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PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY
CENTRE



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EXCELLENCE IN PLASTIC

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What is AIMPLAS?

AIMPLAS is a
Technology Centre
with more than 27
years of experience in
the plastic sector



Our mission

Adding value to **companies** to generate **wealth and employment.**



Adding value to the society to improve the **quality of life** and ensure **environmental sustainability.**



Staff

A team of more than
127 highly qualified
professionals



64% women · **36%** men · **39 years** average age · **16** PhD



Resources



Our greatest asset: **your confidence**



€ 8.4M
revenues



+2,300
customers



+574
associated companies

2016 DATA



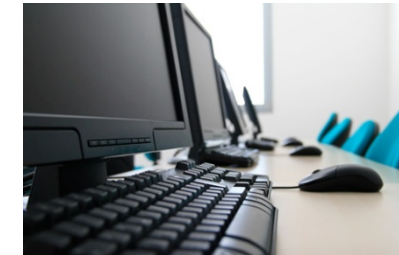
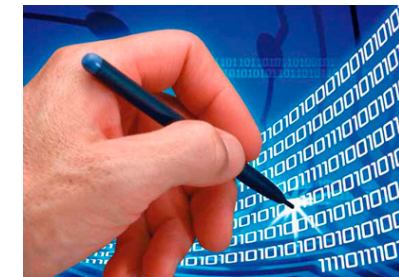
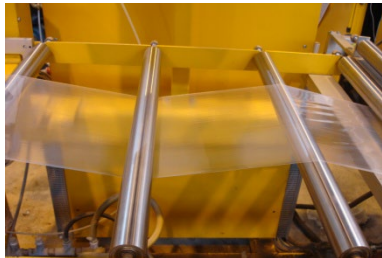
Market oriented



Solutions for Plastics



- > R&D&Innovation projects
- > Analysis and testing
- > Technical assessment
- > Competitive intelligence
- > Training



What does circular economy involve?

- Reduce 1 Changing our behaviour
- Reuse 2 Reusing material
- Recycle 3 Recycling and reprocessing materials
- Recover 4 Recovering energy
- Landfill 5 Targeting **Zero landill**

Source: Albany Waste Management



Source: Ecowise Waste Management Pvt. Ltd.



Source: Raisie Bay - A Family and Lifestyle Blog

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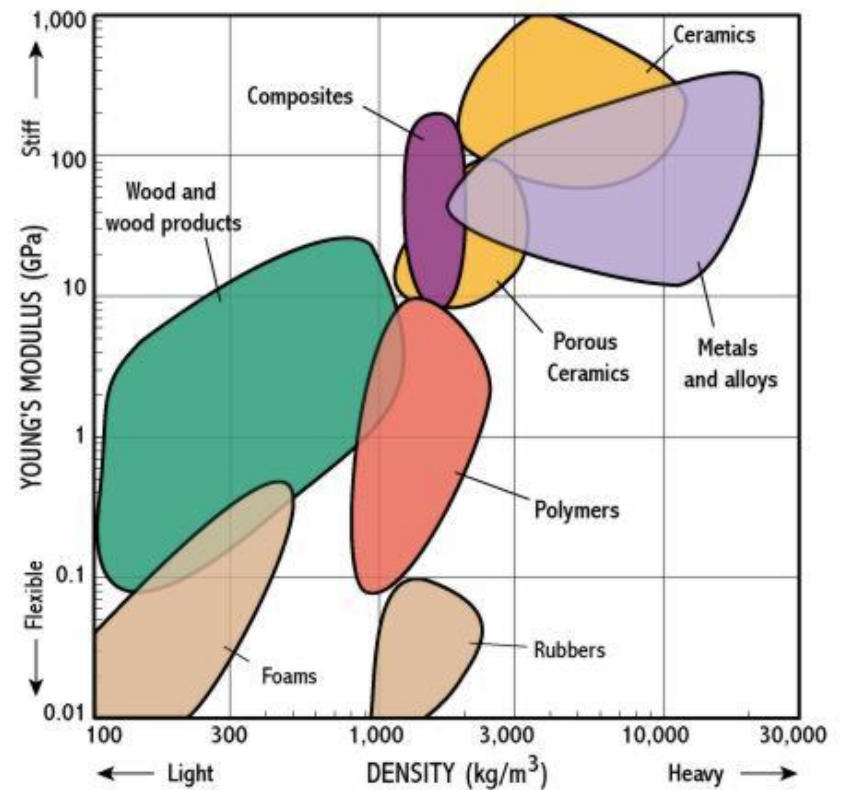
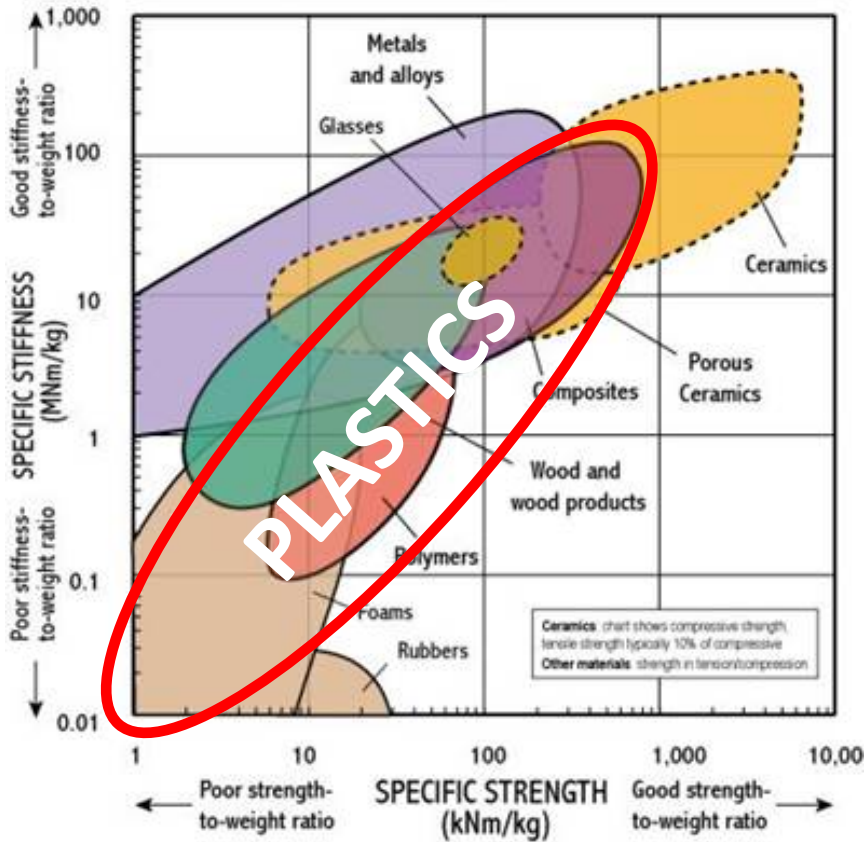


