

Stakeholder Event 2023

*Advanced Materials & Safe and Sustainable-by-Design
Framework: Lighthouse matters for the future of
European Research and Innovation*

Opening and welcome

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Eva SCHILLINGER, *SusChem Manager/ NTPs Coordinator*

CHECKLIST FOR MEETINGS

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- Individual company data on costs, production, capacity (other than nameplates capacities), inventories, sales, etc.

Production, including

- Plans of individual companies concerning the design, production, distribution or marketing of particular products, including proposed territories or customers
- Changes in industry production capacity (other than nameplates capacities) or inventories, etc.

Transportation rates

- Rates or rate policies for individual shipments, including basing point systems, zone prices, freight, etc.

Market procedures, including

- Company bids on contracts for particular products; company procedures for responding to bid invitations;
- Matters relating to actual or potential individual suppliers or customers that might have the effect of excluding them from any market or influencing the business conduct of firms towards them, etc;
- Blacklist or boycott customers or suppliers.





Emergency Evacuation





Agenda - Morning



09:30 - 9:40

Opening and welcome

E. Schillinger, SusChem Manager/ NTPs Coordinator



09:40 -
10:00

Opening by SusChem Chairman

J.R. Wünsch, Senior Vice President at BASF SE



10:00 -
10:30

The Transition Pathway for the Chemical Industry

Hans Ingels, Head of Unit for Bioeconomy, Chemicals and Cosmetics – European Commission - DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)



10:30 -
10:45

Coffee break



Safe and Sustainable-by-Design (SSbD)/ IRISS block

IRISS is the International ecosystem for accelerating the transition to Safe-and-Sustainable-by-Design materials, products and processes

- 10:45-11:05 Introduction to Sustainability assessment frameworks and to the European Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals (PARC)
Lya Hernandez, Senior scientific advisor RIVM
- 11:05-11:25 Overview of the IRISS project – strategic perspective

10:45 - 12:30

Emma Strömberg, Senior researcher polymeric materials and IRISS project coordinator, IVL

- 11:25-11:45 SusChem NTP activities within IRISS
Barbara Tišler, SusChem Slovenia;
Stelios Bikos, SusChem Greece;
Reinier Grimbergen, SusChem Netherlands
- 11:45-12:30: Panel discussion on the implementation of the SSbD framework
Sofie Nørager, Deputy Head of Unit European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation - Prosperity – Industrial Transformation
Irantzu Garmendia Aguirre, Project Officer, European Commission Joint Research Centre
Lya Hernandez, RIVM
Barbara Tišler, SusChem Slovenia
Emma Strömberg, IVL
Moderator: Eva Schillinger, SusChem



12:30 -
13:30

Lunch

SusChem National Technology Platforms (NTPs) stand area opening



13:30 -
14:00

NTP stands and networking



Agenda - Afternoon

	14:00 - 14:30	Keynote: Feedstock needs to achieve climate neutrality <i>Michael Carus, nova-Institut</i>
	14:30 - 15:20	Two parallel breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">o AMI2030: Delivering on the Materials Manifesto – what is needed to (re-)gain EU Advanced Materials technology leadership? <i>Moderator: Philippe Jacques, EMIRI/AMI2030, SusChem Board Member</i>o Implementation of the SSbD framework: needs, challenges, opportunities for the SusChem community <i>Moderator: Thomas Görger, Covestro, SusChem Board Member</i>
	15:20 - 15:50	Coffee break
	15:50 - 16:20	Summary parallel sessions <i>Philippe Jacques, EMIRI/AMI2030</i> <i>Thomas Görger, Covestro</i>
	16:20 - 17:15	Panel discussion on Advanced Materials "Which challenges do advanced materials need to overcome to deliver on the Green Deal targets and EU strategic autonomy?" <i>Jürgen Tiedje, Head of Unit European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation - Prosperity - Industrial Transformation</i> <i>Nicolas Cudré-Mauroux, Chief Technology Officer Solvay</i> <i>Katja Loos, Professor for Polymer Science and Applied Chemistry Rijkuniversiteit Groningen</i> <i>Fabian Weinhandl, Head of GreenTech solutions at BDI</i> <i>Paul Cordfunke, Senior Consultant Lux Research</i> <i>Moderator: Eva Schillinger, SusChem</i>
	17:15 - 17:30	Closing remarks <i>J.R. Wunsch, Senior Vice President at BASF SE</i>
	17:30 - 18:30	Networking & cocktails

Opening by SusChem Chairman

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Josef WÜNSCH, Senior Vice President at BASF SE

Keynote speech from the European Commission on the Transition Pathway for the Chemical Industry

Hans INGELS, Head of Unit for Bioeconomy, Chemicals and Cosmetics –
European Commission - DG for Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)

Transition Pathway for the Chemical Industry

SusChem Stakeholder Event
21st February 2023, La Plaza Hotel - Brussels

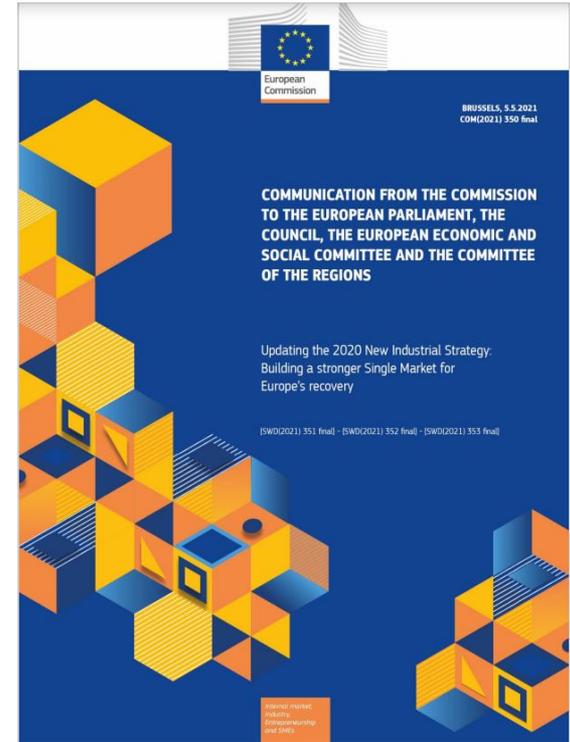
1. Background



The 2021 updated Industrial Strategy

[COM\(2021\) 350 final](#)

- To co-create, in partnership with industry, public authorities, social partners and other stakeholders, **transition pathways** for ecosystems, where needed.
- Pathways offer a better bottom-up understanding of the **scale, cost, long-term benefits and conditions** of the required action to accompany the **twin transition** for the most relevant ecosystems, leading to an actionable plan in favour of sustainable competitiveness.
- **Priority to** tourism and energy-intensive industries (incl. **chemicals** and steel).



The changing landscape for the EU chemical industry (1)



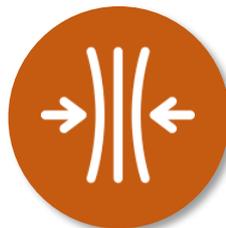
Global market share

- Decreasing pattern (2030 forecast)



Energy prices

- Increasing, unstable



Geopolitics

- Russian war of aggression against Ukraine;
- China zero-Covid policy;



Technology

- Alternative feedstock
- Digitalisation

The changing landscape for the EU chemical industry (2)



Climate

Green Deal, European Climate Law, Landfill Directive, Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive, Waste Framework Directive, Sustainable Carbon Cycle, Sustainable Product Initiative, ETS



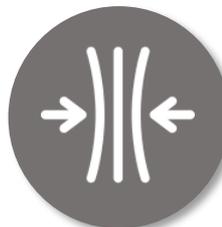
Energy

*REPowerEU
Renewable Energy Directive
Industrial Emission Directive*



Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

*Restriction Roadmap
Safe and Sustainable by Design
Toxic-free environment*



Resilience

*Update of the Industrial Strategy
Due Diligence in the Supply Chain
Advanced Materials manifesto and the critical raw material strategy*



Digitalization

*Digitalisation of Chemical Production
Data sharing
Product Passport*

2. The outcome



The transition pathway for the Chemical Industry

- Publication: 27 January 2023
- Actionable plan co-developed by the European Commission with EU Member States, industry, NGOs and other stakeholders
- Based on 8 building blocks developed by Industrial Forum



Sustainable
competitiveness



Investment
and funding



Research
and Innovation



Regulation and
Public Governance



Access to energy
and feedstock



Infrastructure



Skills



Social dimension

- It identifies about 190 actions needed for the twin transition and increased resilience

Building Blocks	Topics
1. Sustainable Competitiveness	Topic 1: International competitiveness Topic 2: Reduction of unsustainable dependencies and supply chains vulnerabilities Topic 3: Safety and Sustainability Topic 4: Innovation and growth of SMEs Topic 5: New synergies
2. Investments and Funding	Topic 6: Fund for Green Investments Topic 7: Access to Funding
3. R&I, Techniques and Technological Solutions	Topic 8: Better conceptualisation of new techniques and technical solutions (TRL 1 to 5) Topic 9: Developing new techniques and technological solutions (TRL 6 to 7) Topic 10: Deployment of new techniques and technological solutions (TRL 8 to 9)
4. Regulation and Public Governance (Legislation)	Topic 11: More effective and predictable regulation Topic 12: Vertically and horizontally coherent legislation Topic 13: Effective and efficient enforcement
5. Access to energy and feedstock	Topic 14: Anticipate long-term needs for Energy and Resource Supply Topic 15: Economically viable purchase of clean energy Topic 16: Feedstock Substitution Topic 17: Process and resource efficiency
6. Infrastructure	Topic 18: Large-scale electricity and hydrogen infrastructure Topic 19: Development of new sustainable production facilities Topic 20: Sustainable transport of raw materials and chemical products Topic 21: Deployment of digital technologies Topic 22: Circularity: recycling and reuse infrastructure
7. Skills	Topic 23: Education (reskilling/upskilling the workforce) Topic 24: Sufficient supply of jobs at technical level
8. Social Dimension	Topic 25: Impact on workforce and consumers Topic 26: Improve gender diversity and equality in the sector

Example: sustainable competitiveness

- **Relevance for EU economy:**
 - ✓ EU chemical industry 4th largest industry in Europe (€499 bln sales in 2020);
 - ✓ However, its global market share is declining and forecasted to decline;
 - ✓ Therefore, need to ensure industry's continued competitiveness becoming more sustainable.
- **What should the industry do? (some examples)**

Topic 1: International competitiveness

➤ Drive international competitiveness

- Analyse medium to long-term impacts of energy crisis on sustainable competitiveness
- KPIs and Sustainable Development indicators

➤ Promote the market for sustainable products

- SSbD framework
- 'market pull' and incentives: sustainable products with higher costs

Topic 5: New synergies

➤ Facilitate the exchange of information

- [Euroclusters initiative](#)

➤ Increase collaboration to de-risk investments

- cross-border projects on the generation and supply of energy and feedstock

➤ Partnerships for innovation

- Ensure shared access to the research and technology infrastructures as part of the European Research Area
- joint cross-sectoral projects that qualify IPCEIs

Topic 2: Reduction of unsustainable dependencies and supply-chain vulnerabilities

➤ Gather supply-chain information

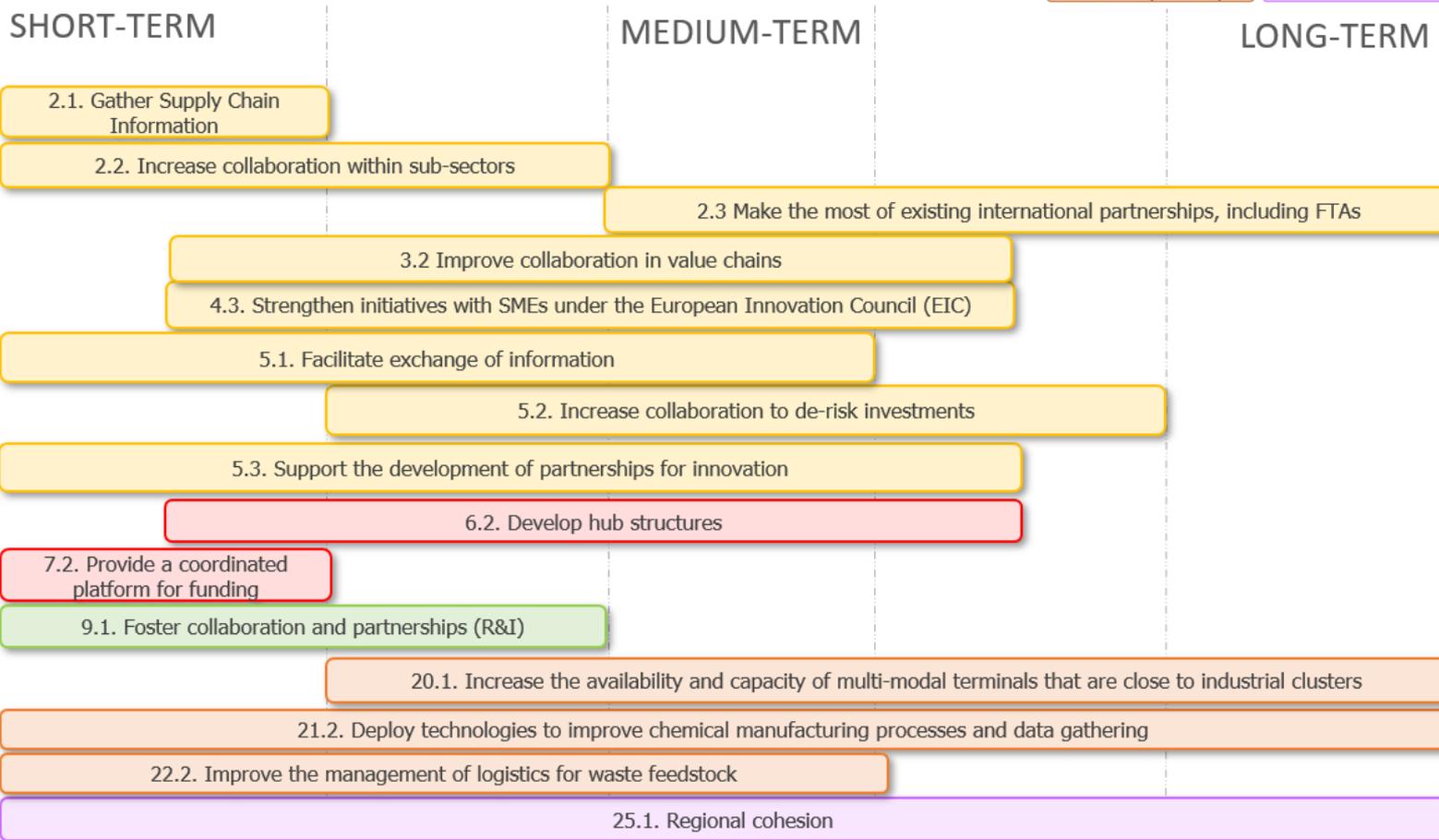
- Undertake a strategic foresight exercise focusing on the EU open strategic autonomy (link with critical raw materials)
- Assess the need to build up and maintain strategic stocks of critical raw materials within the EU

