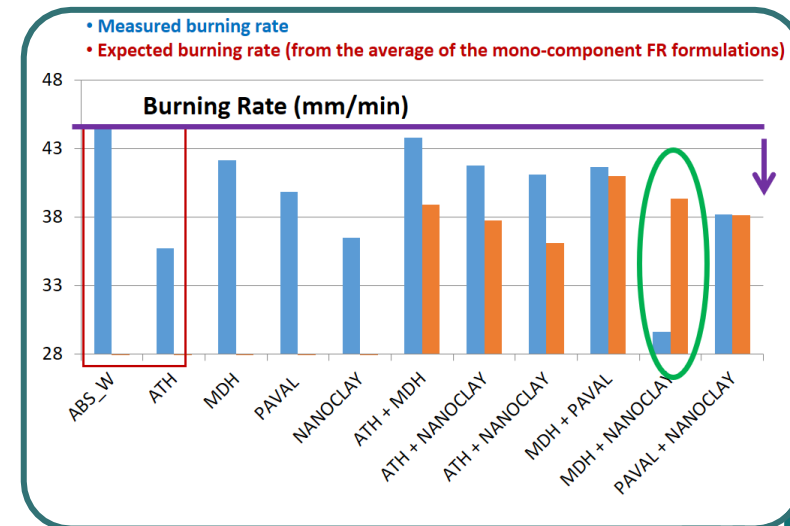
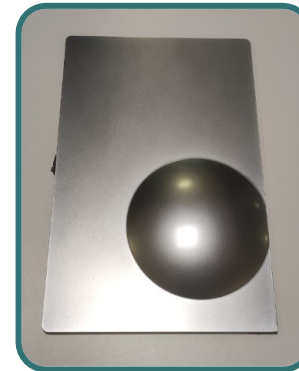
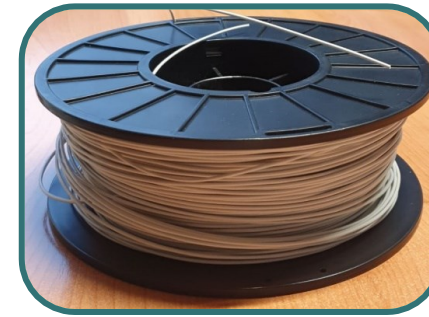


Key results

Re-use

3D printing filament + automotive interior + insulation panel

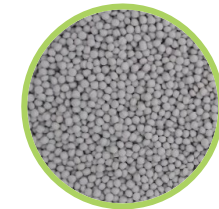
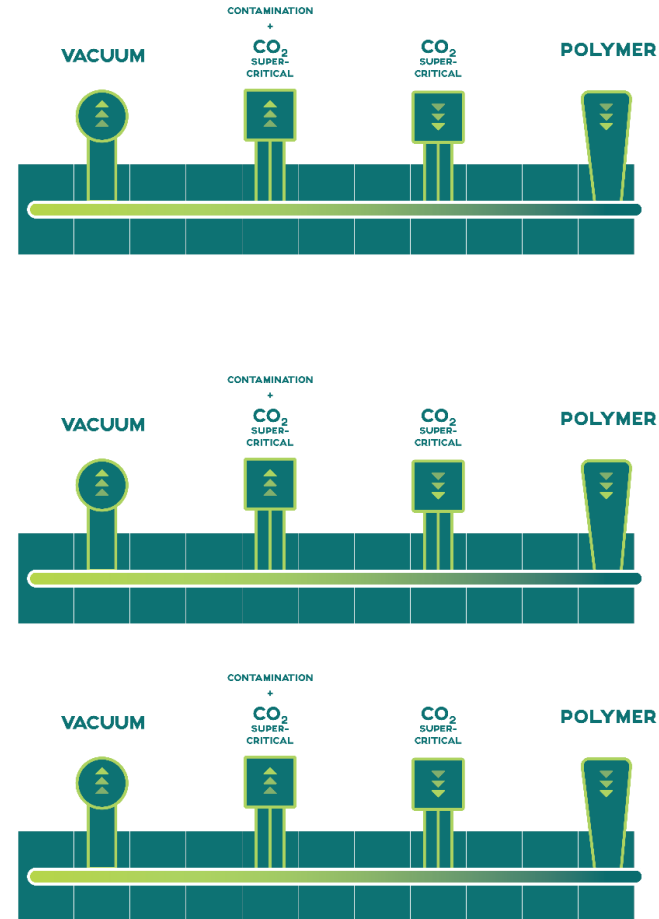
- Extrusion of 3D printing filaments from recycled materials
- Injection moulding of recycled materials
- Thermoplastic foam expansion of recycled materials
- Environmentally friendly flame retardants



Key results

Reverse logistics

- Requirements set up
- **Model** development ongoing



Reuse

Impacts



TECHNICAL

System for **precise separation of the plastics**

Removal of legacy additives

Increasing the recycling rate by recovering plastics fractions that are currently sent to incineration (reduction of more than 45% of the waste plastic fraction)



SOCIAL & ECONOMIC

Ensuring new material sources lowers the dependency on **petroleum sources** within Europe

More **circular models for plastics**

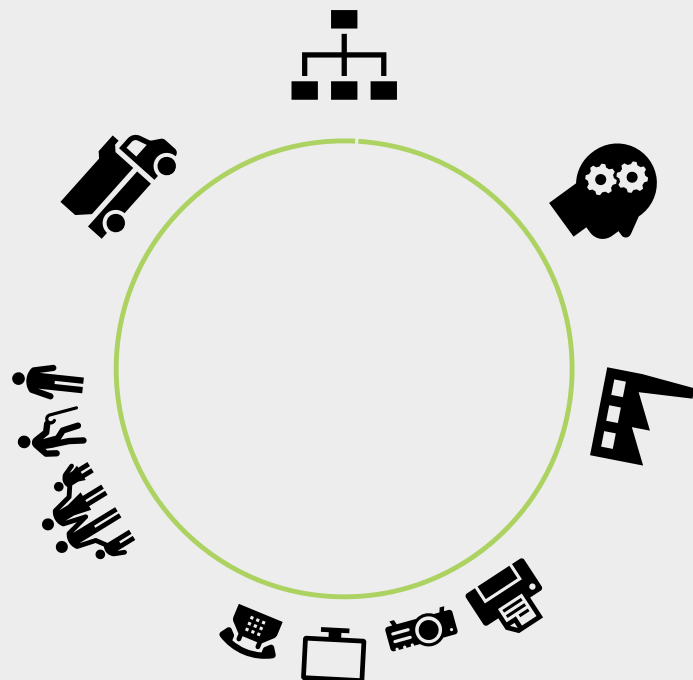
Keeping recycling technology at the highest technical level and therefore protecting European jobs in the sector