WHAT CAN PLASTICS DO FOR THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY?



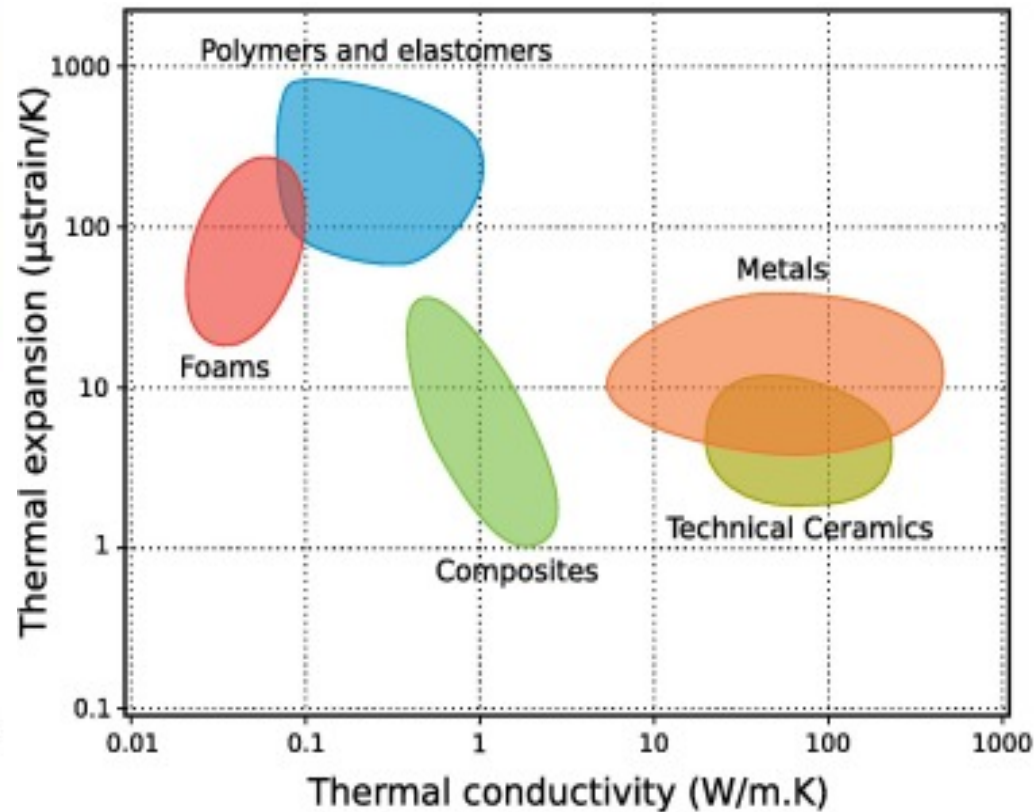
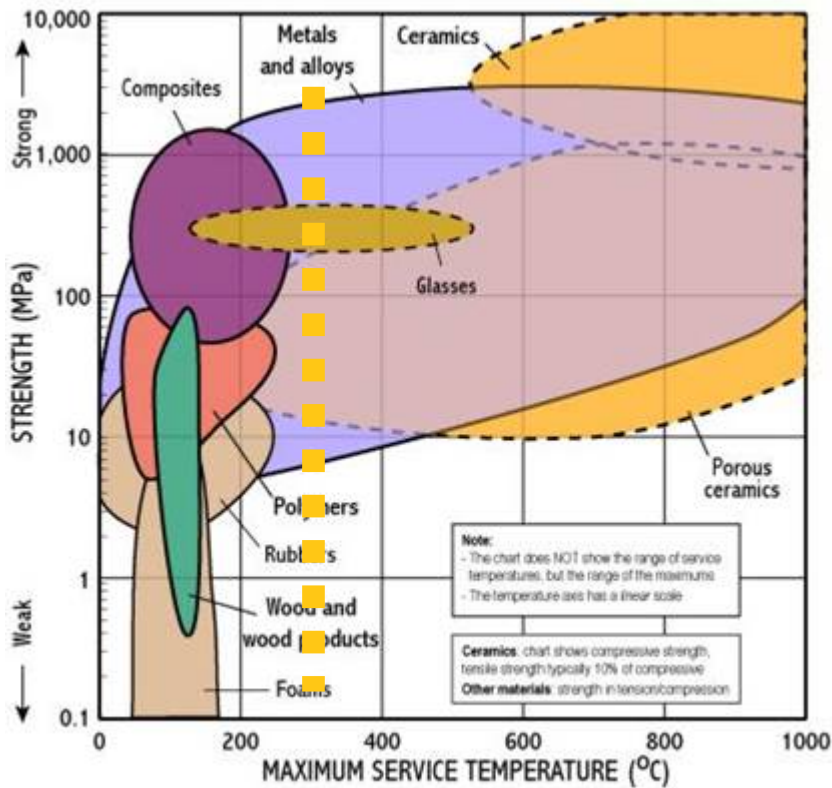
What can plastics do for the circular economy?