The outcome: a roadmap for the transition

1. **An action-oriented component** grouping the topics under three cross-cutting themes: collaboration for innovation; clean energy supply; and feedstock diversification.
2. **A technology component** identifying electrification, hydrogen, biomass, waste, Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) & Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), as well as process efficiency as key technological contributors to the transition pathway.
3. **A regulatory component** that collects the existing legislation, including major research and innovation (R&I) initiatives, influencing digital and sustainable development of the chemical industry.

Action-oriented roadmap (1)

SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVENESS	ACCESS TO ENERGY AND FEEDSTOCK
INVESTMENTS AND FUNDINGS	INFRASTRUCTURE
(SUPPORT TO) R&I, TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS	SKILLS
REGULATION AND PUBLIC GOVERNANCE (LEGISLATION)	SOCIAL DIMENSION



COLLABORATION
FOR INNOVATION

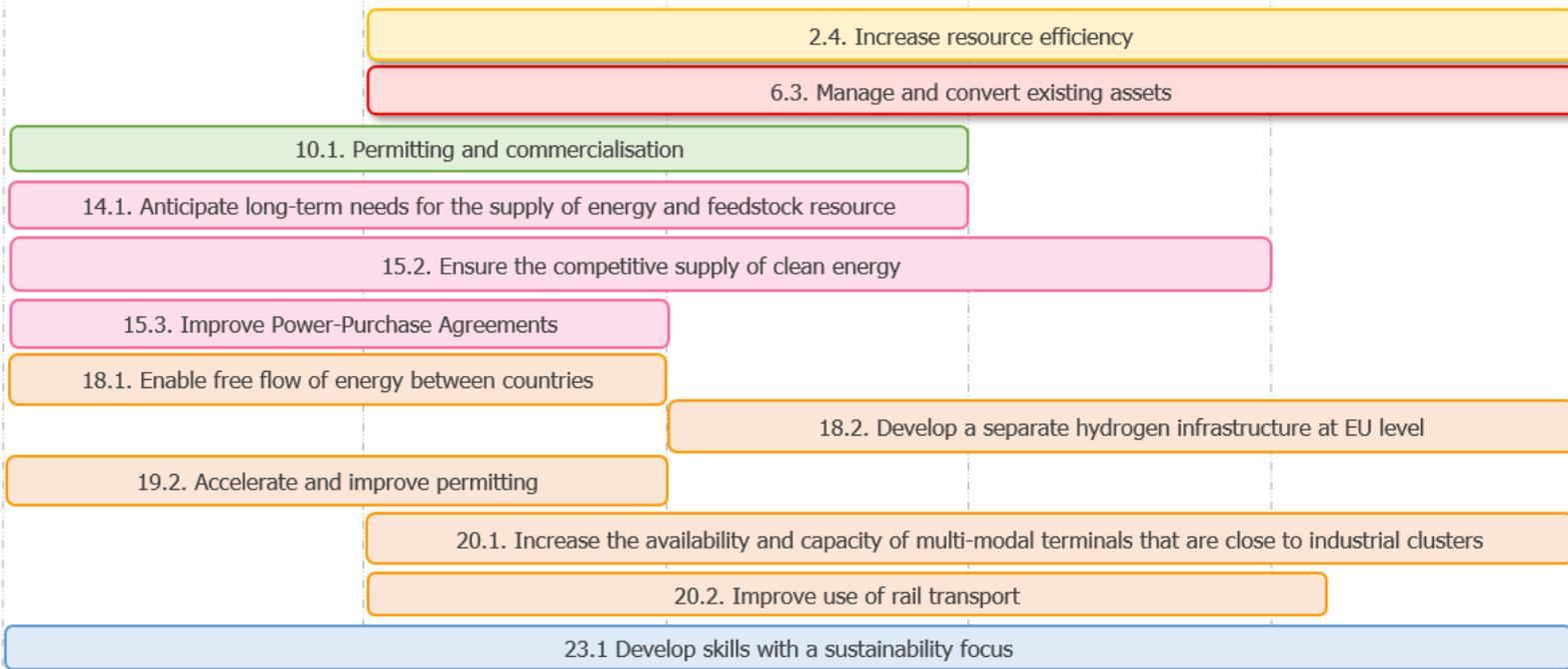
Action-oriented roadmap (2)

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SHORT-TERM

MEDIUM-TERM

LONG-TERM



Action-oriented roadmap (3)



FEEDSTOCK
SUBSTITUTION

SHORT-TERM

MEDIUM-TERM

LONG-TERM

1.2 Promote the market for sustainable products

3.3 Support product design and re-design

4.4. Support compliance with legislation and funding for new technologies

6.1. EU Taxonomy to support the CSS

7.1. Strengthen communication channels for European funding

8.1. Promote safety and sustainability assessment approaches

8.3. Develop industrial technology roadmap

9.2. Support for development

10.1. Permitting and commercialisation

11.1. Definitions and concepts

11.2. Methods

16.1. Identify and develop new and sustainable sources of feedstock

16.2; 16.3; 16.4. Biomass, Waste, CO2 as alternative feedstock

19.1. Develop recycling facilities and bio-refineries

22.1. Set a regulatory framework for the transport of waste

22.2. Improve the management of logistics for waste feedstock

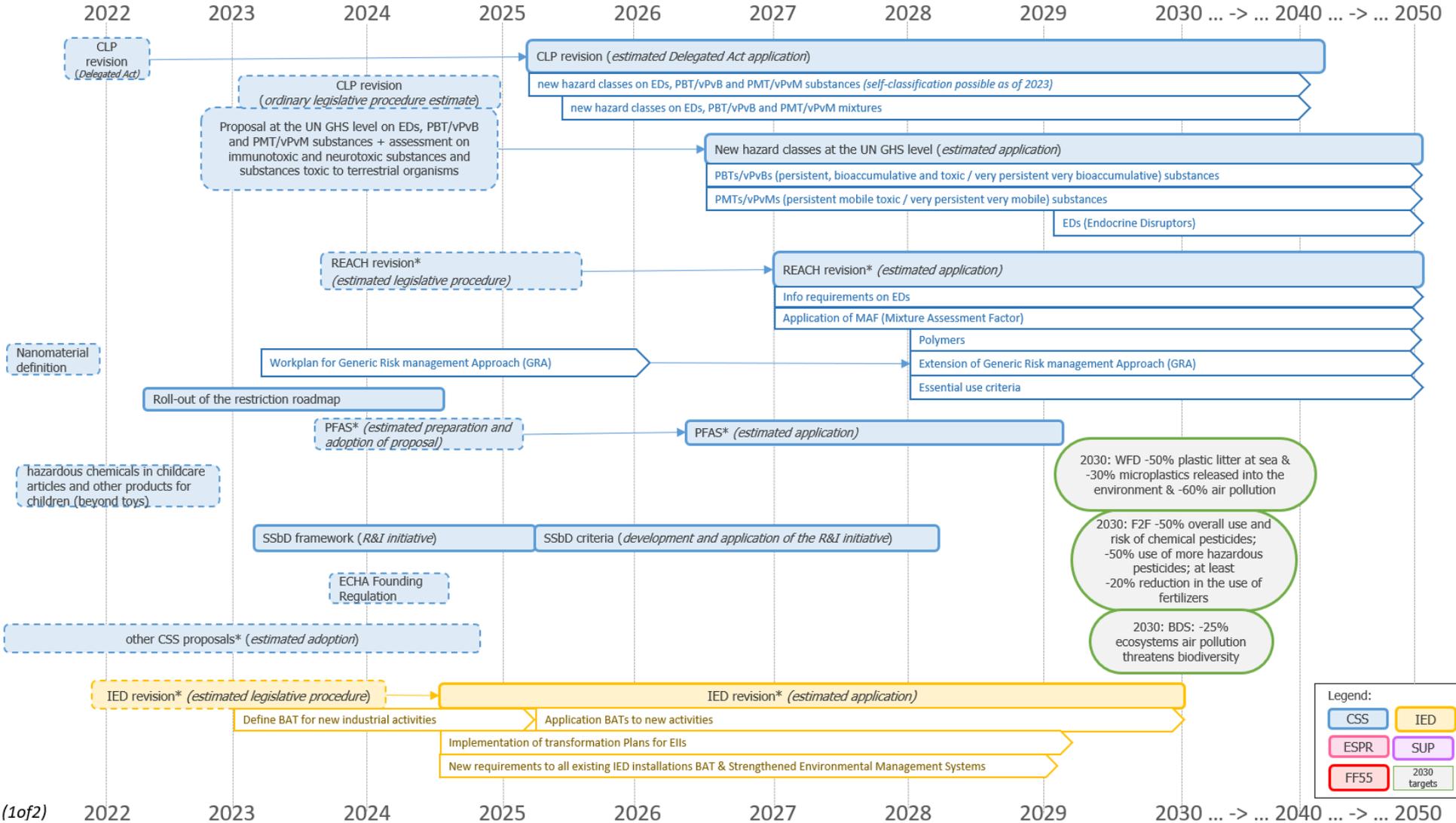
23.2. Adapt secondary, post-secondary and university education

24.2. Increase attractiveness of the sector

25.2. Safety and social security of workers

Technology roadmap

EU Initiatives supporting Technological Transition <i>(SET Action Plan)</i>	Actions <i>(as presented in Building Blocks – Part II)</i>	EU Initiatives
 <p>A) ELECTRIFICATION</p>	<p>6.2. Develop hub structures 8.3. Development of an industrial technology roadmap 14. Anticipate I-t needs for the supply of energy and feedstock resource 15.1. Channel investments for clean energy 15.2. Ensure competitive supply of clean energy 15.3. Improve Power-Purchase Agreements 18.1 Enable the free flow of energy between countries 20.1. Increase availability and capacity of multi-modal terminals close to industrial clusters 20.2. Improve use of rail transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPowerEU • EU Renewable Directive • TEN-E Regulation • Proposal for a directive on Energy Efficiency
 <p>B) HYDROGEN</p>	<p>6.2. Develop hub structures 6.3. Manage and convert existing assets 15.1. Channel investments for clean energy 15.2. Ensure the competitive supply of clean energy 18.2. Develop a separate hydrogen infrastructure at EU level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Clean Hydrogen Alliance • Hydrogen and decarbonised gas market package
 <p>C) BIOMASS</p>	<p>4.3. Strengthen initiatives with SMEs under the EIC 8.1. Promote safety and sustainability assessment approaches 9.1. Foster collaboration and partnerships 16.2. Biomass as an alternative feedstock 19.1. Develop recycling facilities and bio-refineries (and exploit synergies with the chemical industry)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive • INCITE (Industrial Emissions Directive)
 <p>D) WASTE</p>	<p>3.2 Improve collaboration in value chains 3.3 Support product design and re-design 8.1. Promote safety and sustainability assessment approaches 11.1. Definitions and concepts 11.2. Methods 16.3. Waste as an alternative feedstock 22.1. Set a regulatory framework for the transport of waste 22.2. Improve the management of logistics for waste feedstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hubs4Circularity • Waste Framework Directive • Landfill Directive
 <p>E) CCU & CCS</p>	<p>6.3. Manage and convert existing assets 9.2. Support for development 16.4. CO₂ as an alternative feedstock 22.2. Improve the management of logistics for waste feedstock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hubs4Circularity • Sustainable Carbon Cycle
 <p>F) PROCESS EFFICIENCY</p>	<p>3.2 Improve collaboration in value chains 3.3 Support product design and re-design 5.1. Facilitate exchange of information (new synergies) 5.3. Support the development of Partnerships for Innovation 6.3. Manage and convert existing assets 17. Process efficiency 19.1. Develop recycling facilities and bio-refineries (and exploit synergies with the chemical industry) 20.1. Increase the availability and capacity of multi-modal terminals that are close to industrial clusters 21.2. Deploy technologies to improve chemical manufacturing processes and data gathering 25.2. Safety and social security of workers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPowerEU • Industrial Symbiosis • Revision of the Industrial Emission Directive