Offering treatment solutions for a **wider range of waste** within Europe

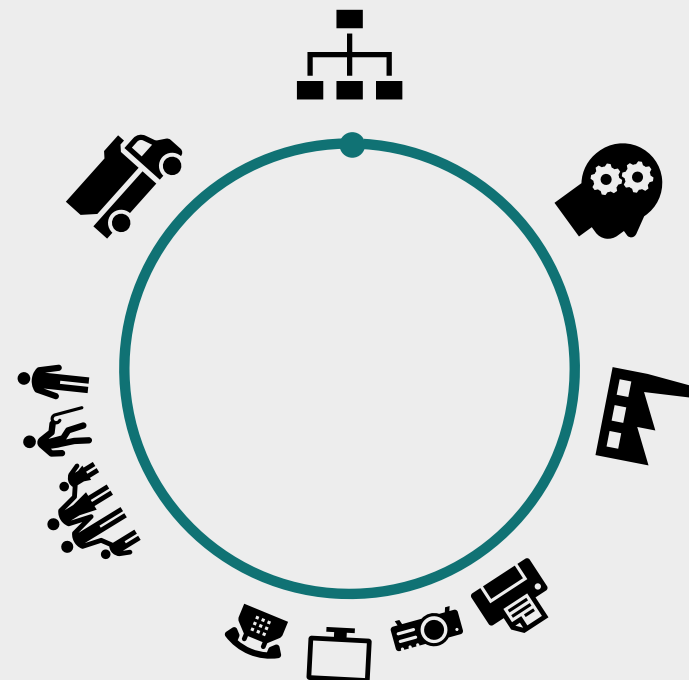
Shifting the vision of recycled plastics towards a safe secondary raw material

But this is only a tiny part of the loop

Alone you can try to be circular



You need **collaboration** to be circular



THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS COLLABORATION

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Multiplier**

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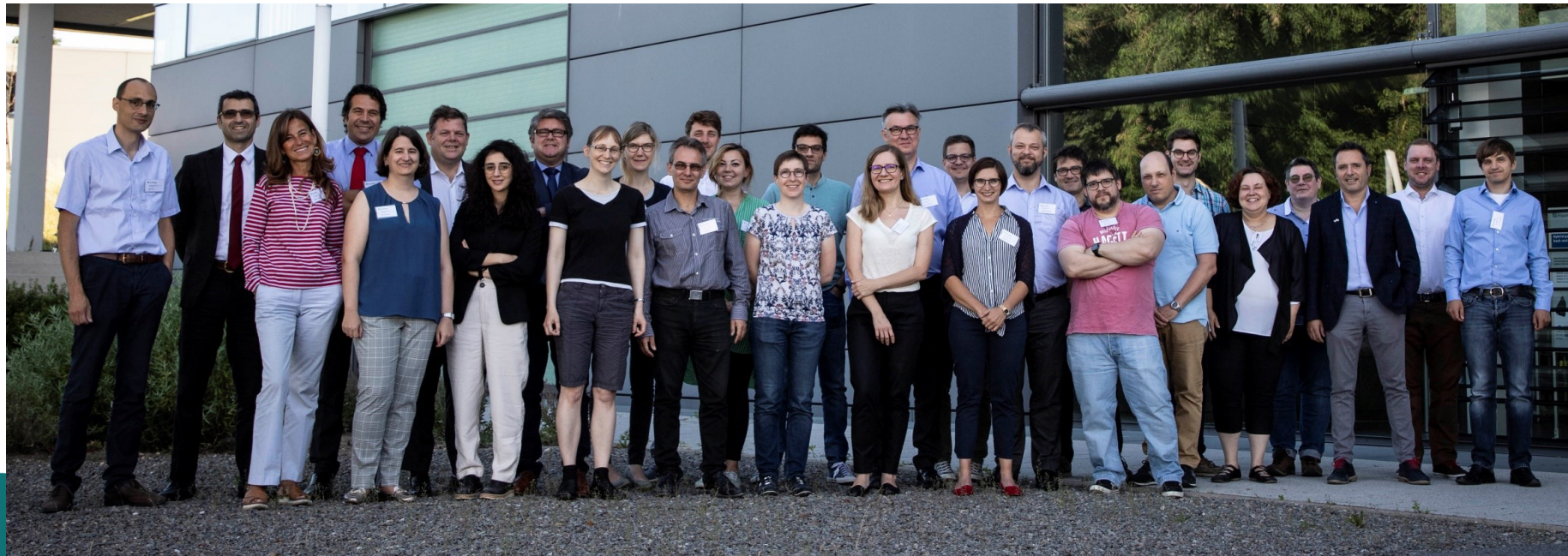
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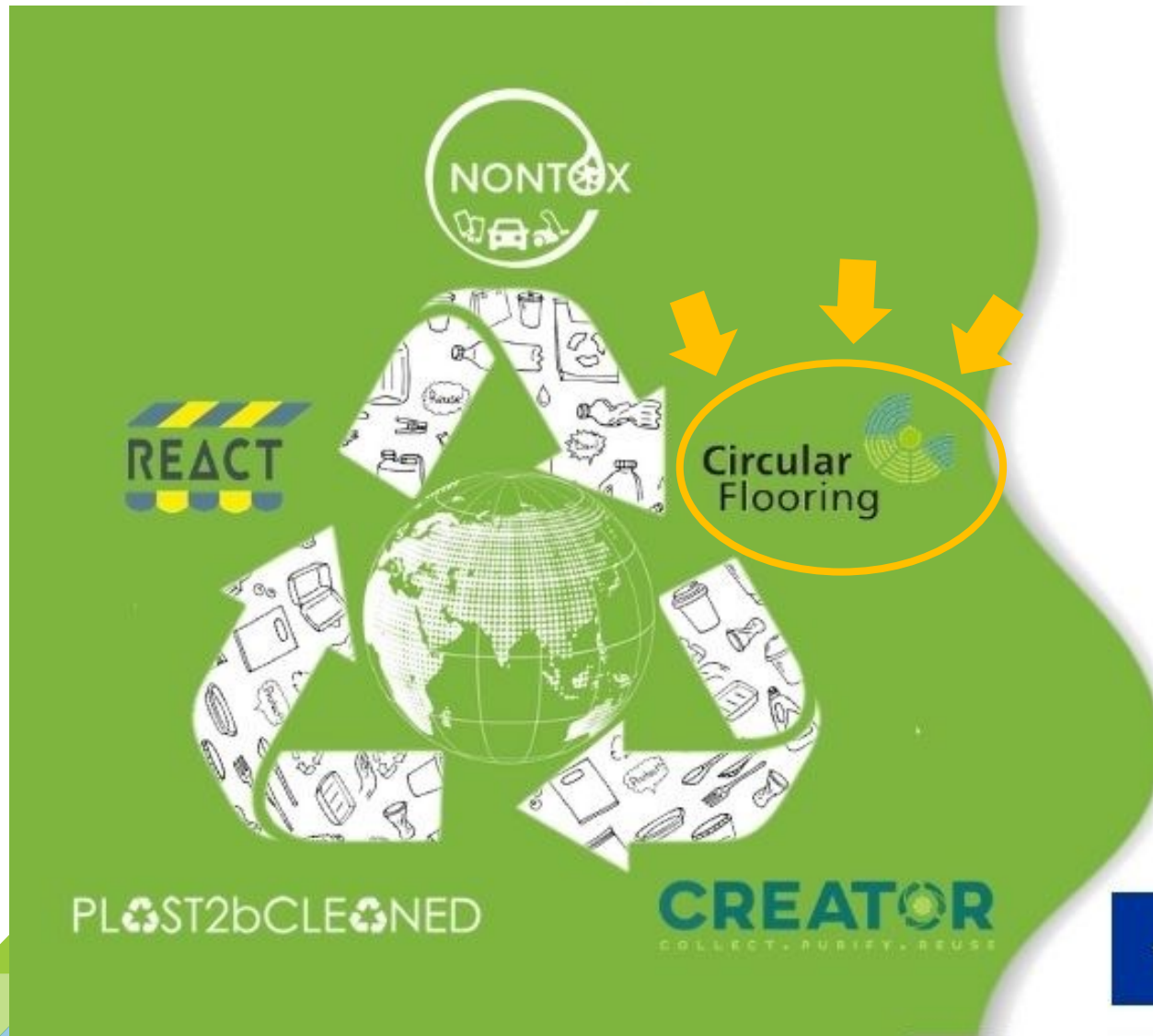