Properties



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Properties



What can plastics do for the circular economy? Freedom of Design

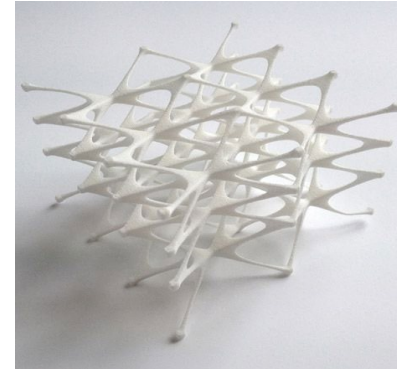
Plastics provide lightness, versatility, and further design possibilities



What can plastics do for the circular economy?

Freedom of Design

Impossible shapes and geometries are now possible

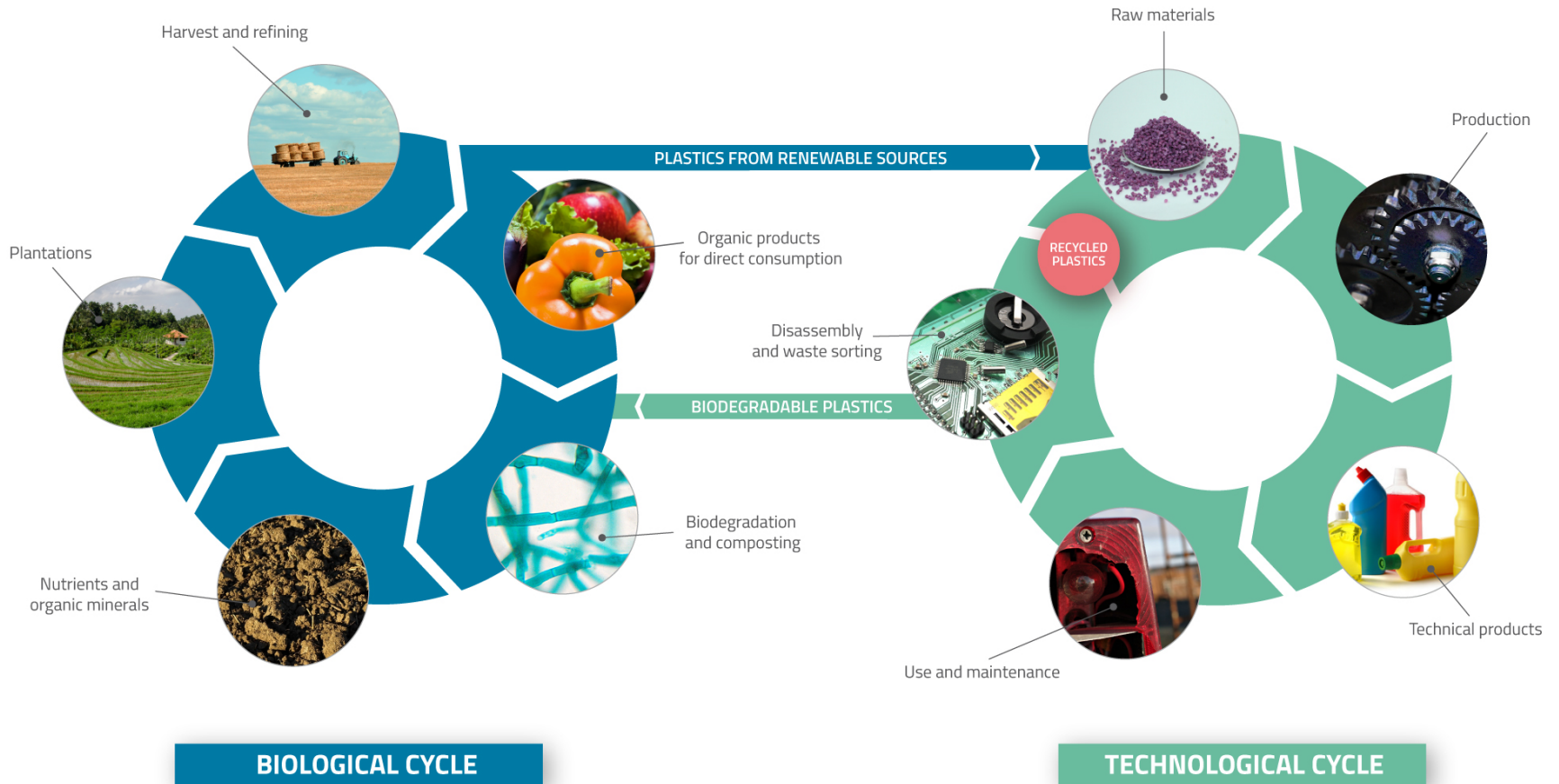


And switable for any product or application technology



What can plastics do for the circular economy?

End of Life



What can plastics do for the circular economy?



What can plastics do for the circular economy?



SOME EXAMPLES OF ECOINNOVATION...





Biomacromolecules from municipal solid bio-waste fractions and fish waste for high added value applications

<http://www.dafia-project.eu/>

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Associated beneficiaries

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IRCELYON - NUTRIMAR - IRIS - MINE - DLABS
BIOTREND - NNFCC - BBEU - BIOPOLIS - ARKEMA**

DAFIA

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

- » Municipal solids waste (MSW) represents more than 500 kg/capita EU
- » Approximately 50% of this volume is landfilled
- » More than 1.3 million tonnes of Marine rest raw material (MRRM) from the fish processing industries are generated in Europe each year
- » DAFIA will exploit MSW and MRRM as feedstocks for high value products