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ESPR (estimated legislative process) → ESPR - Eco-design for Sustainable Products Regulation (estimated application)

new eco-design and energy labelling working plans → Labelling and eco-design requirements + green claims (tbc)

Disclosure information on discard unsold consumer goods (large businesses only)

Product specific secondary legislation

Provide information on the environmental sustainability of products

Digital product passports

- Fit For 55 package*:
- CBAM
 - EED
 - RED
 - LULUCF

Fit For 55 package estimated application

2030 CL:
-55% GHG emissions
(vs. 1990)

CBAM (pilot as of October 2023)

EED – Energy Efficiency Directive & RED – Renewable Energy Directive

LULUCF (new rules)

SCC - Sustainable Carbon Cycle

SCC - Sustainable Carbon Cycles (tbc)

2030 SCC:
5Mt of CO₂/year removed from atmosphere and permanently stored

Reporting on CO₂ tons capture

2030 SCC: >20% carbon used in chemical and plastic products from sustainable non-fossil sources (indicative)

CSRD – Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (first Delegated Act estimate)

Taxonomy Regulation – Environmental Delegated Act

2025 Recycled plastic target: 25% for PET bottles

TR(art. 18) procedures to ensure alignment with OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

SFDR - Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (implementation)

Level 1 SFDR obligation

2030 recycled plastic target: 30% for all drinking bottles

regulatory technical standards (RTS) for climate

DD – Due Diligence (estimated legislative procedure)

obligations of due diligence and establishment of rules on liability for violations of the due diligence obligation

Legend:

CSS	IED
ESPR	SUP
FF55	2030 targets

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3. Co-implementation



Key elements of the Transition Pathway co-implementation process



Calls for pledges

Main objectives

- Encouraging stakeholders to commit to concrete and measurable actions
- Collect data to inform the monitoring and evaluation process



Interaction with stakeholders

Main objectives

- Establishing the governance of the process
- Setting priorities



Monitoring and Evaluation

Main objectives

- Develop KPIs to monitor and assess the actions for the twin transition

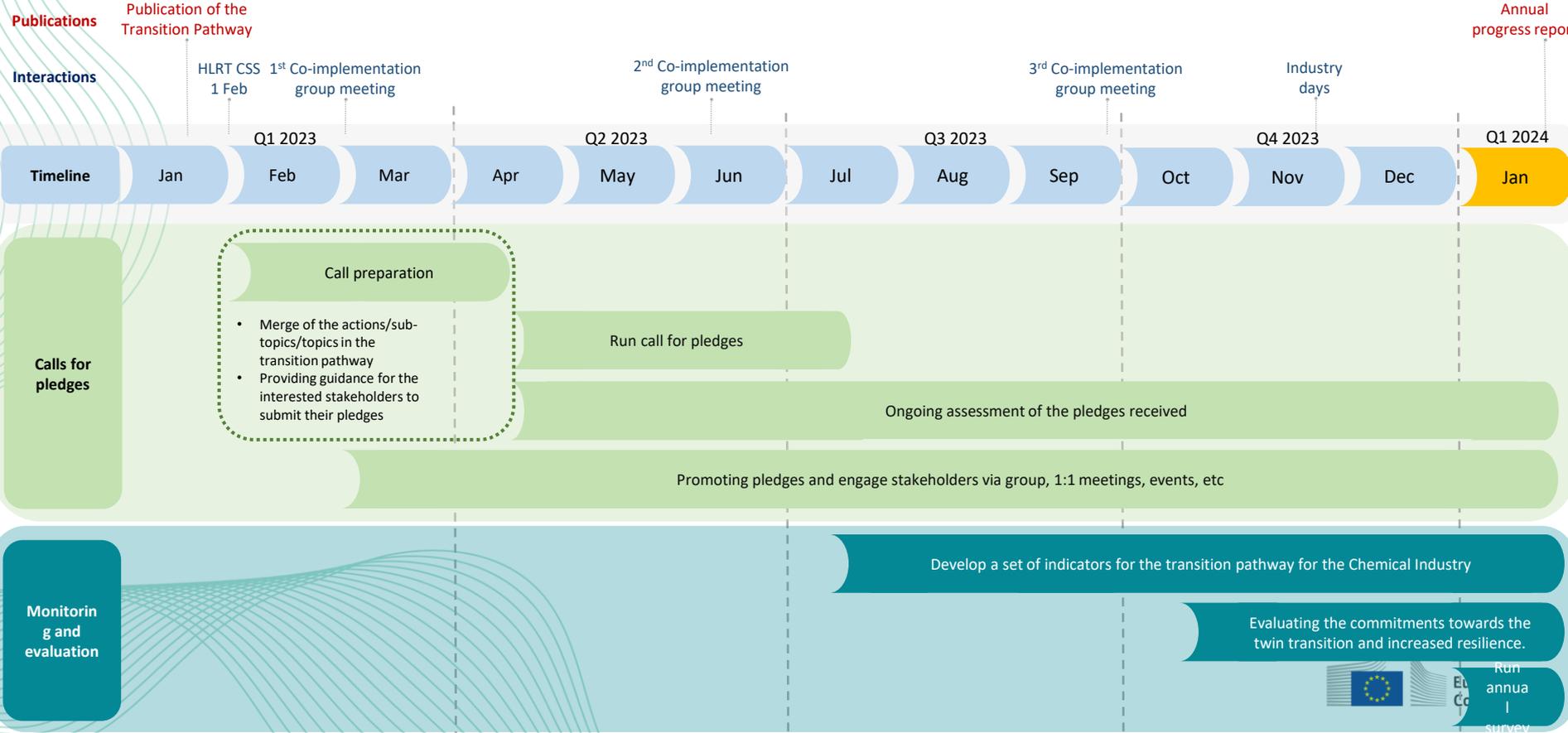


Publications: Annual progress report

Main objectives

- Assessing the status quo of the co-implementation
- Providing evidence on the actions taken and possible synergies among stakeholders

Timeline for the co-implementation in 2023



Thank you!



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Introduction to Sustainability assessment frameworks and to the European Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals (PARC)

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Overview of the IRISS project – strategic perspective

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The international ecosystem for accelerating the transition to Safe-and-Sustainable-by-design materials, products and processes

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IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute



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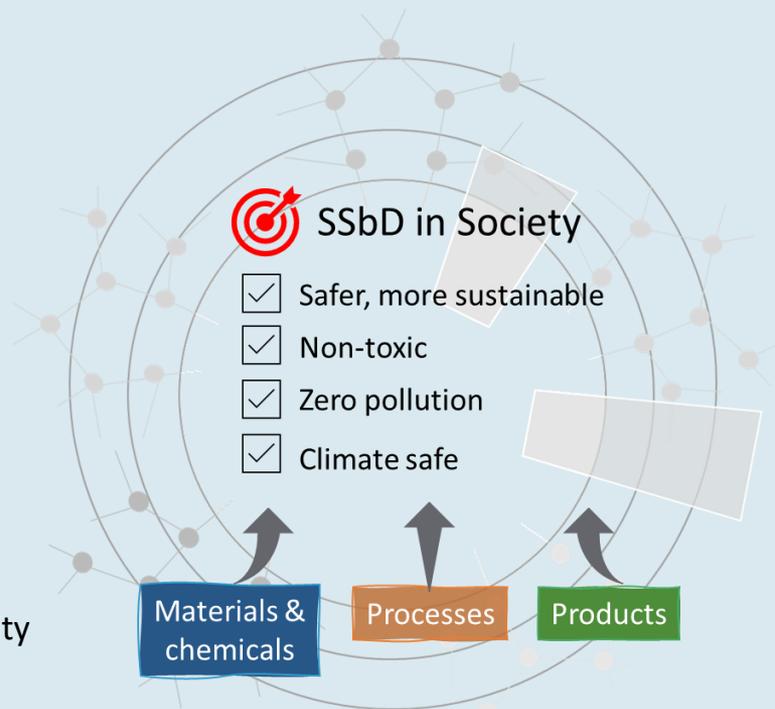
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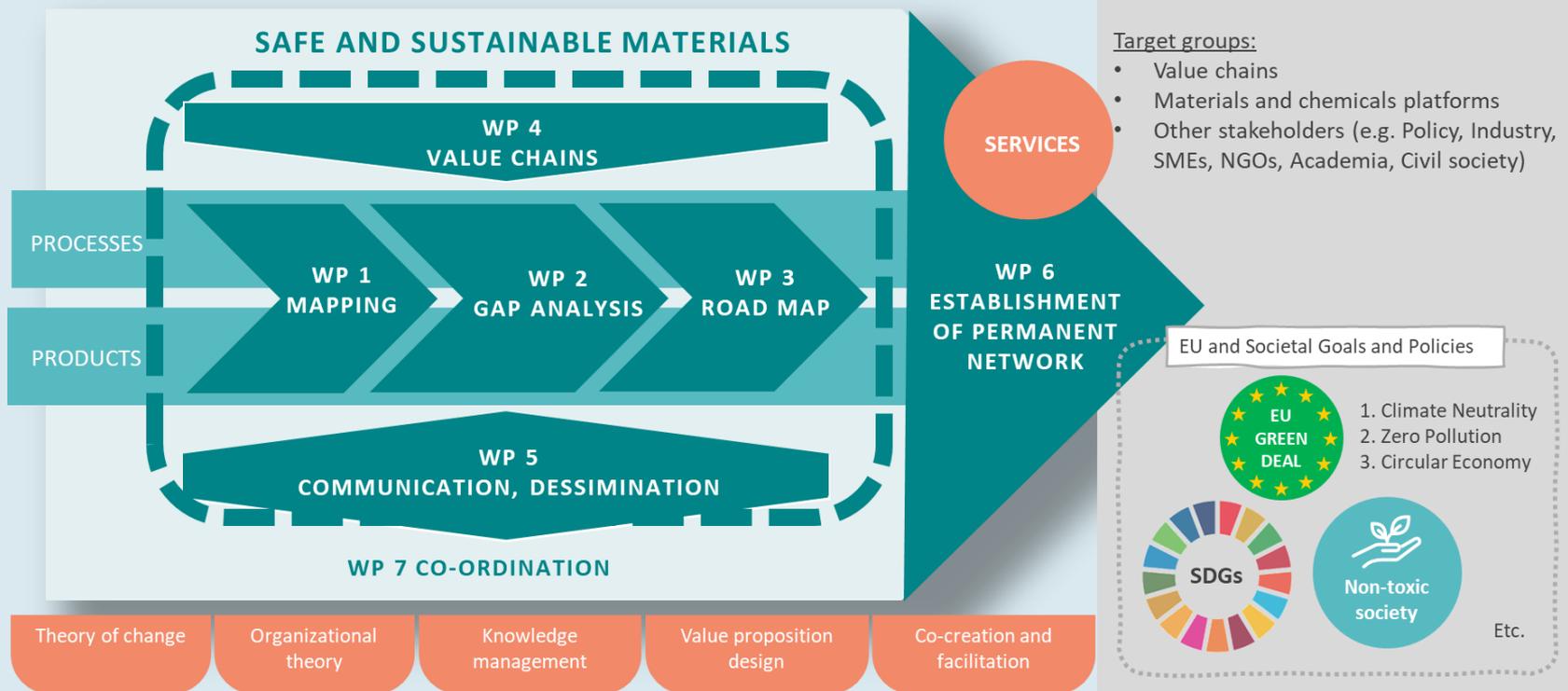
Scope of the project

The IRISS project aims to connect, synergize and transform the SSbD community in Europe and globally towards a life cycle thinking

- Develop a **global permanent network** for long term cooperation between the networking members, engaging partners beyond the consortium, throughout and beyond the duration of the project
- Strongly support the **SSbD implementation** in industry **along value chains** to achieve more safe and sustainable products for society
- Focus on **materials including both products and processes**, considering the extensive progress to-date in chemicals and nanotechnology fields
- Establish cooperation mechanisms with relevant international initiatives to **align** and leverage the extensive international community
- Establish **synergy** with industry, EC and the projects that are working with SSbD concepts
- Building, sharing and transferring the **skills and knowledge** on SSbD



Organisation and activities



Mapping SSbD methods and criteria

- State-of-the-art on **Safe-by-design criteria and methods** for materials and products (included in present regulations, operationalization or implementation of Safe-by design, examples of actual applications of safe-by-design)
- Methods will be mapped along the whole **design and innovation processes** (Stage Gate Model)
- Safety in materials (environmental and human hazards), production (worker exposure and safety, release during production) and use (use-phase exposure and end of life)
- Existing **sustainability criteria initiatives** (Ecolabels, Ecodesign directive...)
- **Existing SSbD frameworks**
- Mapping of developed sustainable methods, tools and criteria applied in **industry and in R&D projects**
 - Analysis of case studies
 - Deeper analysis of most relevant cases/companies/projects by interviews
- **Engineering tools** for the implementation of SSbD principles at design stage
- Sustainability **Environmental dimension: LCA** (Life Cycle Assessment), **Social dimension: S-LCA**

Survey on Mapping of SSbD initiatives

Content of the survey

- **SSbD principles** to be applied in the design
- **Engineering tools** for the implementation of SSbD principles at design stage
- **Safe by design** (SbD)
- Sustainability **Environmental** dimension: LCA
- End of life and design for **circular economy**
- Sustainability **Social** dimension: S-LCA
- **Skills** on SSbD
- SSbD **gaps**



Survey on the mapping of Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) initiatives

Survey sent out to map the state-of-the-art of methods and criteria of existing SSbD approaches, covering safe materials, processes and products, including environmental impact, life-cycle costing and social impact.