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New Products from Waste PVC Flooring and Safe End-of-Life Treatment of Plasticizers



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Project Profile

- Project Circular Flooring (New Products from Waste PVC Flooring and Safe End-of-Life Treatment of Plasticizers)
- Coordination Fraunhofer IVV, Dr. Martin Schlummer
- Funding scheme Horizon 2020, Grant Agreement Number 821366
- EU funding € 5.4 million
- Duration 4 years (06/2019-05/2023)
- Website www.circular-flooring.eu

Project Objectives

The aim of the EU-funded project Circular Flooring is to enable the circular use of plasticized PVC from waste flooring by developing recycling process that eliminate legacy phthalic acid esters that are not conform with the EU REACH Directive.

Main objectives:

- Develop a process for recovering secondary legacy phthalate-free PVC from flooring waste, thus preventing usable resources from landfill or incineration
- Demonstrate circularity of PVC in flooring and applicability of phthalate free plasticizers that are compliant to REACH from waste flooring
- Assessment of environmental, health and safety impacts and techno-economic feasibility

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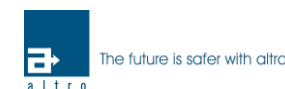
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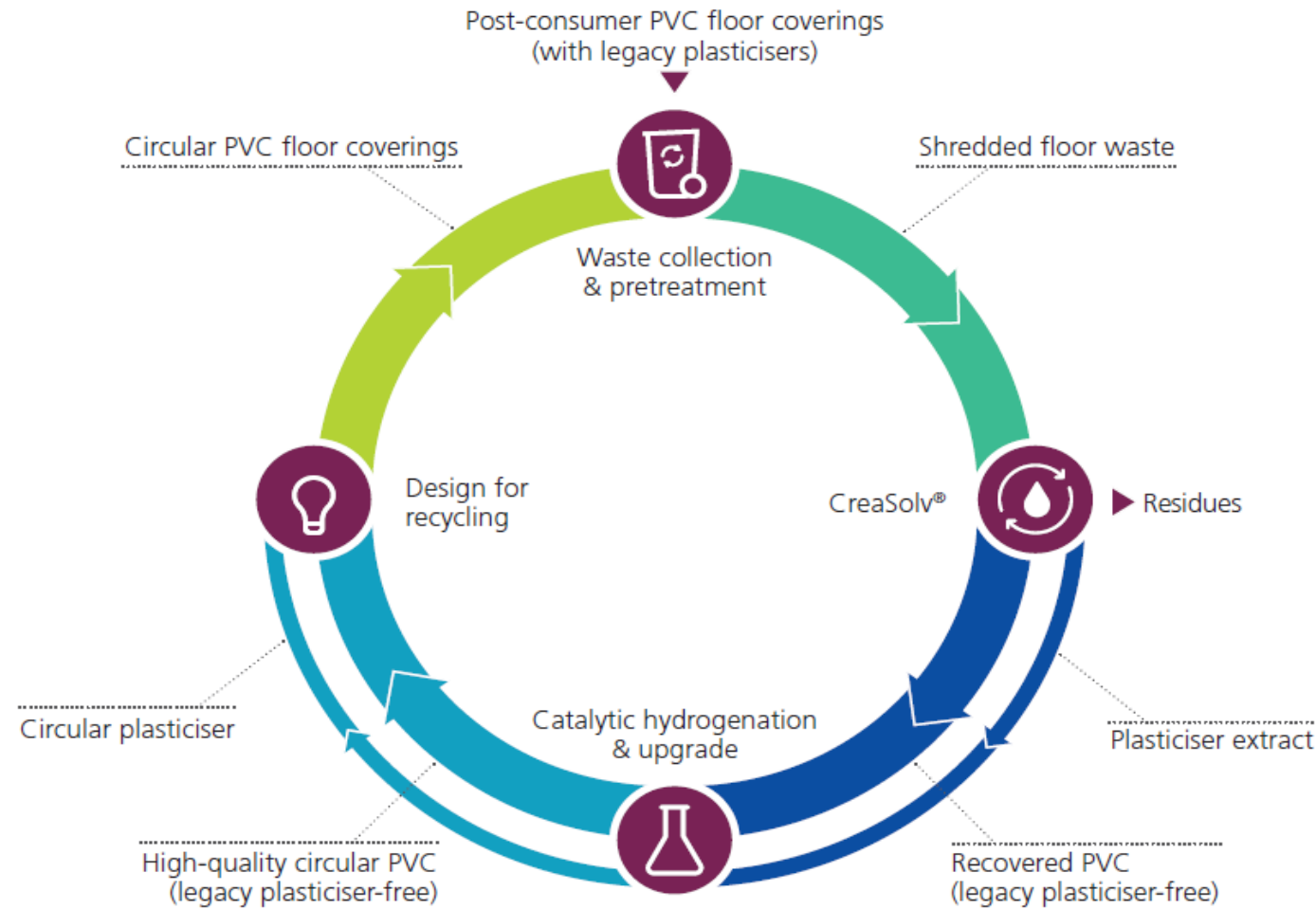