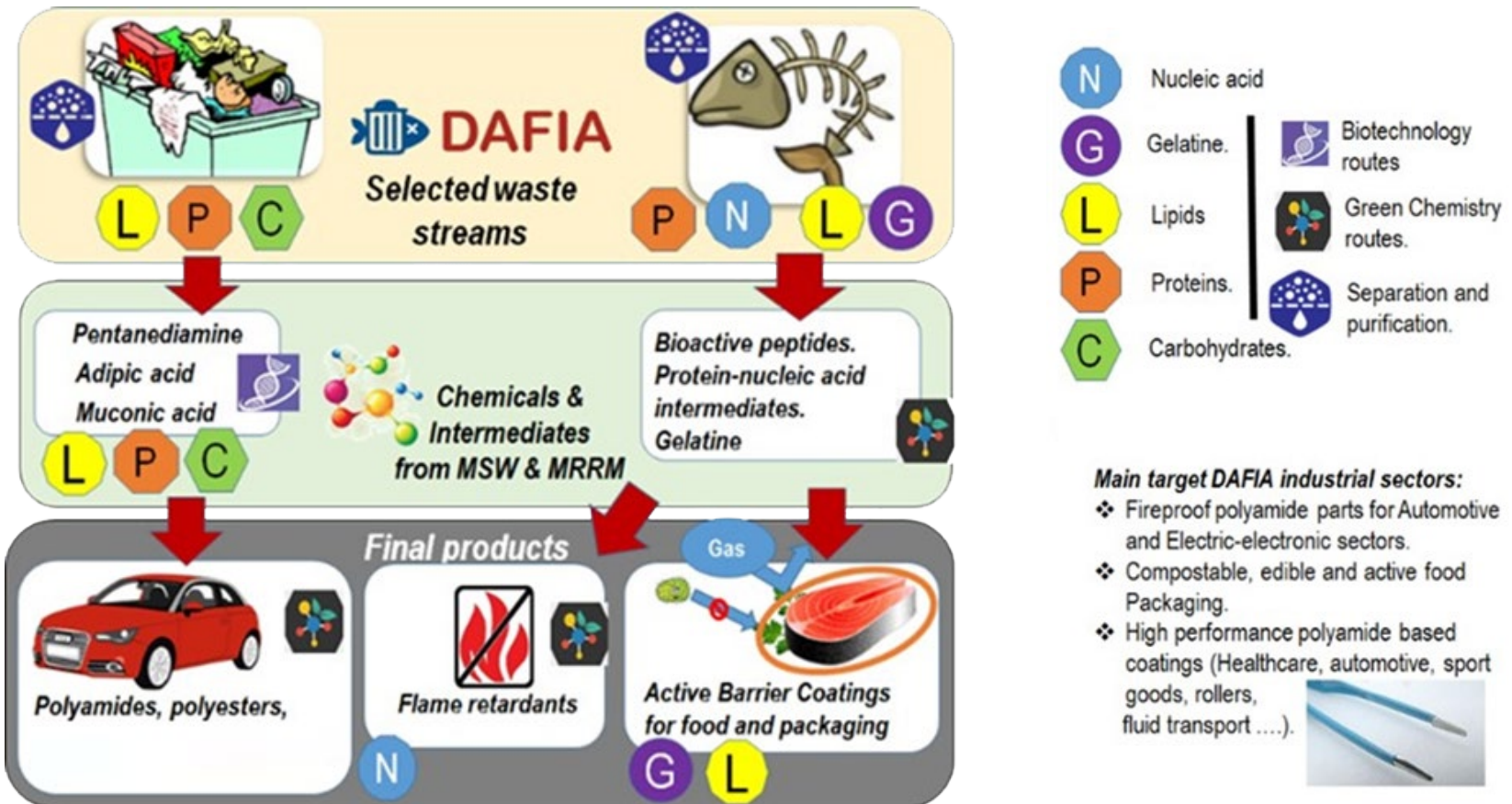


DAFIA

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

DAFIA explores conversion routes of municipal solid waste (MSW), and marine rest raw-materials (MRRM), to obtain high added value products





BREAD4PLA

Demonstration Plan Project to produce Poly-lactic acid (PLA) Biopolymer from waste products of bakery industry

<http://www.bread4pla-life.eu>

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Associated beneficiaries



BREAD4PLA

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

- » Replace human food raw material to produce PLA by a residual one
- » The European bakery sector produces 3.5 million tonnes of retrodegraded starch waste with minimal nutritional value every year
- » At least 5% of this waste is disposed of in landfill because there is currently no alternative use



BREAD4PLA

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

Developing the pre-industrial process for obtaining lactic acid from bakery waste:

- » Selection and characterisation of bakery waste
- » Enzymatic fermentation
- » PLA polymerisation, including the use of thermal stabilisers to avoid PLA molecular degradation
- » Production of sheets of packaging material

The final packaging obtained had the same performance than those manufactured with PLA obtained from cereals





Removal of hazardous substances in polyethylene packages using supercritical carbon dioxide (sc-CO₂) in recycling process

<http://www.life-extruclean.eu>

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LIFE EXTRUCLEAN

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

Eliminating hazardous substances from polyethylene (PE) waste from packaging for solvents or phytosanitary products requires:

- » Large amounts of water
- » Cleaning agents
- » Energy

It produces large volumes of wastewater and the recycled plastic obtained is used in applications with low added value