Preliminary results - Applicability of SSbD principles

1-(Re)Design Phase

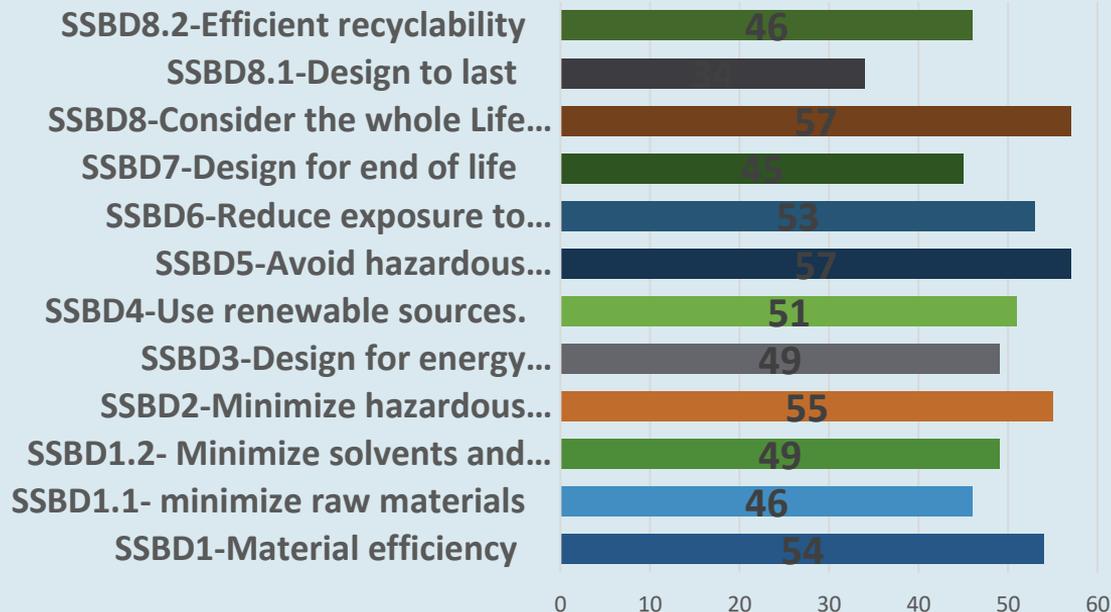
Design guiding principles are proposed to support the design of chemical and materials

- Green chemistry
- Green Engineering
- Sustainable Chemistry
- Safe by design

List of SSbD principles recommended by the JRC SSbD framework

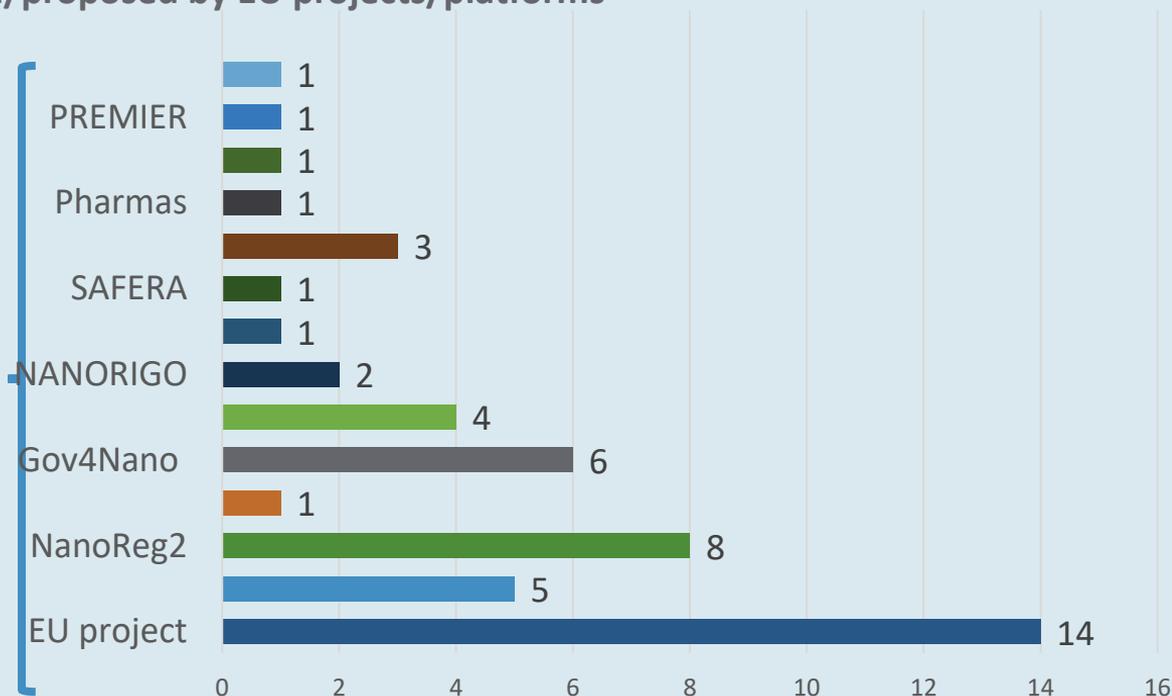
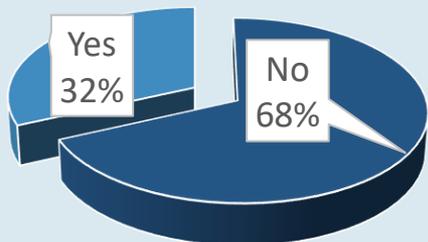
SSbD1	Material efficiency
SSbD2	Minimize the use of hazardous materials
SSbD3	Design for energy efficiency
SSbD4	Use renewable sources
SSbD5	Prevent and avoid hazardous emissions
SSbD6	Reduce exposure to hazardous substances
SSbD7	Design for end of life
SSbD8	Consider the whole Life Cycle

Applicability of SSbD principles



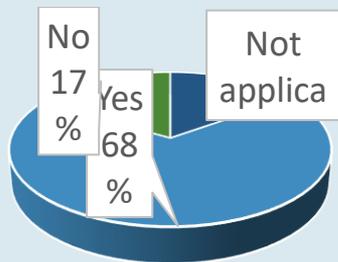
Preliminary results - Safe by Design (SbD)

Applicability of SbD tools developed/proposed by EU projects/platforms

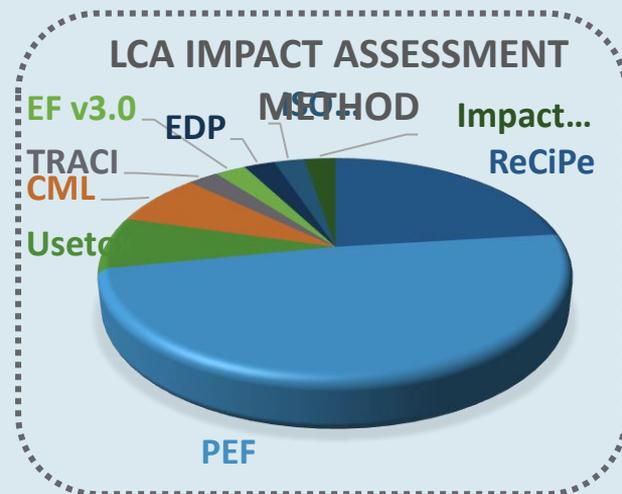
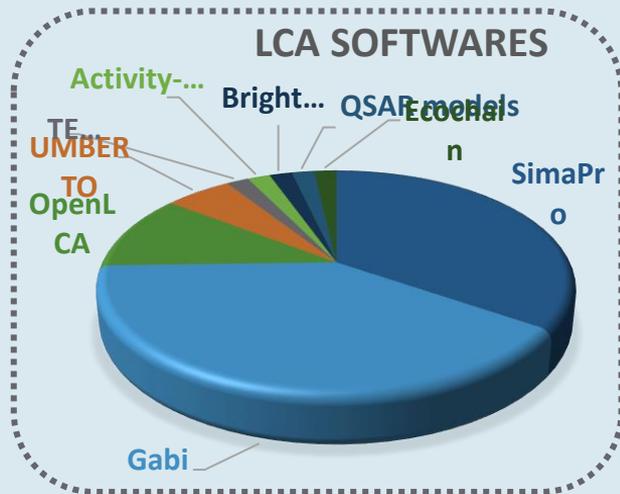


Preliminary results - Environmental dimension: LCA

Use of LCA Databases, Software and Impact Assessment methodologies



19% of the companies that replied use LCA



Databases: ECOINVENT (100%)

Gap analysis in SSbD activities

- Harmonized methodology to establish the gap analysis approach
 - Aiming to identify suboptimal or missing strategies, structures, practices or skills from the sectors identified and mapped
 - Recommend steps that will offer opportunities for gap closure or approach convergence
 - Consideration of possible gender- and minority-specific aspects of the SSbD concept
- Workshop for stakeholders from HE projects related to SSbD
- Harmonisation of inputs to gap analysis from the NanoSafetyCluster and VCs
- Elaboration of the gap analysis of SSbD criteria, and priorities, including modelling and testing and recycling methodologies
- Map and address SSbD skills mismatches and competence gaps, to support enhancement of adequate skills at all levels - including in university programmes, research, industry and among regulators

Preliminary results - GAPS

Gaps for the SSbD approach to be easily applicable

- A **common understanding** of the SSbD concept is still missing
- A practical guideline and tools on how to implement the SSbD concept are missing
 - At present the **framework is too complex** for companies (SME especially) to comprehend and work with
- Harmonized assessment methodologies for **social and economic aspects** are still missing
- **Data** must be made findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR)
- **Harmonized assessment methodologies** and **minimum requirements** need to be defined from the regulatory/policy side (in close cooperation with industry)
 - Threshold values for each SSbD criteria are missing: what is low emission and what is high emission?
- **Education** on SSbD needs to be encouraged within companies

Development of SSbD supportive roadmap



Packaging

(IPC; Industrial Technical Centre for Plastics and Composites)

Textiles

(ETP; EU Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles & Clothing)

Automotive

(CLEPA; European Association of Automotive Suppliers)

Energy materials

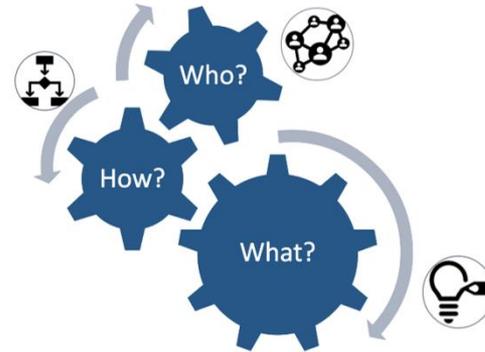
(EMIRI; Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative)

Electronics

(INL; International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory)

Construction

(EFCC; European Federation for Construction Chemicals)



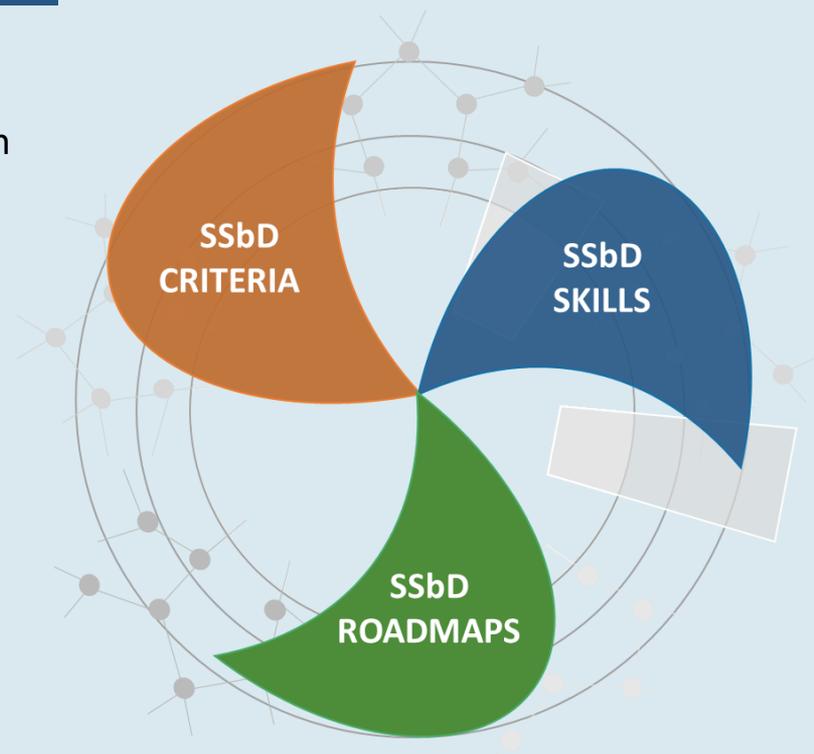
- **Development of value chain specific SSbD supportive roadmaps with agendas for:**
 - research needs
 - skills, competences and education needs, and
 - knowledge and information sharing needs
- **Translate the value chain specific SSbD supportive roadmaps to a generalized roadmap**



Value chains SSbD ecosystem

- Value chain analysis
- Baseline analysis of SSbD criteria - specificities and common grounds
- Value chain SSbD criteria gap analysis
- Uptake of the SSbD approach by the value chains
- Value chain-specific research and innovation roadmaps
- Engagement with additional value chain networks, internationalization and integration in the permanent structure