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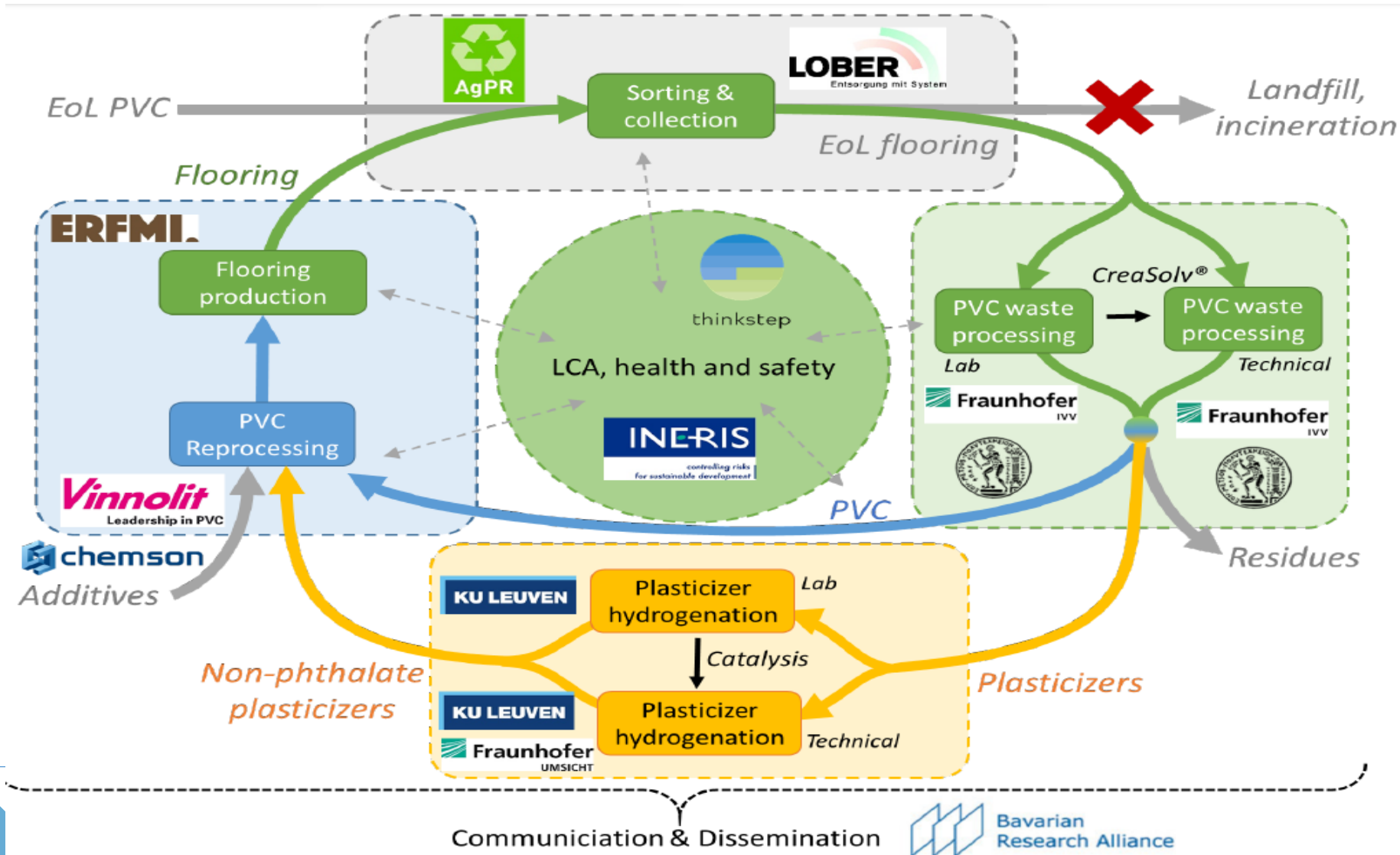
Enable circular use of plasticized PVC from waste flooring by:

- developing a recycling process that eliminates legacy phthalic acid esters, which do not comply with the EU REACH Directive.
- using of extracted legacy additives for secondary phthalate-free plasticizers.
- developing a process to recover secondary phthalate-free PVC from flooring waste, thus preventing usable resources from landfill or incineration
- demonstrating applicability of rPVC in flooring and REACH compliant recycled plasticizers
- assessing of environmental, health and safety impacts and techno-economic feasibility