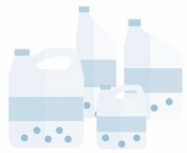


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PROBLEM

SOLUTION

Original Process



Contaminated Packaging



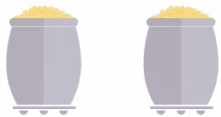
1st Washing and Drying



Ground Material



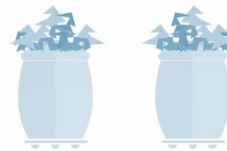
2nd Washing and Drying



Decontaminated Pellets



Extrusion



Decontaminated Ground Material



3rd Washing and Drying

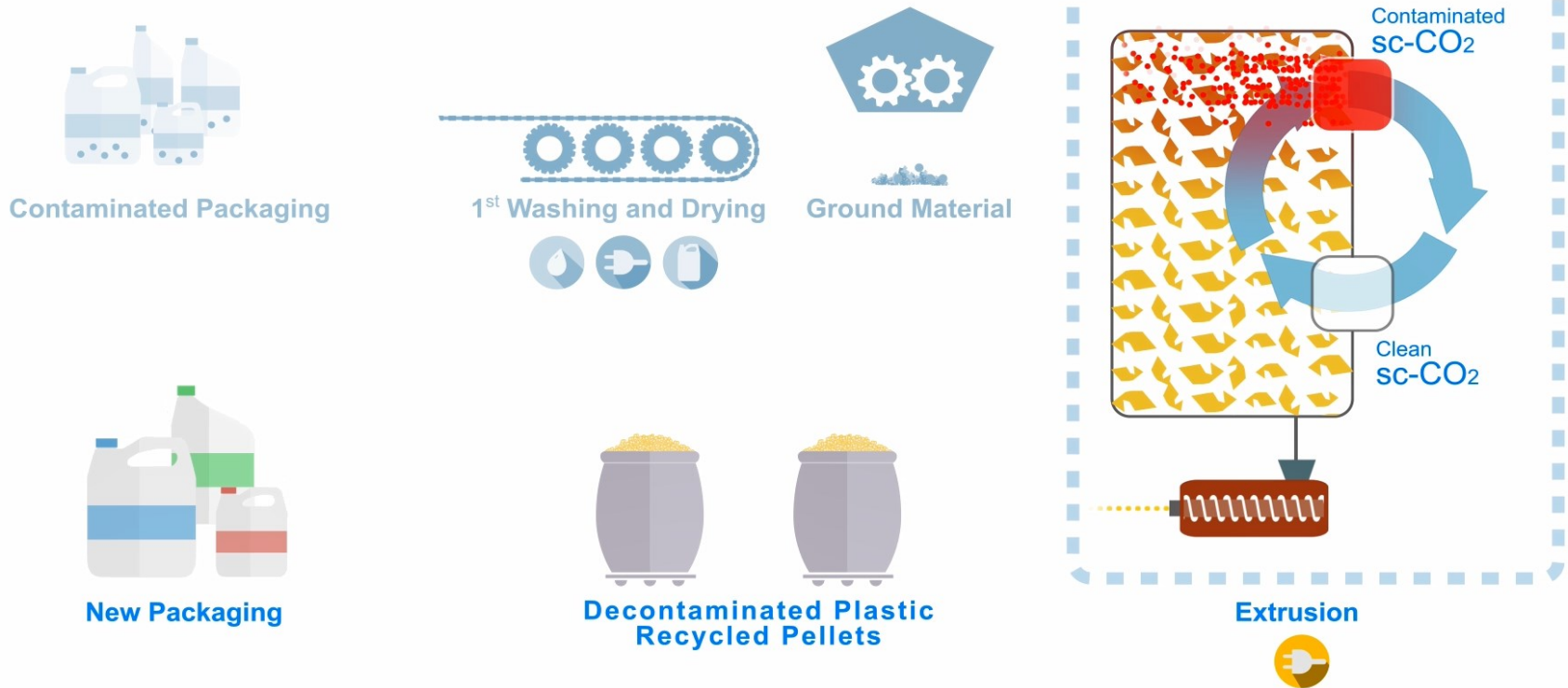


LIFE EXTRUCLEAN

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

New Process



RESIPET

Development of Thermosetting Resins from Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Waste

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Una manera de hacer Europa

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RESIPET

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

- » Complex PET packaging is introduced in the market