- Case studies for implementation of the SSbD framework



Analysis of the value chains, their stakeholders and initiatives

Goals:

- To support the state-of-the-art mapping activities in SSbD
- To obtain first insights on how to translate the EC framework to practical methodologies and tools for SSbD
- To identify the applicability of the framework, alongside challenges and barriers from a value chain perspective

Content:

- Mapping Value Chain Stakeholders
- Main safety and sustainability challenges
- **Recommendations on how to bring SSbD to practical applicability**

Recommendations from value chains

How to bring SSbD to practice

- SSbD "stamp" or "certification" for chemical material (as Safe certification) available on material datasheets to facilitate the use of these material by product producers
- Facilitate access to experts who can evaluate and validate material or parts. Use model of expert platforms to ease the data access to companies (especially SMEs)
- Producers need to work preferentially with local material producers, in order to facilitate exchanges and improve material knowledge
- Distinguish between vital vs. nice-to-have product performance properties (personal protection vs. fashion effect) & consumer vs. professional products/applications
- Make SSbD practically manageable for SME designers, product developers and manufacturers
- Develop accessible, easy-to-use management tools, platforms, tutorials and trainings
- Well defined and acceptable limits for safety and sustainability criteria, depending on use case and informed by whole life-cycle information



Recommendations from value chains

How to bring SSbD to practice

- Increased dialogue in the value chain and across sectors to raise awareness on parallel challenges and best-practices on design for safety and sustainability
- Continued incentives to innovation, e.g. to support the development of digital tools for supply chain management and more efficient end of life handling
- Innovation always goes with trade-off decisions between safety, sustainability but also performances, cost, user experience, societal benefits,... All dimensions must be considered
- By-design needs enablers: methodologies, digital tools, data, data, data (safety and sustainability data are often missing at the start of the innovation process...)
- SSbD awareness and compliance can be most effectively addressed in the design (and novel concepts) for simple products, e.g., where flexible and organic materials can be used. There are overlaps between electronics, textiles, automotive, and energy value chains
- Build on existing regulations (Reach, Battery directive, product passport,...) and sectorial initiatives/roadmaps (Battery 2030+, Batteries Europe, Batt4EU,...)



Establishment of an EU Led International permanent network

- A structure for continuous cooperation and services to network members, potential members, network associates as well as other stakeholders with interests in SSbD
- Strengthen collaboration and information exchange between relevant actors along the value chains
- Build a platform containing services addressed to different key target groups
 - Training service for SMEs
 - Service for start-ups to boost business collaboration with industry
 - Co-creation service to establish hubs for specific value chains
 - Knowledge exchange services
 - Knowledge sharing services



Towards an efficient science-policy-industry interface

Building structural and efficient information sharing process and network



Science:

- Initial steps on operationalization of SSbD
- IRISS-NSC collaboration
 - IRISS-PARC collaboration
 - IRISS-ongoing H2020 and HE projects

Bringing science to harmonization and standardization

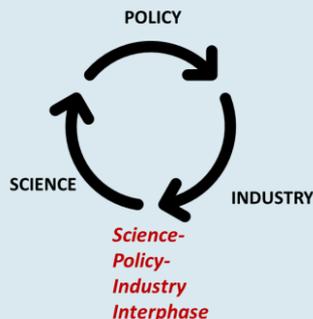
- IRISS-OECD synergies



Policy:

IRISS structural dialogue with:

- EC RTD
- EC JRC



Industry:

Cefic coordinates SusChem NTPs and 6 value chains representatives

- **Packaging** (IPC; Industrial Technical Centre for Plastics and Composites)
- **Textiles** (ETP; EU Technology Platform for the Future of Textiles & Clothing)
- **Construction chemicals** (EFCC; European Federation for Construction Chemicals)
- **Automotive** (CLEPA; European Association of Automotive Suppliers)
- **Energy materials** (EMIRI; Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative)
- **Electronics** (INL; International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory)
- **Fragrances** (IFRA; The International Fragrance Association) – new VC

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- Barbara Tišler, SusChem Slovenia
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- Moderator: Eva Schillinger, SusChem

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Interlinking of
Associations of chemical industries
with
Academia, research institutes
and
SMEs
and
startups



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Contributing to development of
Strategic Research
and
Innovation Agenda



5 NTPs covering all regions of Europe actively involved in IRISS



The international ecosystem for accelerating the transition to Safe-and-Sustainable-by-design materials, products and processes

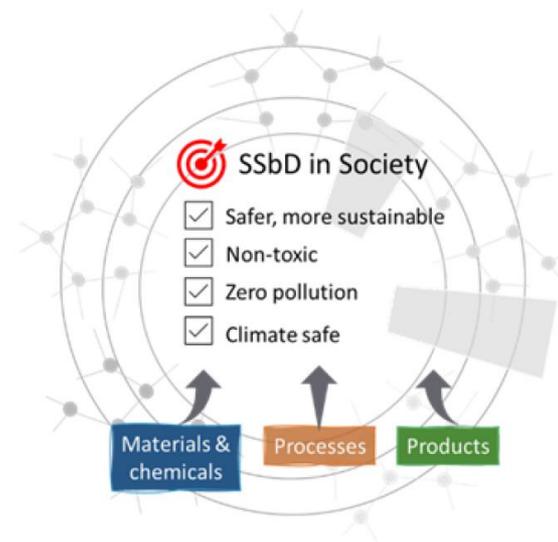


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The role of SusChem NTPs in the IRISS project:



- To identify available incentives for the uptake of SSbD criteria and to expand network
- To map potential collaboration-partners from industry, research organisations, universities and society
- to strengthen collaboration and information exchange between relevant actors
- to ensure provision of policy, applied science, industry and innovation linkage throughout EU and beyond, including SMEs and the wider society
- to build a permanent network





Methodology of SusChem NTPs about SSbD concept



From prudence with mobilizing stakeholders on SSbD to active engagement

Prudence because of:

Proposed hierarchical approach

It is not clear what the scope and the purpose of the assessment framework is

Active engagement because:

We need to spread objective information

We agree with the SSbD principles

We see the benefit of integrating some type of assessment during the innovation process

We encourage Strategic Research and Innovation Plan providing balanced overview of SSbD R&I Challenges



Activities of SusChem NTPs about SSbD concept



From informing to co-creating

Information on SSbD via:

Newsletters

Working groups

Workshops with stakeholders

Co-creation:

Collaborating with local authorities

Collaboration with academia – developing training courses

Within IRISS project large survey was launched about SSbD in practice

Conclusions so far

An estimation about the interest among SMEs about SSbD-training is challenging as most of the SMEs are not yet aware what it is and if it affects them. However, it can be assumed that they will get attracted by SSbD-training as soon as it is available in a format, that is useful for them.

Awareness rising about SSbD is needed.

New study programmes perfect places for integration of SSbD courses.

Hard and ongoing work.



Regional Structure of SusChem NTP Involvement in IRISS

Structure for clarity & efficiency

Collaborating Partners
(NTPs & other Networks)

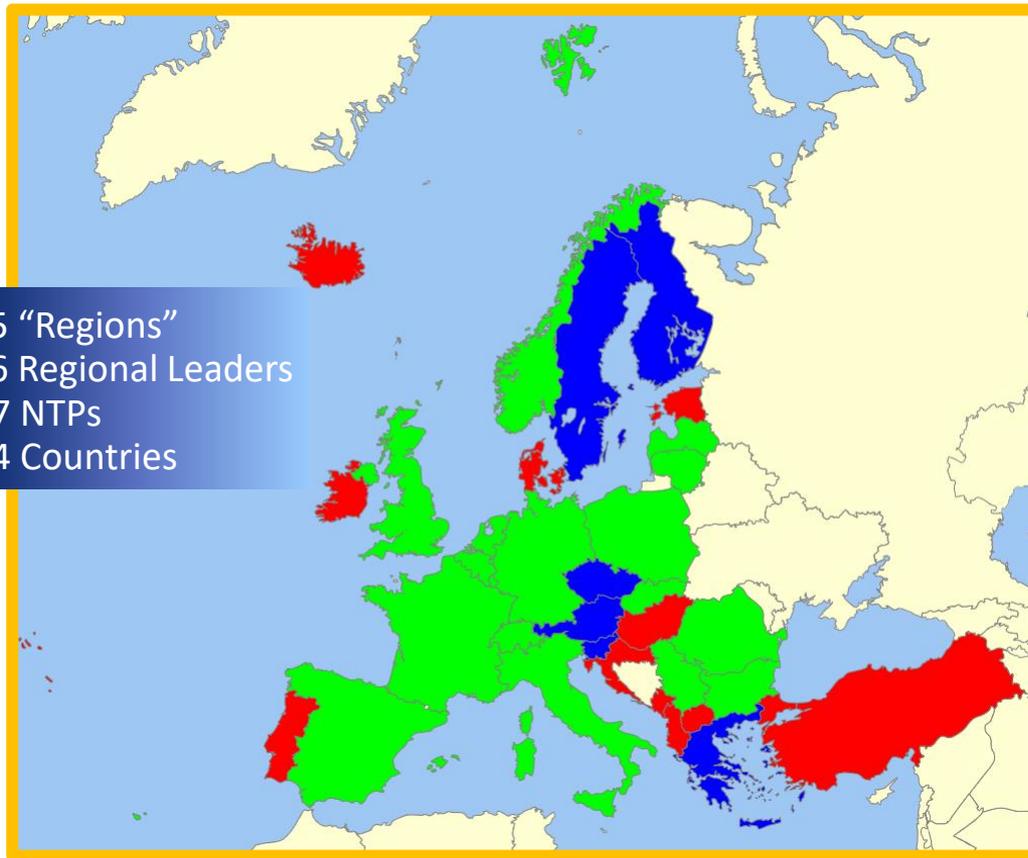
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(Regional Coordinator NTPs)

Network Partner College
(all 6 Networking Partners)

Network Liaisons
(SI, AT, GR)

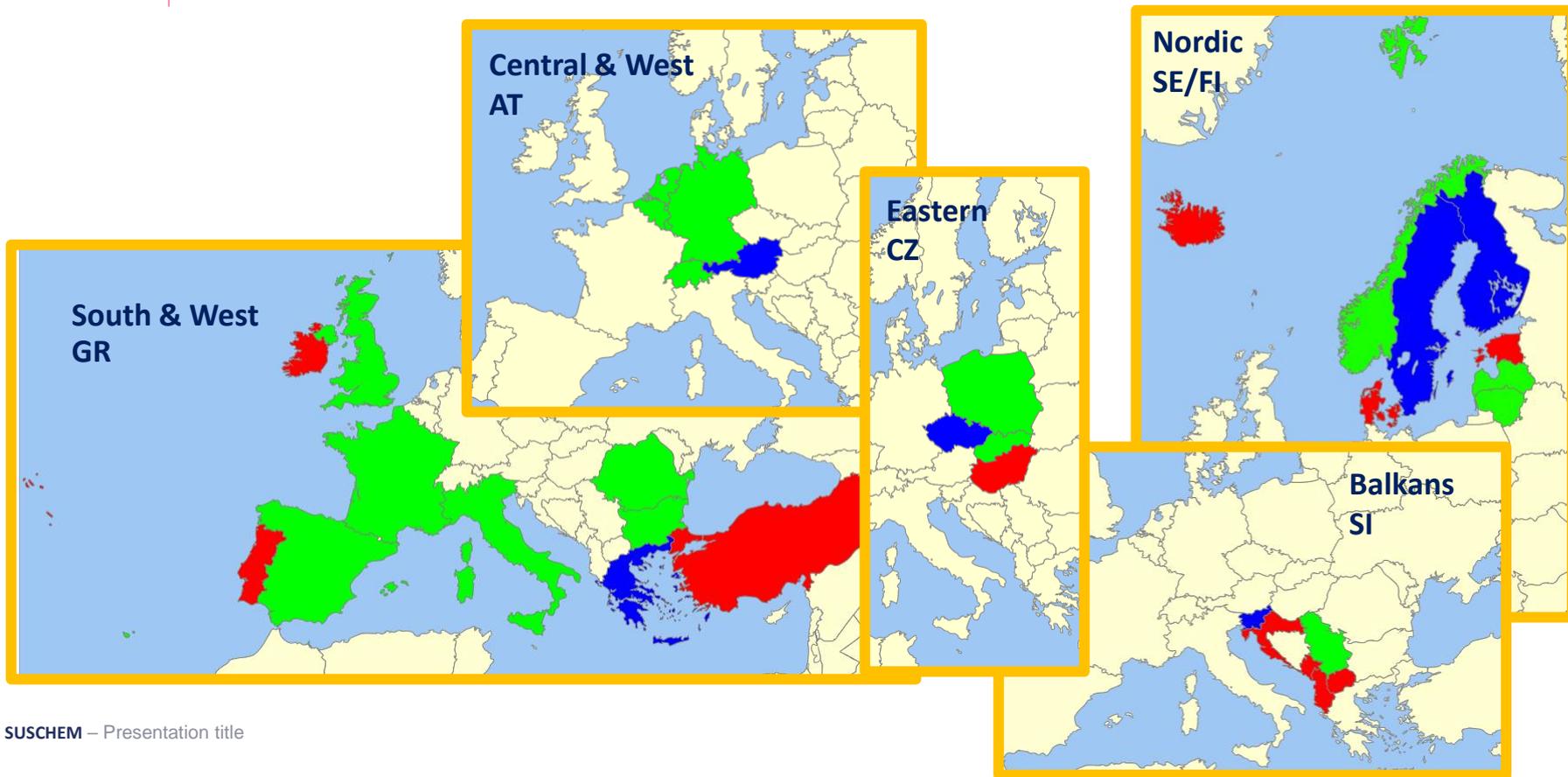
Core Partners

5 "Regions"
6 Regional Leaders
17 NTPs
34 Countries





Regional Structure of SusChem NTP Involvement in IRISS





Dissemination Activities

National and Regional Activities

- Mapping of national stakeholders per value chain

- Verification of national stakeholders per value chain

- Optional national workshops on SSbD / IRISS per value chain

- Regional workshops on SSbD / IRISS per value chain

Europe-wide / International Events

- IRISS project events participation

- SSbD / IRISS thematic sessions



Project Activities

Core partner generated questionnaires & surveys

Passed to Networking Partners

to distribute to their members and the NTPs and others in their Region

possibly to distribute to their members, if applicable to fill-in

...and return to their association / network secretariat

...to feed back to the Networking Partner

...to return to the core partners who need the information.