The Recycling Process



Project tasks



Key technologies

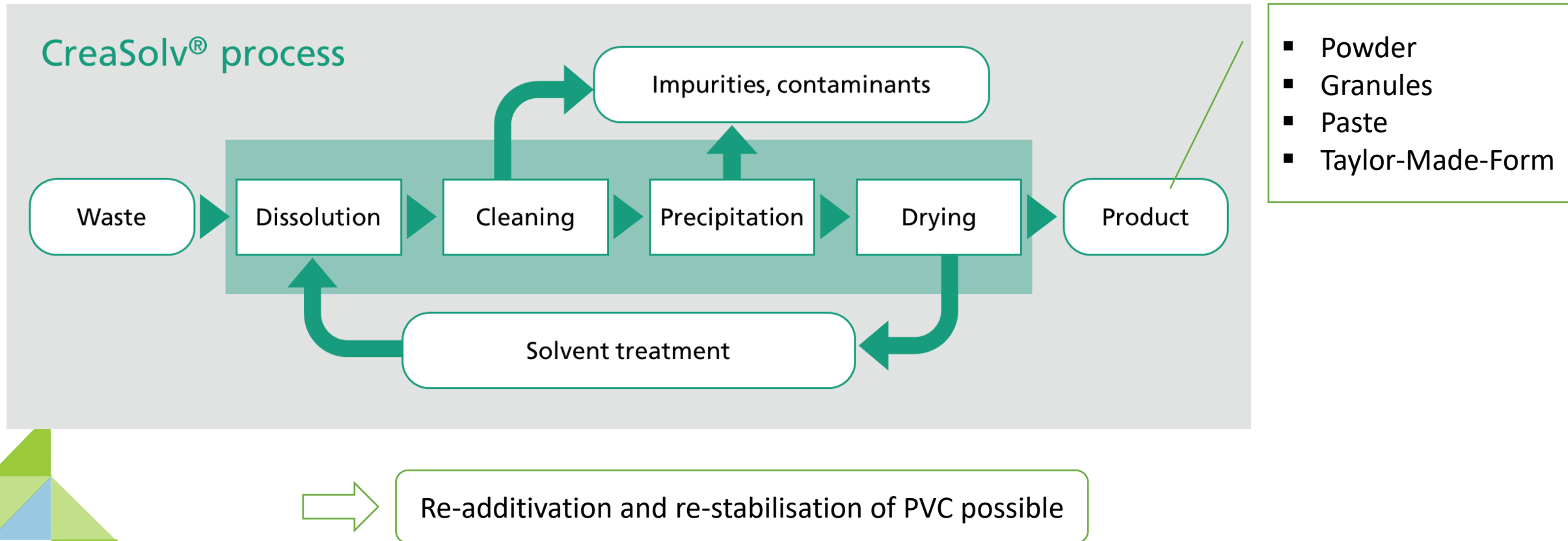
CreaSolv® Process

- Solvent-based recycling technology that enables valuable resources to be conserved in the circular economy; uses specific solvent formulations that do not contain hazardous substances as defined by EU chemicals legislation; the PVC is dissolved from the flooring formulation, precipitated and dried for reuse

Hydrogenation technology

- Catalytic hydrogenation that converts hazardous phthalate esters into safe plasticiser alternatives; recovery and valorisation of the plasticiser fraction

The CreaSolv® Process



Stage of the project



Laboratory scale

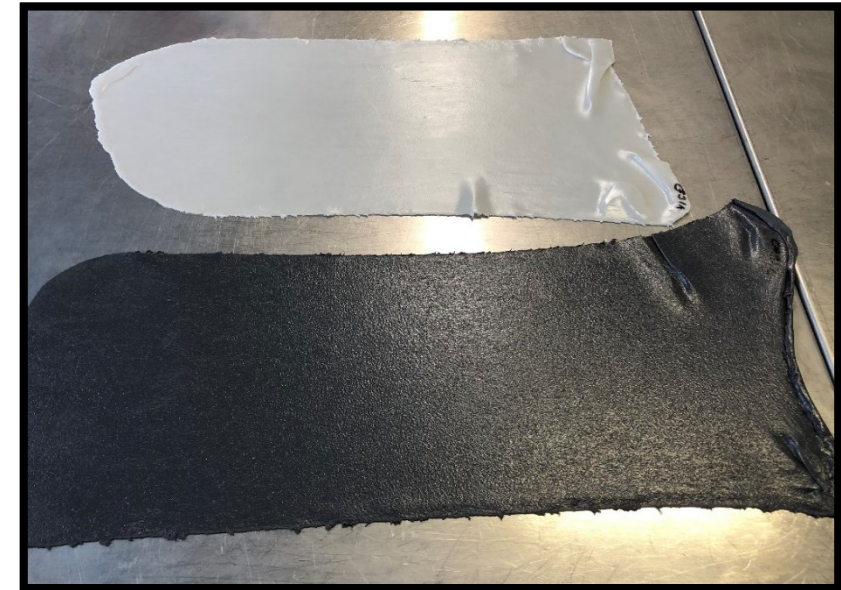
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Pilot plant scale



Results of the recycled PVC



Particle size
Tear strength
Elongation at break
Heat stability

Hydrogenation technology

- (Low MW) Phthalates:

- Di(iso)butyl phthalate: **D(I)BP**
- Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate: **DEHP**
- Benzyl butyl phthalate: **BeBP**

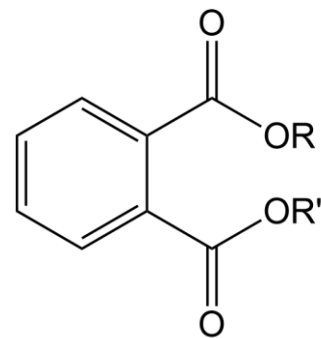
➡ Limited by REACH

- 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylates:

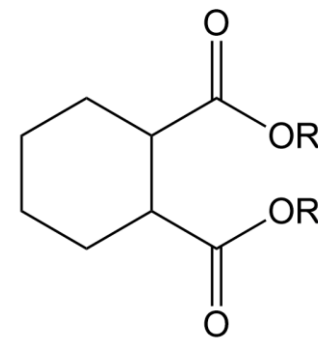
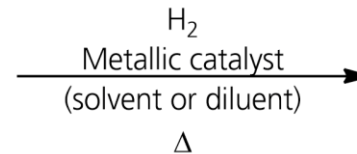
- Diisononyl 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylate: **DINCH**

➡ Little migration and toxicity level, high compatibility with PVC³

➡ 240 000 t/Jahr (BASF, Evonik)^{3,4}



(LMW) Phthalate esters



Dialkyl 1,2-cyclohexane-dicarboxylate esters

H6- Yield > 99%



¹REACH Annex XVII

²plasticisers.org

³hexamoll-dinch.com

⁴Additives for Polymers, Volume Issue 8, pages 1,6

Advantages of the CreaSolv[®] Process

- Solvent-based technology for separating substances, thus making it possible to retain valuable resources in the circular economy
- The CreaSolv[®] Process uses solvent formulations that do not contain hazardous substances under EU-chemicals-legislation and therefore pose no risk to users and the environment
- Helps the EU in its goal of establishing a circular economy in Europe



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Benefits for the European Society

- Contribution to establishing a circular economy in the EU
- Reduction in consumption of primary resources
- Removal and safe destruction of legacy plasticisers from the plastics life cycle
- Recovery of valuable resources of plastic waste
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Creation of new business opportunities within the circular value chain

Thank you for your attention!