- » PET multilayer packaging and colored ones generates problems, resulting in low quality products or even rejected, being deposited in landfill

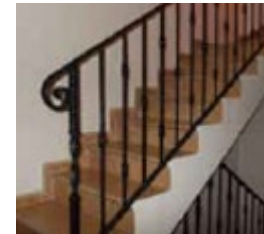
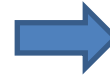


RESIPET

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

- » Industrial development of thermoset resins, from chemical recycling of multilayer or color wastes from PET
- » At a competitive cost and low environmental impact
- » Poliols obtained for the synthesis of alkyd resins, as well as for the production of unsaturated polyester resins.





High quality methylal from non-recyclable plastic waste by an improved Catalytic Hydro-Gasification Plasma(CHGP) process

<http://www.life-ecomethylal.eu>

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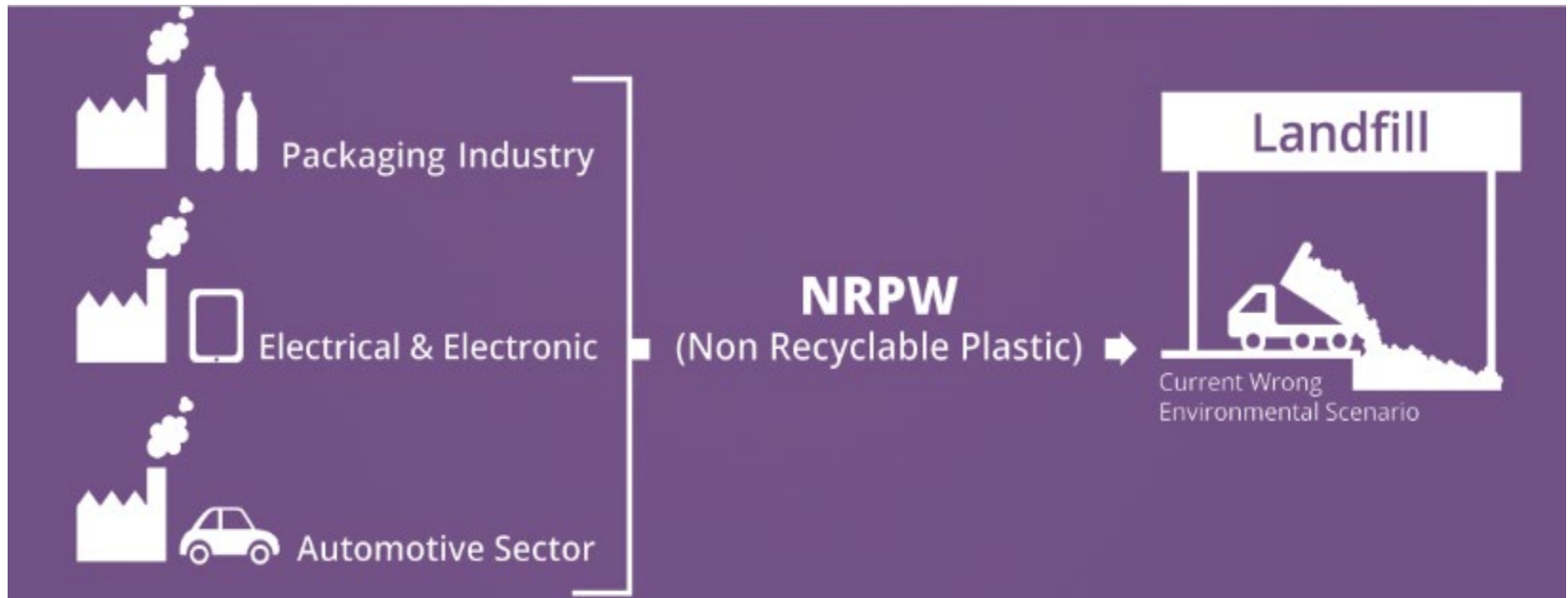
BLUEPLASMA POWER