Core partner generated training/informative material: disseminate through workshops, emails and social media



Examples

ES –

An SSbD Working Group has been created

An SSbD Webinar has been held

GR –

48 national stakeholders have been mapped

A S+W Region coordination meeting has been held

NL –

RIVM is the Dutch partner in the IRISS project

An SSbD 1 day symposium has been organized by NWO and ChemistryNL to be held on March 15th in Utrecht:

« Safe and Sustainable by Design: the small molecule challenge »

International Event Participation

Dedicated sessions in:

IndTech 2022, June 2022, Grenoble, FR

ESCAPE33, June 2023, Athens, GR

IUPAC 2023, August 2023, The Hague, NL

SC Program SSbD Symposium March 15th



NL – SSbD Symposium

« Safe and Sustainable by Design: the small molecule challenge »

- Universities (UvA, RU, UM)
- RTOs (RIVM)
- Chemical Industry (Shell, Avantium)
- Top sector Chemistry (ChemistryNL)
- Branche Organization of the Chemical Industry (VNCl)
- Funding (NWO)
- Government (I&W)

SUSCHEM – Presentation title

PROGRAMME 15 March 2023

Safe and Sustainable-by-design symposium: the small molecule challenge

Venue: NWO Utrecht, Auditorium

09.30 – 10.00	Welcome and coffee
10.00 – 10.05	Opening by Pieter Bruijninx
10.05 – 11.05	Lectures
10.05 – 10.35	Lecture background/policy developments by Agnes Oomen (RIVM/UvA)
10.35 – 11.05	Lecture synthetic chemist perspective Chris Slootweg (UvA)
11.05 – 11.20	Coffee/tea break
11.20 – 12.20	Lectures
11.20 – 11.50	Lecture environmental chemist perspective by Ad Ragas (RU)
11.50 – 12.20	Lecture ethical perspective by Harro van Lente (UM)
12.20 – 13.15	Lunch break
13.15 – 14.30	Interactive session
13.15 – 13.30	Lecture industrial perspective by Michiel van Kuppevelt (VNCl)
13.30 – 14.30	Panel discussion with Tiny van der Werff (I&W), Gert-Jan Gruter (UvA), Demi Theodori (SER), Elsbeth Roelofs (MVO) and Jean-Paul Lange (Shell)
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee/tea break
15.00 – 16.00	Interactive session - building a community
15.00 – 15.15	Lecture NWA-programme 'Towards a practical Safe-by-Design approach for chemical products and processes' by Annemarie van Wezel
15.15 – 15.35	Open discussion with the audience
15.35 – 15.45	Overview of relevant funding instruments by Marijn Goes
15.45 – 16.05	Open discussion with the audience
16.05 – 16.20	Recap and closure
16.20 – 18.00	Drinks

Keynote: Feedstock needs to achieve climate neutrality

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Michael CARUS, nova-Institut

Feedstock nees to achieve climate neutrality – deep dive in embedded carbon

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- Supply & Demand Analysis
- Feasibility & Potential Studies
- Customised Expert Workshops

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(ISO 14040/44, PEF Conform)
- Carbon Footprint Studies and Customised Tools
- Initial Sustainability Screenings and Strategy Consultation
- Holistic Sustainability Assessment (incl. Social and Economic Impacts)
- GHG Accounting Following Recognised Accounting Standards
- Critical Reviews for LCA or Carbon Footprint Reports



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- Comprehensive Communication & Dissemination in Research Projects
- Communication & Marketing Support
- Network of 60,000 Contacts to Companies, Associations & Institutes
- Targeted Newsletters for 19 Specialty Areas of the Industry
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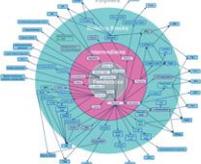
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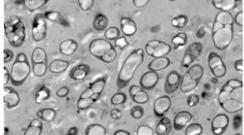
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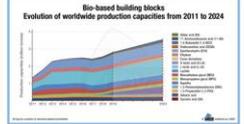


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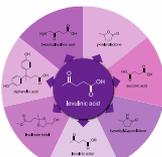


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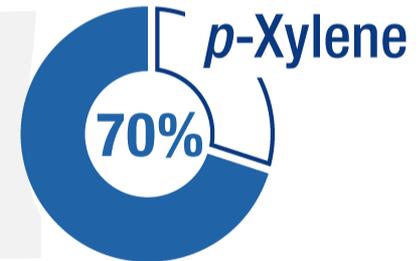
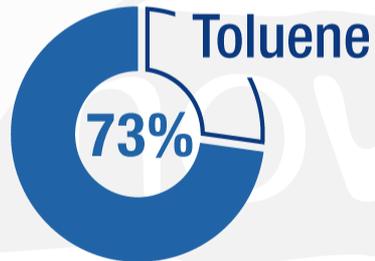
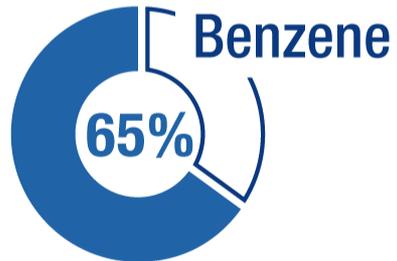
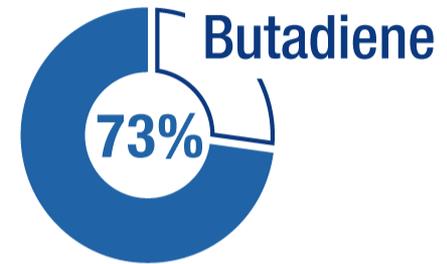
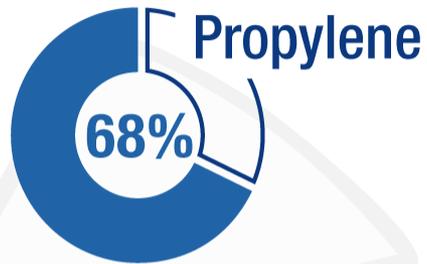
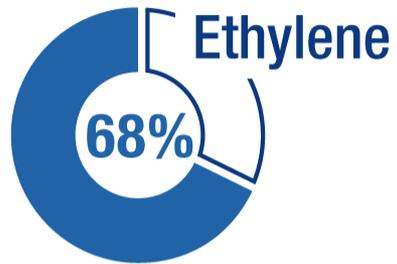
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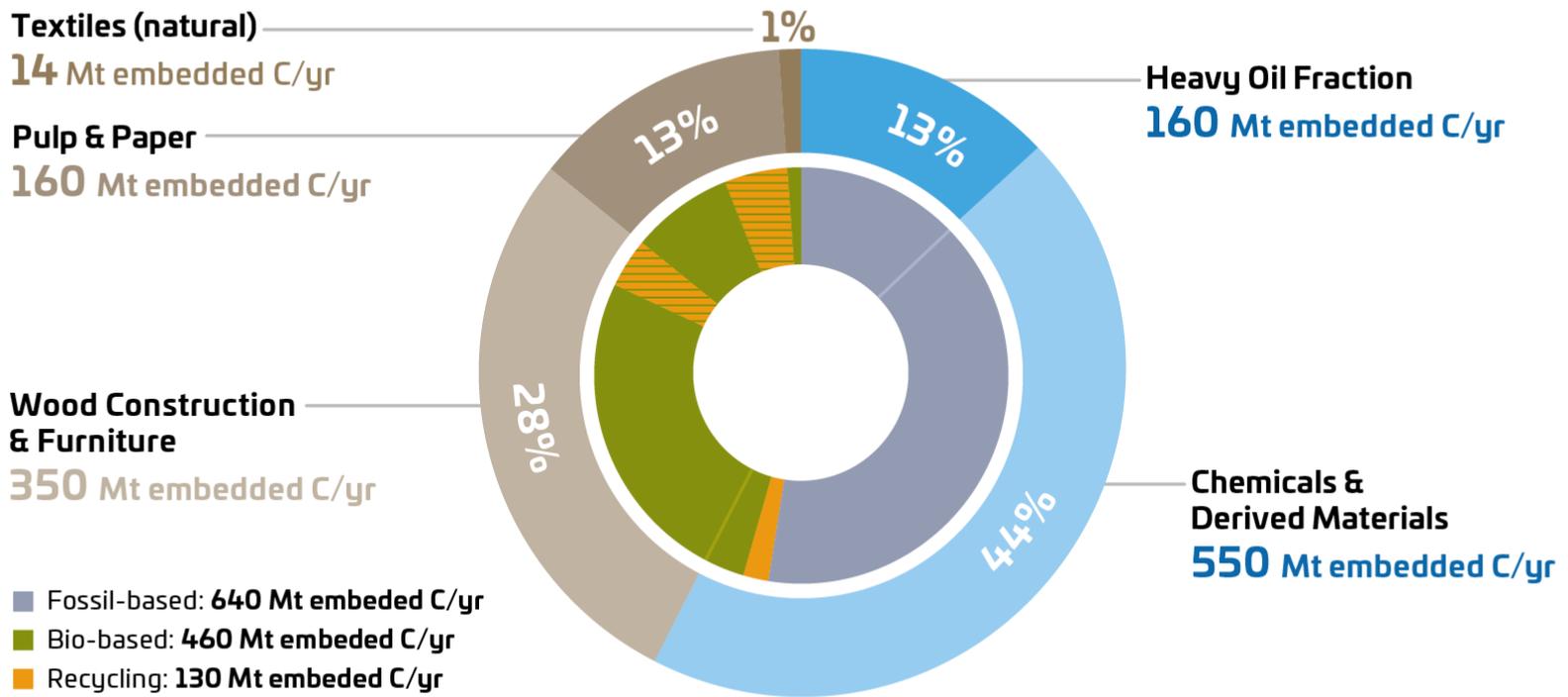
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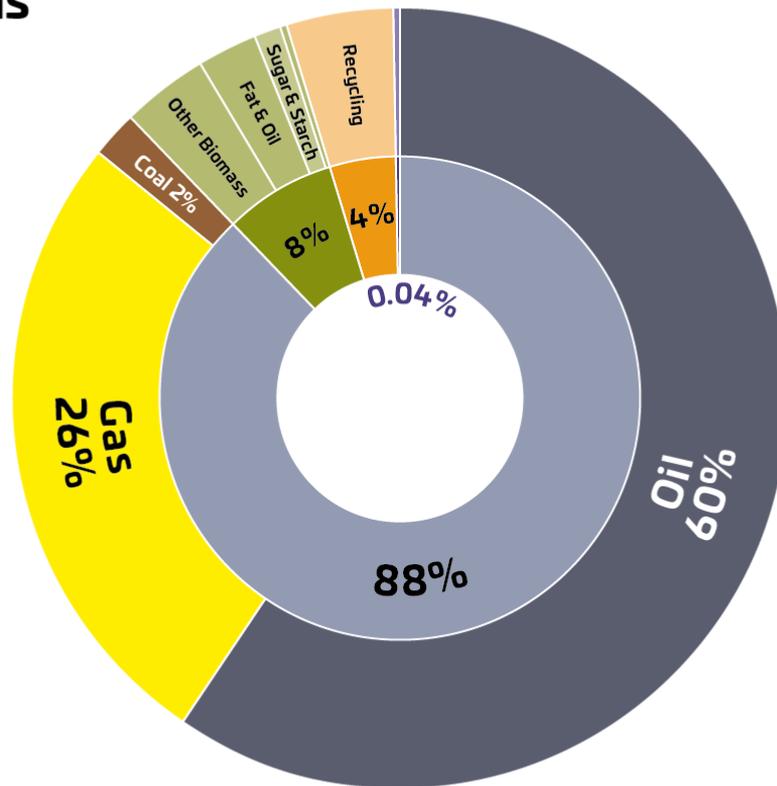
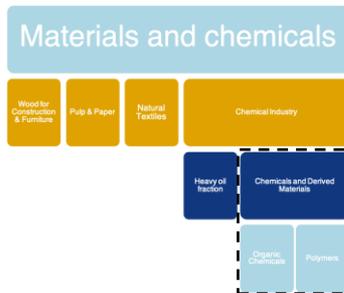
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Global Supply for Embedded Carbon in Chemicals and Derived Materials by Type of Feedstock