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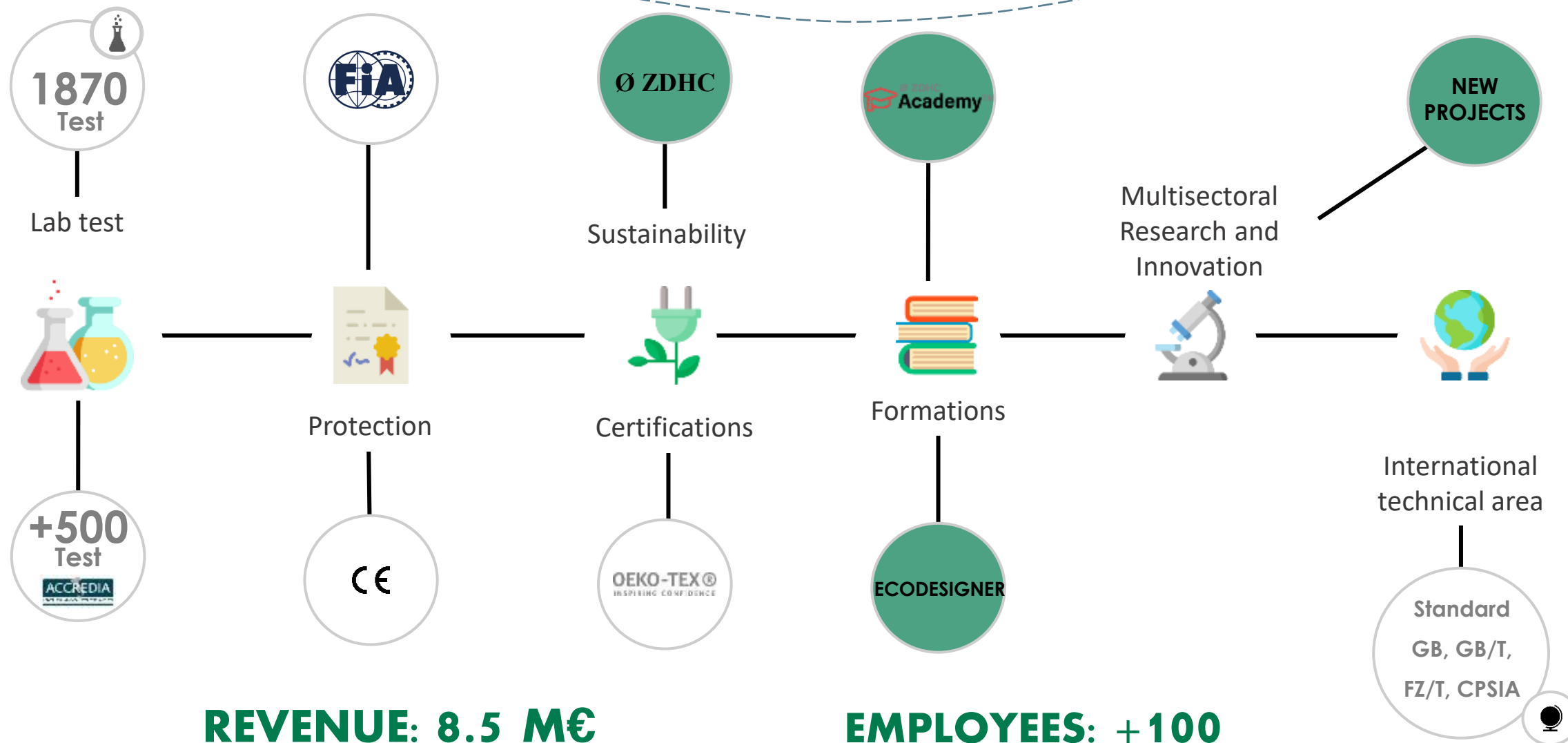