LIFE ECOMETHYLAL

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

- » Complex mixtures of different plastics from packaging, automotive and electric and electronic plastic waste, that are very difficult to be recovered
- » Actually, in 2014, a total of 7.8 million tonnes of these wastes were thrown out in landfills



LIFE ECOMETHYLAL

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

- » Chemical recycling to obtain a new industrial quality solvent preserving natural resources.
- » Reduction of plastic waste sent to landfill.
- » Treatment of 144,000 tonnes of plastics each year and obtain 91,200 tonnes of methylal from them

Life
**ECO
METHYLAL**

SOLUTION

CHEMICAL RECYCLING



Catalytic
Hidro-Gasification
with Plasma
(CHGP)

METHYLAL
(Solvent)

**REDUCTION OF
NRPW IN LANDFILL
NEW ECOPRODUCT
COMMERCIALIZED**



New approaches for the valorisation of URBAN bulky waste into high added value RECycled products

www.urbanrec-project.eu

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URBANREC

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

- » Large amounts of bulky waste: furniture, mattresses, appliances, textiles, large fixtures and fittings
- » Representing a European generation of 19 Mt/year
- » More than 60% of bulky waste is currently landfilled in EU





URBANREC

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

Develop and implement an eco-innovative and integral bulky waste management system, enhancing: prevention, improving logistics and allowing new waste treatments to obtain high added value recycled products

The waste treatments considered in the project include:

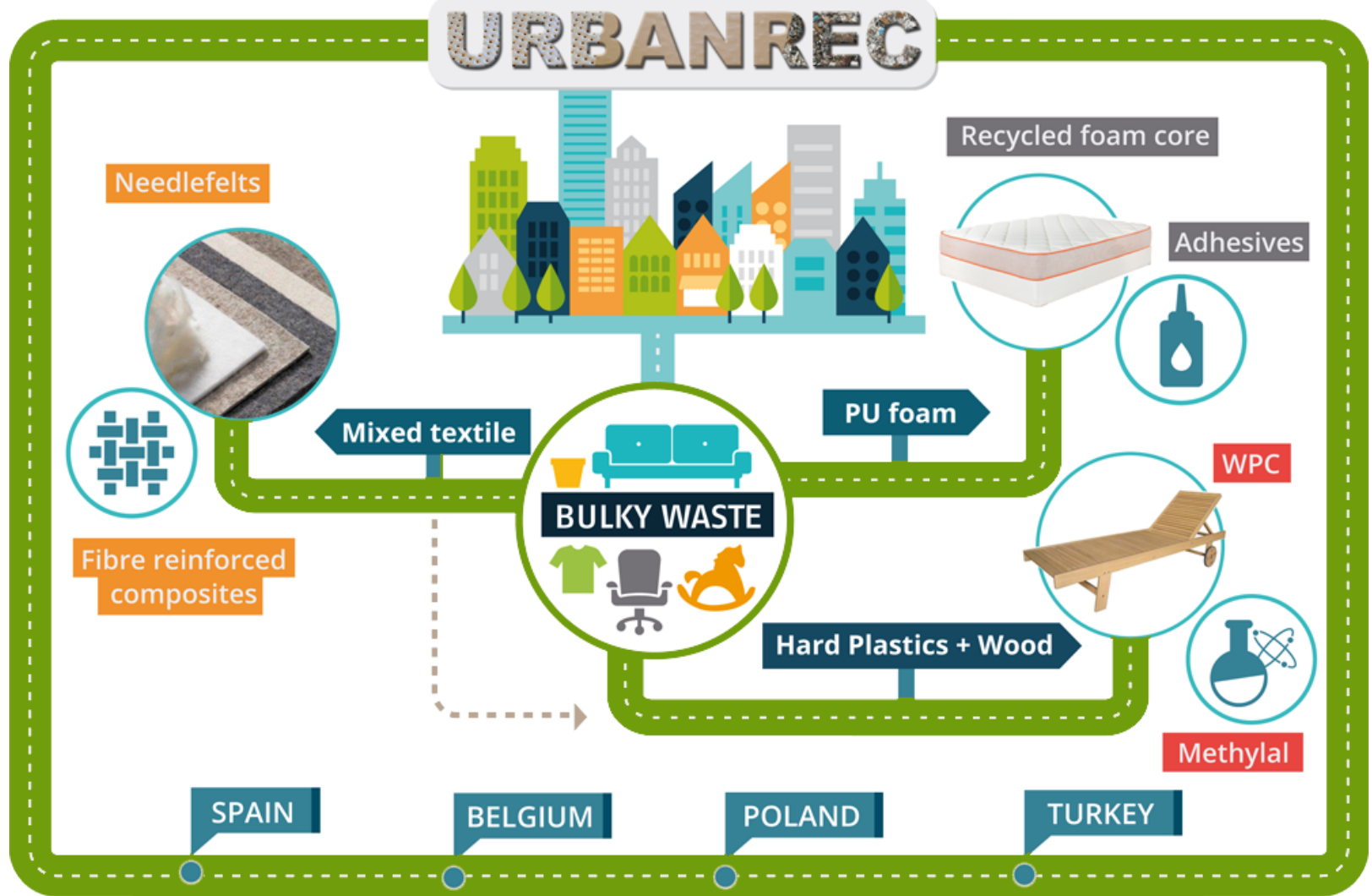
- » Rebonding and chemical glycolysis for the PUR materials, to prepare renewable adhesives
- » Needle felt to obtain isolation panels from textiles
- » Fibre reinforced composites from textiles
- » Wood Plastic composites (WPC)
- » Catalytic hydro-gasification with plasma for mixed hard plastics to obtain chemicals or fuel