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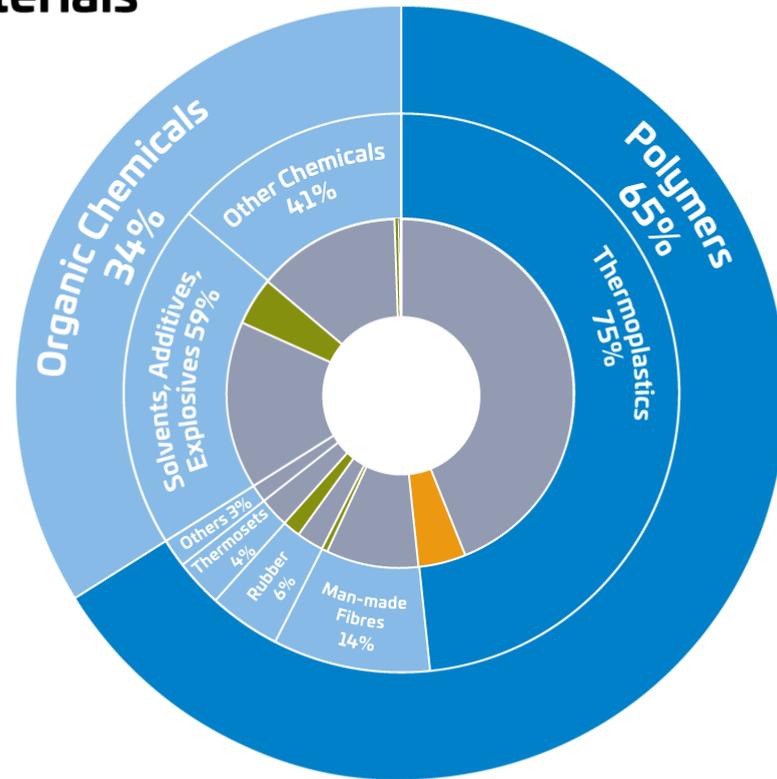
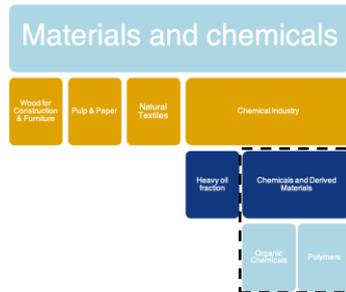
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Summary of global carbon flows today (Mt C / yr)

	World ¹		Global Materials & Chemicals ^{2,3}		Global Chemical Industry ^{2,4}		Global Chemicals & Derived Materials ^{2,5}	
Total	17000	100 %	1200	100 %	710	1004%	550	100 %
Fossil total	11000	63 %	640	52 %	640	91 %	480	88 %
Coal	4700		12		12		12	
Gas	2500		140		140		140	
Oil	3800		490		490		330	
Primary Biomass	6100	35 %	460	37 %	41	6 %	41	8 %
Cellulose	2700		370		3		3	
Sugar & Starch	1300		10		6		6	
Fat/Oil	500		14		13		13	
Protein	800		0		0		0	
Others ⁶	800		63		20		20	
Recyclates, Secondary biomass	280 ⁷	2 %	130	11 %	24	3 %	24	4 %

1 - includes carbon input of fossil and biogenic raw materials plus recyclates in the world economy (food and feed, energy sector, transport, materials and chemicals)

2 - only embedded carbon; energetic use excluded

3 - includes chemicals and derived materials (plastics, rubber), including the heavy oil fraction (bitumen, paraffin waxes, lubricants) and bio-based industries wood for construction, pulp & paper, textiles)

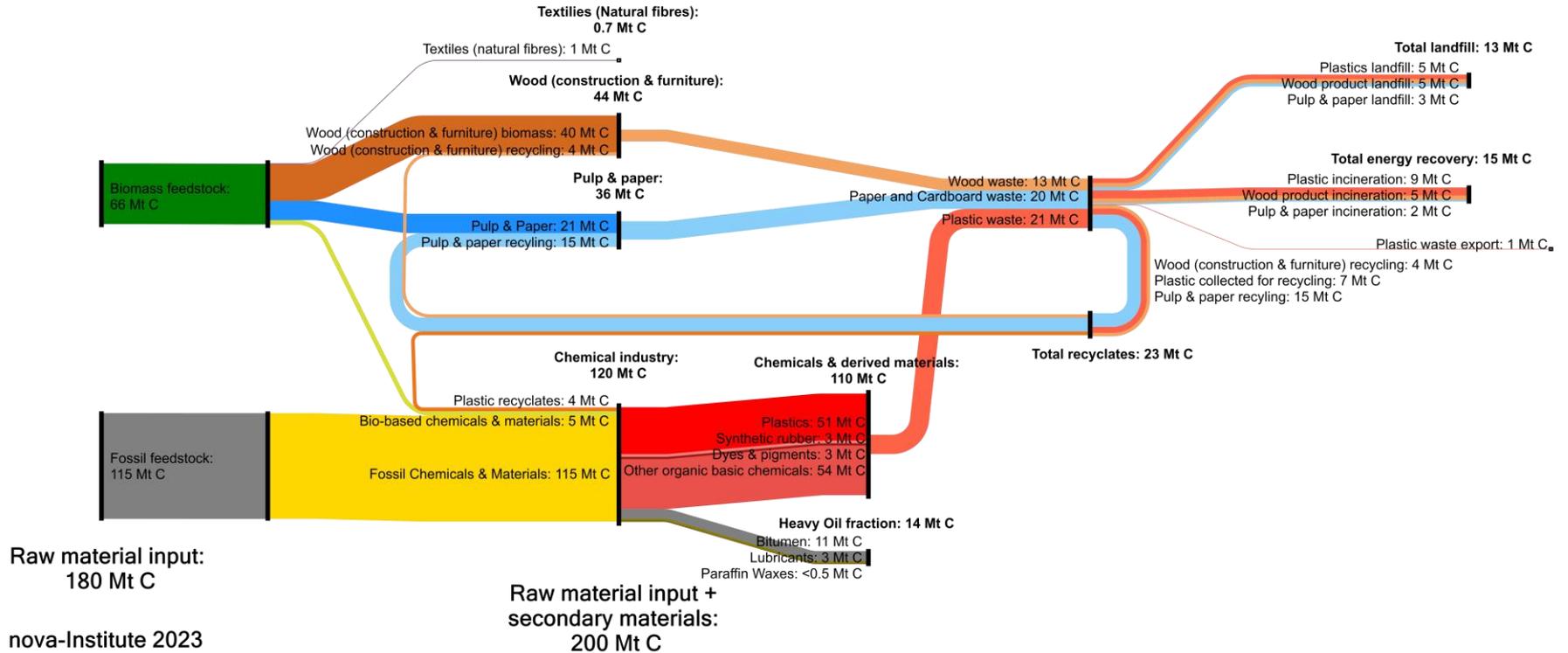
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5 - includes chemicals and derived materials (plastics, rubber)

6 - includes lignin, natural rubber, etc

7 - includes material recycling and incineration Various sources; Various reference years, mainly 2018–2020

Flows of organic carbon in the EU-27 material & chemical sector



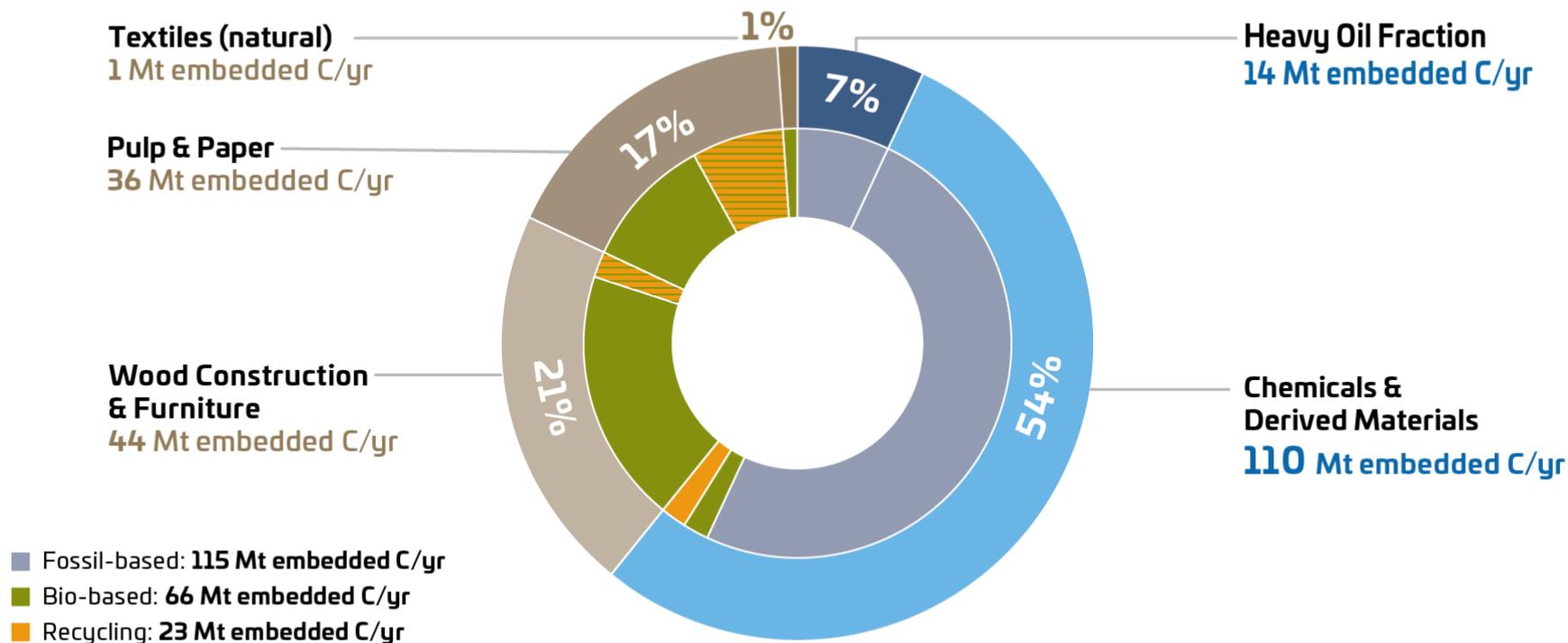
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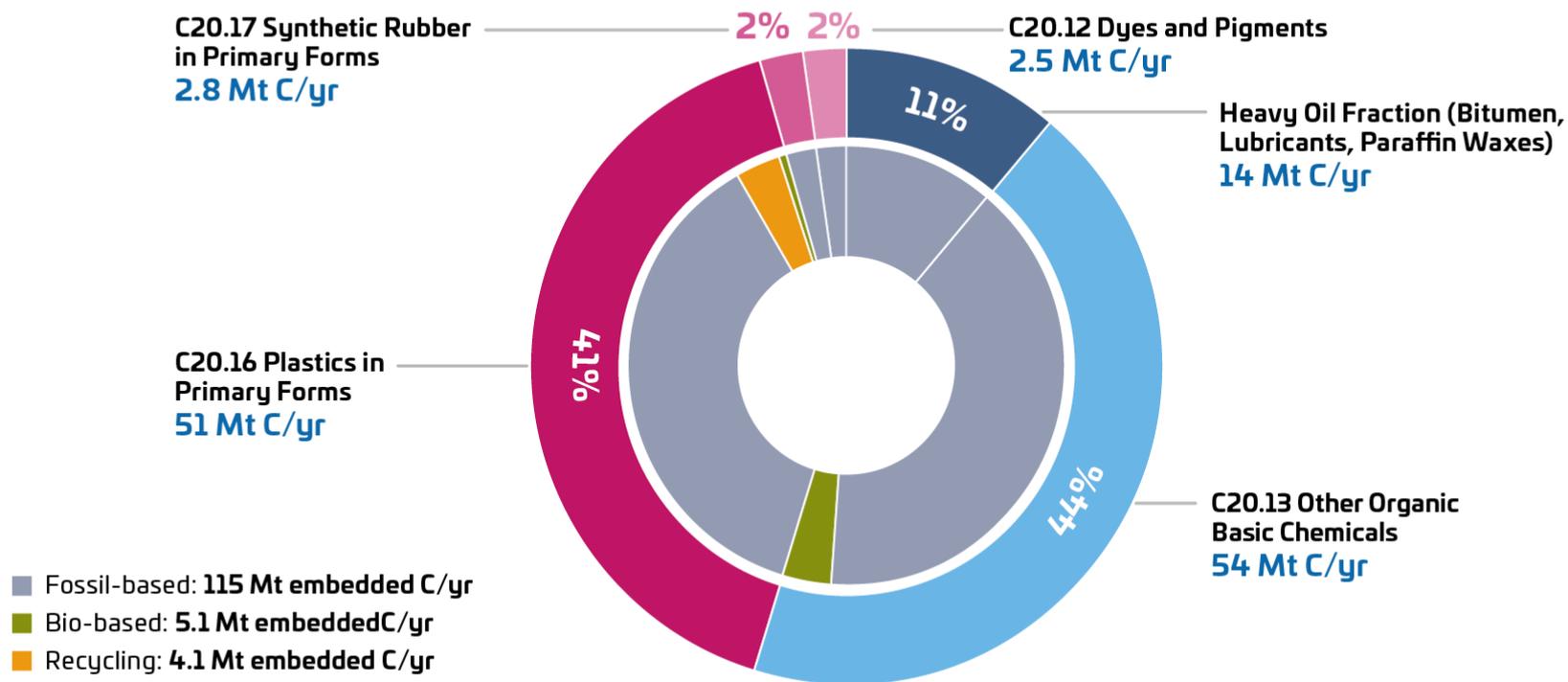
EU-27 Demand for Embedded Carbon in Materials and Chemicals

by Sectors; Total: **200 Mt embedded C/yr** Reference Years: **2018–2021**



Carbon Demand for Embedded Carbon in the EU-27 Chemical Industry

Total: **120 Mt embedded C/yr** Reference Years: **2018–2021**



Summary of EU-27 carbon flows today (Mt C / yr)