MANAGEMENT OF WASTE ACRYLIC TEXTILES COMING FROM OUTDOOR AWNINGS AND FURNISHING

Vannucci Roberto

01/07/2021

CENTROCOT: some information

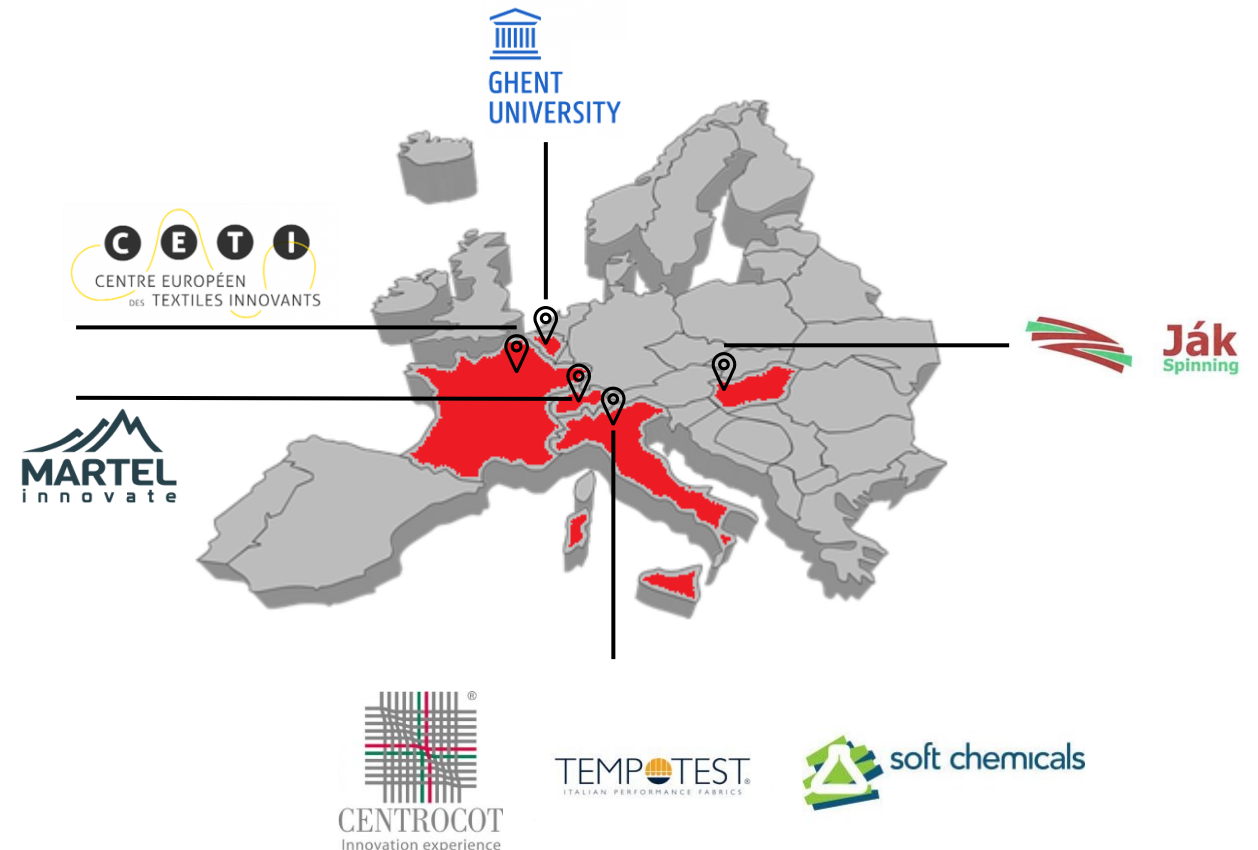


REACT – GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION



H2020-SC5-2018-2019-2020: Methods to remove hazardous substances and contaminants from secondary raw materials

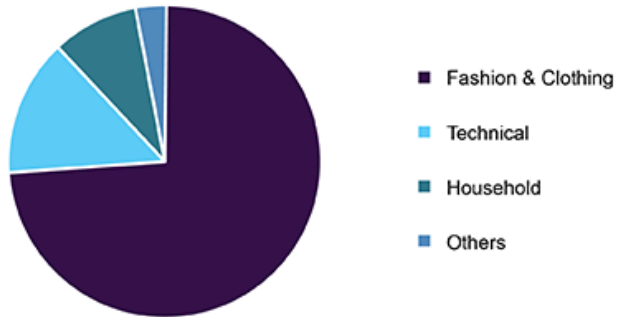
- **36 months duration**
(June 2019 – May 2022)
- **Consortium:**
7 partners for 5 EU countries



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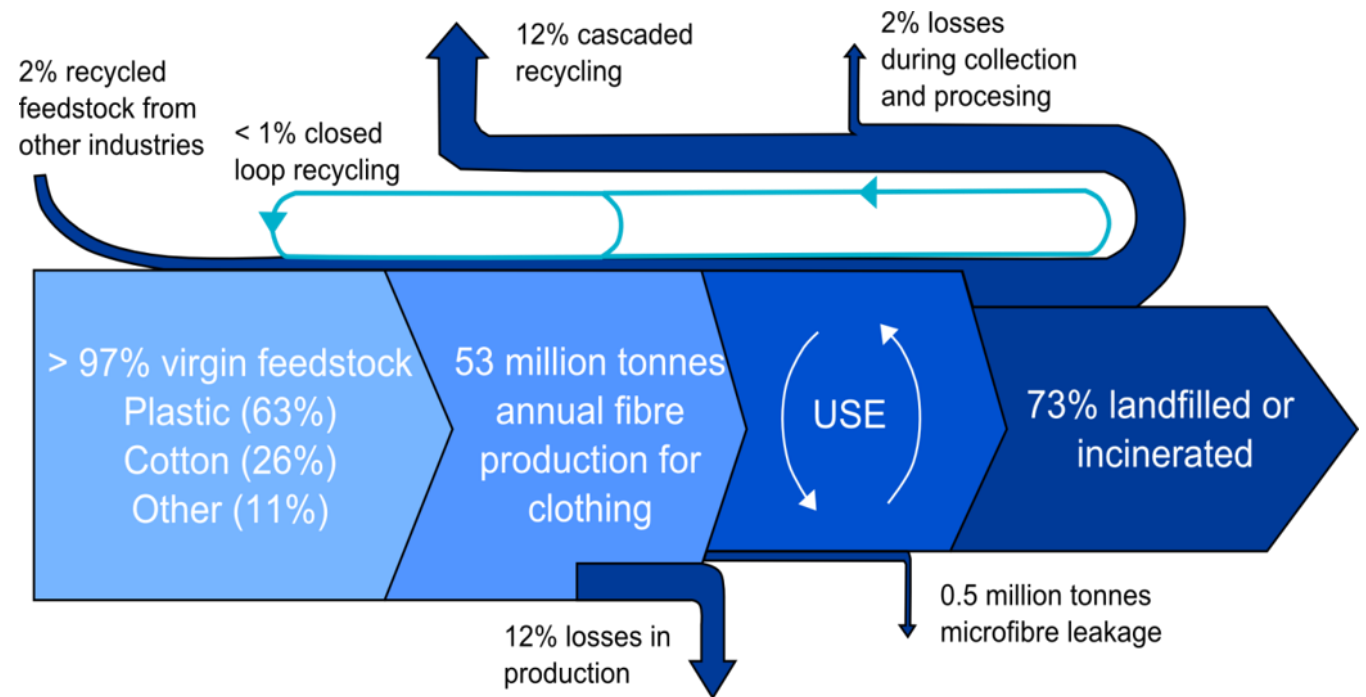


Global textile market share, by application, 2019 (%)



Source: www.grandviewresearch.com

Market value USD 961,5 billion in 2019
+ 4,3% to 2027



Textile Market Size, Share & Trends Analysis Report By Raw Material (Wool, Chemical, Silk, Cotton), By Product (Natural Fibers, Polyester, Nylon), By Application, By Region, And Segment Forecasts, 2020 – 2027, Grand View Research

Recycled Textile Market to Reach \$8.0 Billion by 2026 at 5.2% CAGR, Allied Market Research

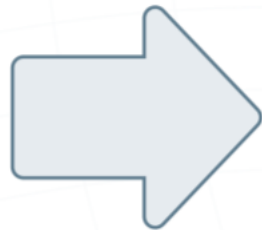
Ellen MacArthur Foundation „A new Textiles Economy: Redesigning Fashion’s Future“, 2017

THE CHALLENGE



Acrylic fibre is used for clothing, outdoor furniture, boat covers and awnings, with almost 2 million tonnes produced every year.