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PROBLEM

SOLUTION

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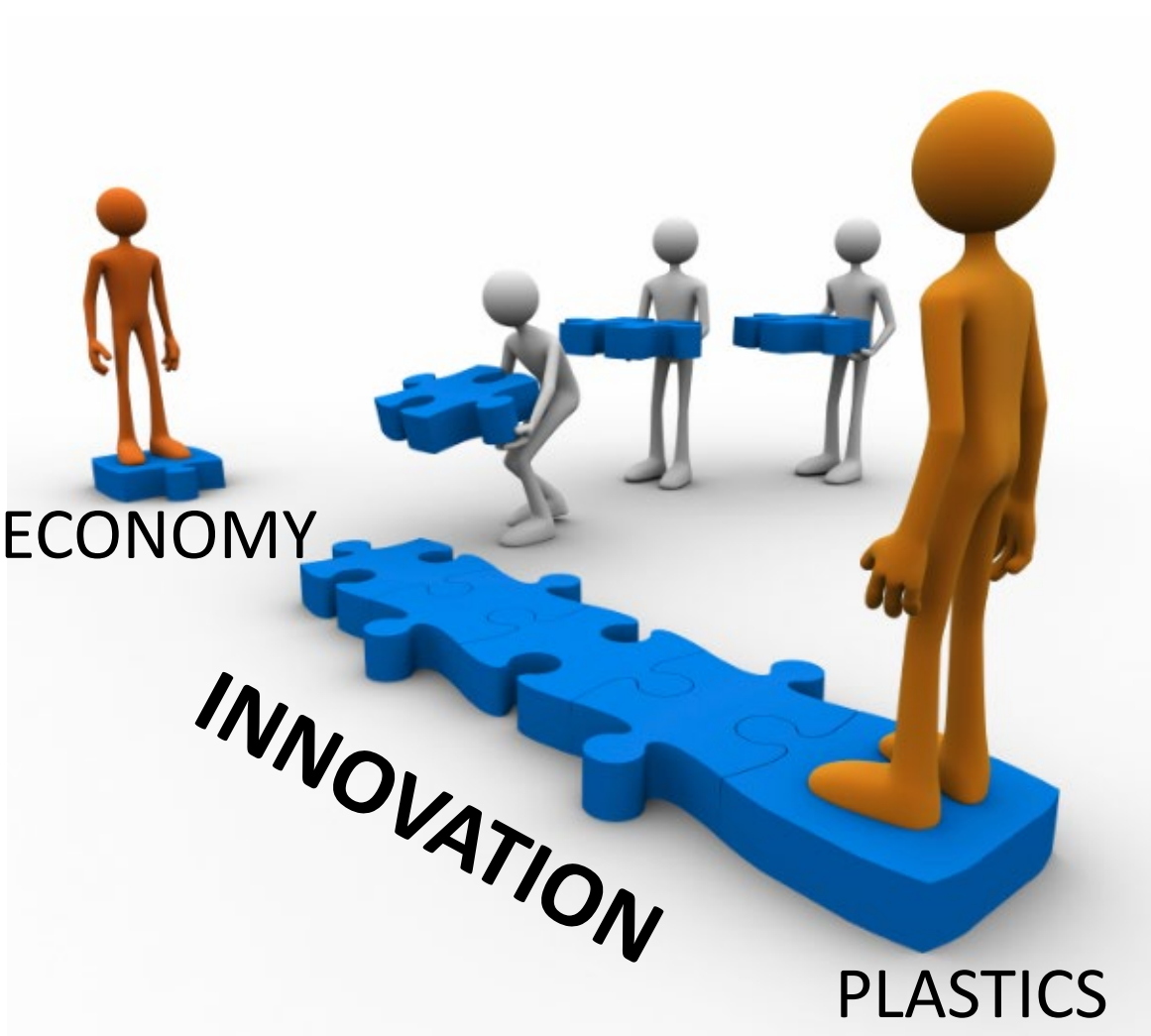
ECO-INNOVATIVE INTEGRAL SYSTEM OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Conclusions

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INNOVATION

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