In the 'awning and outdoor furnishing' textile market, acrylic is still the main material used (more than 90% of production) **thanks to its unmatched performance** (combination of weatherability, UV resistance and mechanical strength).



- 11'000 tonnes/year of outdoor acrylic textiles
- 2.5 million awnings installed in Europe

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT EVERY YEAR, IN EUROPE, ABOUT 7'700 TONNES OF ACRYLIC TEXTILE WASTE ARE DISPOSED OF BY LANDFILL OR INCINERATION

- to reach a removal rate of **90-95%** of chemicals/substances that prevent their recycling
- to treat up to **99% of all** sewage **impurities** obtained from removal steps
- to obtain a final textile product with yarn coming from **100% recycled fibre**, mixing regenerated fibres from card, winding opened thread and waste material collected fibre, each up to 33%
- to re-use the acrylic textiles as raw material for other production cycles, to reach 30 % of **waste prevented** from disposal (**3.600 tonnes total**) for the outdoor sector (awnings and furnishing)





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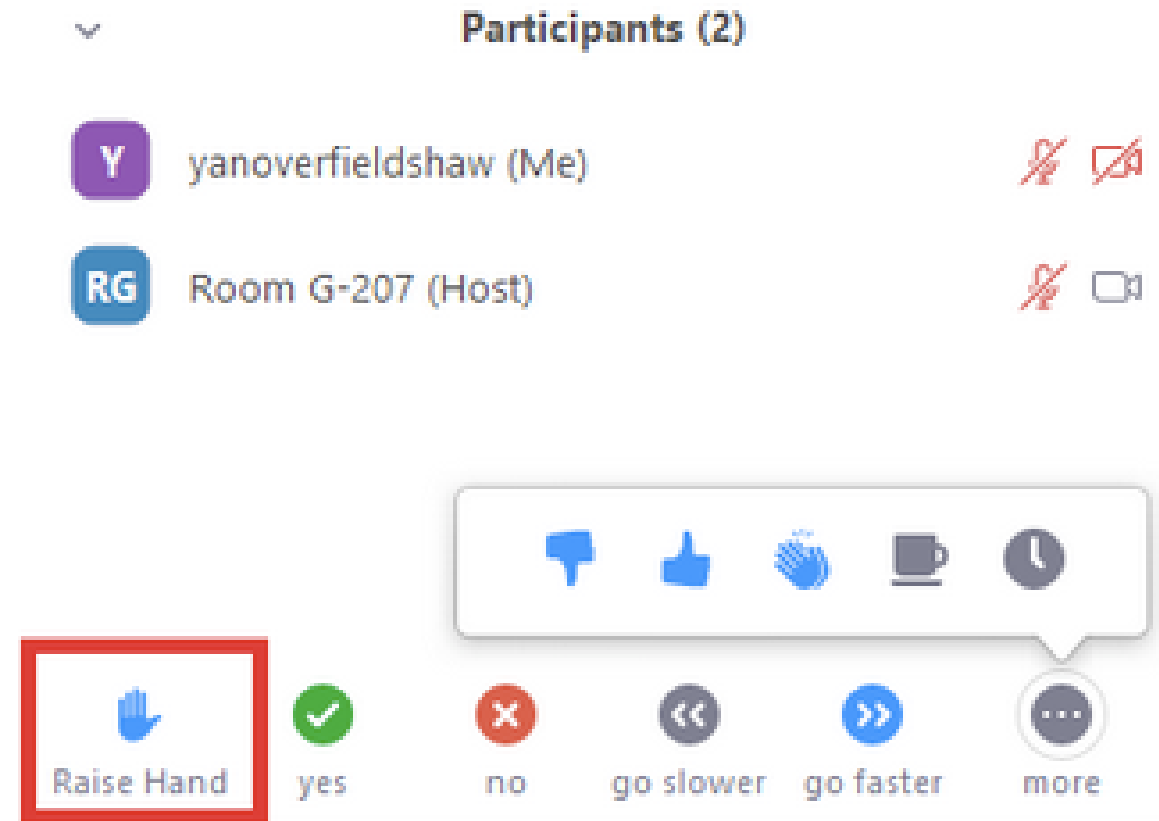
Recycling of plastics. *Towards a more sustainable plastic treatment in 2030*

Session 2

Interactive discussions



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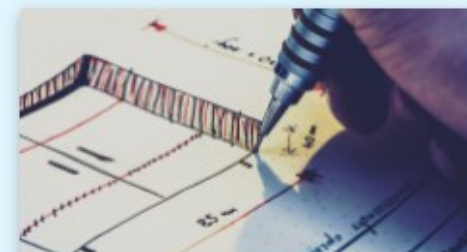
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nontox-project.eu

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CREATOR - Removing hazardous, already banned bromine-containing flame-retardants from waste streams using continuous purification technologies: supercritical CO2 and cost-effective solvent-based processes. creatorproject.eu

Grant Agreement No.820477



PLAST2bCLEANED - Developing a human and environmentally safe recycling process for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) plastics in a technically feasible and economically viable manner by closing the loop of polymer and flame retardants.
plast2bcleaned.eu

Grant Agreement No.821087



CIRCULAR FLOORING - Recovery of a PVC compound from post-consumer PVC floor coverings and the separation of legacy plasticisers with the innovative, patented CreaSolv® process in order to create a recycled material for the manufacturing of new PVC floor coverings (comment Melanie, CF).
circular-flooring.eu

Grant Agreement No.821366



REACT - Recycling of waste acrylic textiles. Ensuring the safe utilisation and disposal of removed substances.
react-project.net

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