	EU-27 ¹		EU-27 Materials & chemicals ^{2,3}		EU-27 Chemical industry ^{2,4}		EU-27 Chemicals & derived materials ^{2,5}	
Total	1700	100 %	200	100 %	120	100 %	110	100 %
Fossil total	1100	67 %	115	56 %	115	93 %	100	92 %
Coal	180		2.7		2.7			
Gas	270		16		16			
Oil	670		96		96			
Primary Biomass	500	30 %	66	32 %	5.1	4 %	5.1	5 %
Cellulose	185		55		0.5		0.5	
Sugar & Starch	145		2		1.5		1.5	
Fat/Oil	54		2		1.8		1.8	
Protein	58		0		0.0		0.0	
Others ⁶	53		8		1.3		1.3	
Recyclates, Secondary biomass	38 ⁷	3 %	23	11 %	4.1	3 %	4.1	4 %

1 - includes carbon input of fossil and biogenic raw materials plus recyclates in the world economy (food and feed, energy sector, transport, materials and chemicals)

2 - only embedded carbon; energetic use excluded

3 - includes chemicals and derived materials (plastics, rubber), including the heavy oil fraction (bitumen, paraffin waxes, lubricants) and bio-based industries (wood for construction, pulp & paper, textiles)

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5 - includes chemicals and derived materials (plastics, rubber)

6 - includes lignin, natural rubber, etc

7 - includes material recycling and incineration

Various sources; Various reference years, mainly 2018-2020

Pros in a nutshell

- Food crops:
 - Commodities, established in high volume, good logistics
 - Food crops: Protein-rich by-products
- Wide range of non-food feedstocks – no direct food competition, positive image
 - wood and lignocellulosic by-products and side streams
 - biogenic waste from industry and households
- Low GHG footprint compared with fossil resources
- New green chemical pathways
- Biotechnology as sustainable process technology

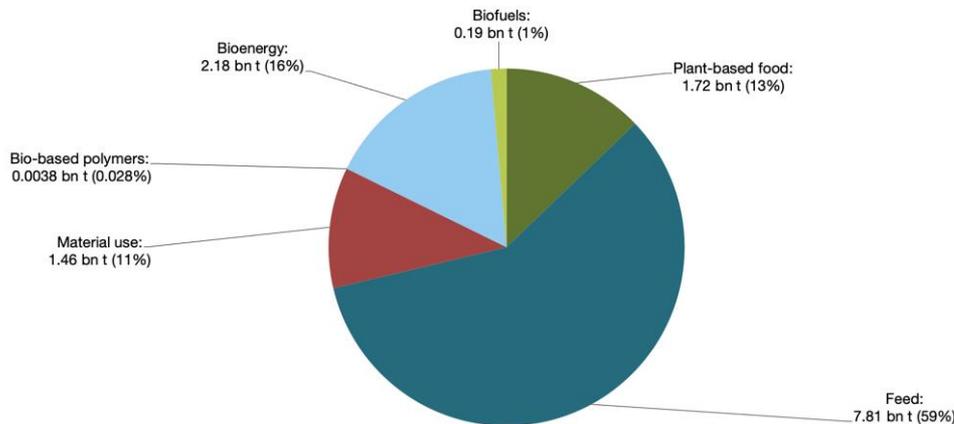
Cons in a nutshell

- Limited total volume
- Low land-efficiency
- Potential pressure on land and biodiversity
- Potential competition with food crops and a possible threat to food security

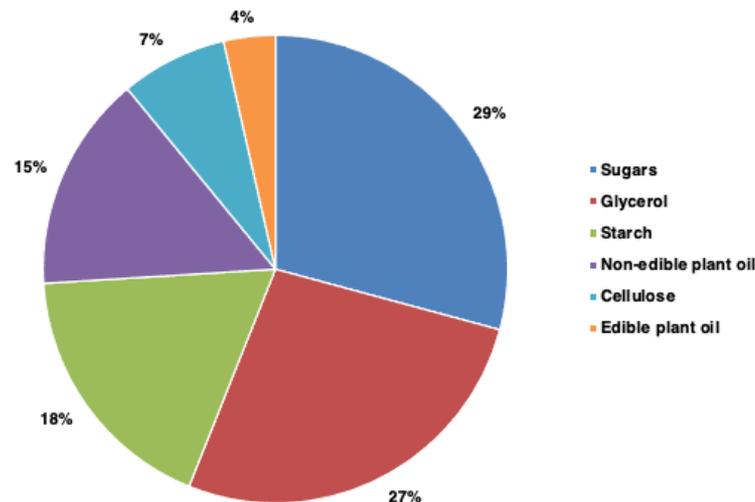
Biomass utilisation worldwide

First and second generation, total and for bio-based polymers

Global harvested agricultural, grazed and woody biomass demand by sectors (2020),
Total: 13.4 bn t dry matter



3.8 Mt biomass feedstock for 4.5 Mt bio-based polymers
in 2022 – worldwide



The 0.028 % share of biomass used to produce bio-based polymers translates into an area share of only 0.007 %. This is due to various factors: high-yielding crops (like sugarcane and maize) are used for the production of bio-based polymers, leading to a high area efficiency; the yields are not only used for polymer production but also for animal feed (the protein share) and thus only a part is allocated; and finally, because the biomass is a process by-product that uses no land (such as glycerol).

Pros in a nutshell

- Very high potential in volume (almost unlimited)
- Low demand for land and water, low carbon footprint
- High TRL technologies available
- Almost all chemicals and plastics can be produced from CO₂
- High employment potential
- Inexhaustible source of carbon for the next millennia
- Even “black” CO₂ carbon utilisation lead to relevant GHG reduction

Cons in a nutshell

- Potential lock in effects using fossil point sources
- Competition on limited renewable electricity
- High investment necessary

- Global carbon demand today: 450 Mt C (embedded carbon for chemicals)
- 2050 scenario: 1,000 Mt C
- To supply 1,000 Mt C
 - 11,000 kWh / t_{methanol}
 - 29 PWh_{el} / year is required
 - 117,000 km₂ desert area is required
 - **1.3% of the Sahara** desert
- Using completely decarbonised renewable energy, the reduction potential is **3.7 Gt CO₂ / year**
- Global CO₂ emissions today: **55 Gt CO₂ / year**



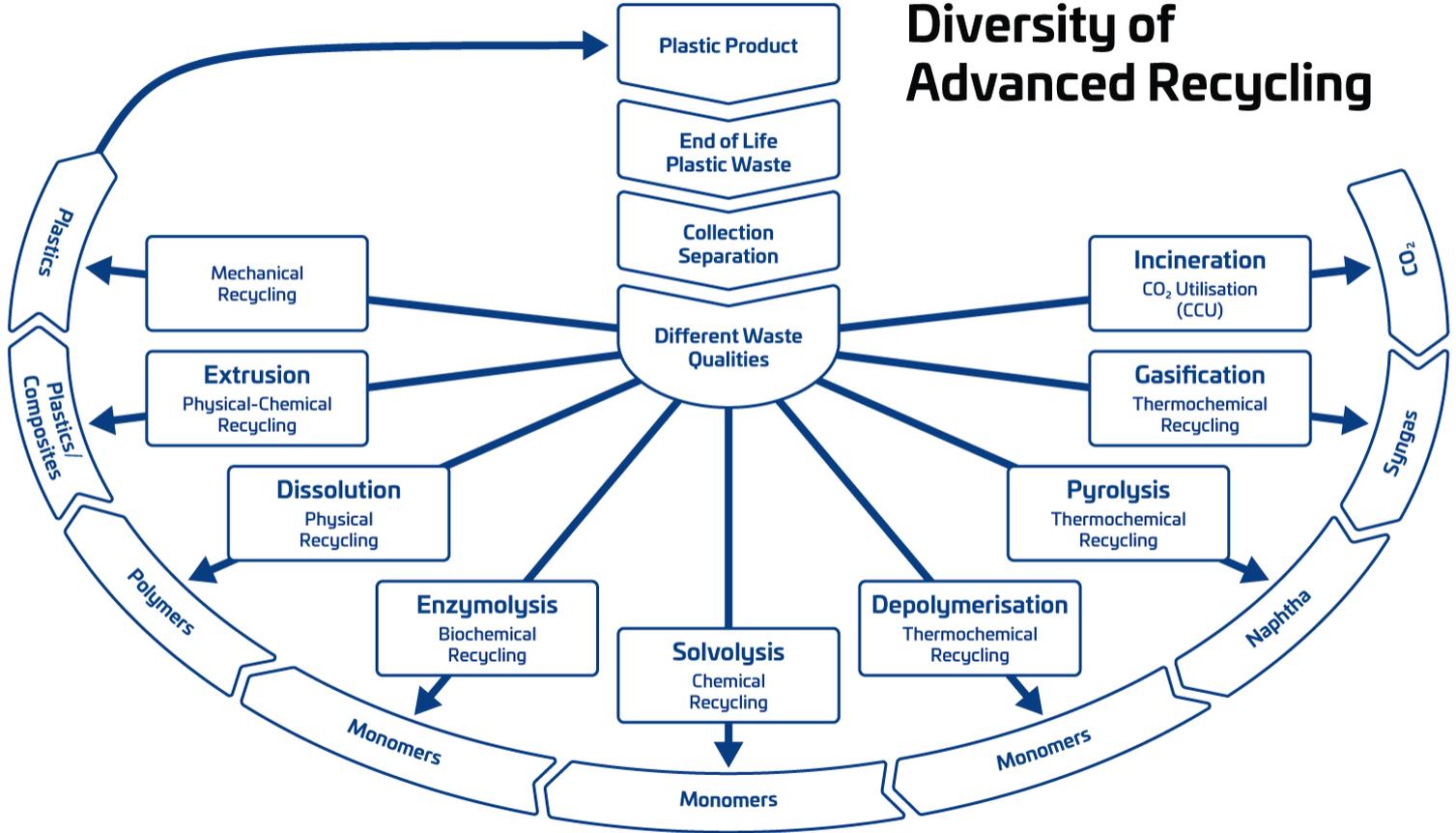
Pros in a nutshell

- Most important end-of-life option for plastics in the future circular economy
- Strong recycling targets in the European Union will guarantee access to renewable carbon from recycling
- Chemical recycling (different technologies): Basically no loss of quality compared to virgin feedstock

Cons in a nutshell

- Mechanical recycling: Limitation in quality, not allowed in many food applications
- Energy intensive processes
- Chemical recycling: early stage, first assessments on economic and environmental impacts available; investments waiting for clear political framework

Diversity of Advanced Recycling



Major challenges for chemical companies looking to switch from fossil to renewable carbon – the biggest transformation since industrial revolution

- **Which Carbon feedstocks** will be accepted and supported by policy in medium and long term?
- Which carbon will be **available in sufficient quantities** in the medium and long term to compete with the strongly supported bioenergy, biofuels and BECCS?
- How can the **competitiveness gap** be bridged during the transformation phase?
- When will there be clear **framework conditions** and political support?

The Risk: Without a clear policy framework and robust strategies, investments in a non-fossil / renewable chemical industry will be delayed and shifted to Asia and North America. **This is already happening** and Europe is losing innovation, sustainability options and competitiveness in a core industrial sector – threatening to cause dependencies that dwarf those on Russian crude oil and natural gas.

The Commission's paper on sustainable carbon cycles (Dec. 2021) was a milestone that gave hope to chemical innovators, but so far **without concrete follow-up.**

Where to invest and support?

Biomass

- **Food crops** – huge concerns that are not backed up by evidence; competition with bioenergy & biofuels
- **Cultivated agricultural biomass** – some member states expand the food crop concerns to non-food
- **Wood** – huge competition with subsidized bioenergy, advanced biofuels, bio-kerosine and BECCS
- **Biogenic side streams, by-products and waste** – huge competition with subsidized bioenergy, advanced biofuels, bio-kerosine and BECCS (REDII/III)
- **Demand for sustainability certificates** without providing any incentives
- Concerns to accept **Mass Balance and Free Attribution** (MBFA)

CO₂ utilisation, CCU / PtX

- **Biogenic CO₂ and Direct Air capture** – strong competition with e-fuels/kerosene (RED), BECCS and CDR; no support for BECCU
- **Fossil CO₂** – missing acceptance and competition with e-fuels/kerosene (RED) and CCS; no support for CCU; not part of ETS

Recycling

- **Chemical recycling** as a important carbon feedstock option – concerns and barriers, not counting in the recycling quota
- Concerns to accept **Mass Balance and Free Attribution** (MBFA)

Joel A. Tickner, Ken Geiser & Stephanie Baima (2022)
Transitioning the Chemical Industry: Elements of a Roadmap Toward Sustainable Chemicals and Materials, Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development

Figure 1.

Five Conversion Strategies To Transition the Chemical Industry Toward Sustainability



Energy Conversion

The industry should minimize its process energy requirements and transition from fossil fuels to renewables.

Feedstock Substitution

The industry should sharply reduce fossil fuel use for feedstocks in the production of chemicals, while building supplies of alternative sustainable, renewable feedstocks.



Molecular Redesign

The industry should develop innovative, new platform and tunable chemistries based on the principles of green chemistry and engineering.

Production Process Redesign

Chemical manufacturing processes should be redesigned to use renewable feedstocks, minimize adverse impacts, and work within more flexible, distributed, and resilient manufacturing operations.

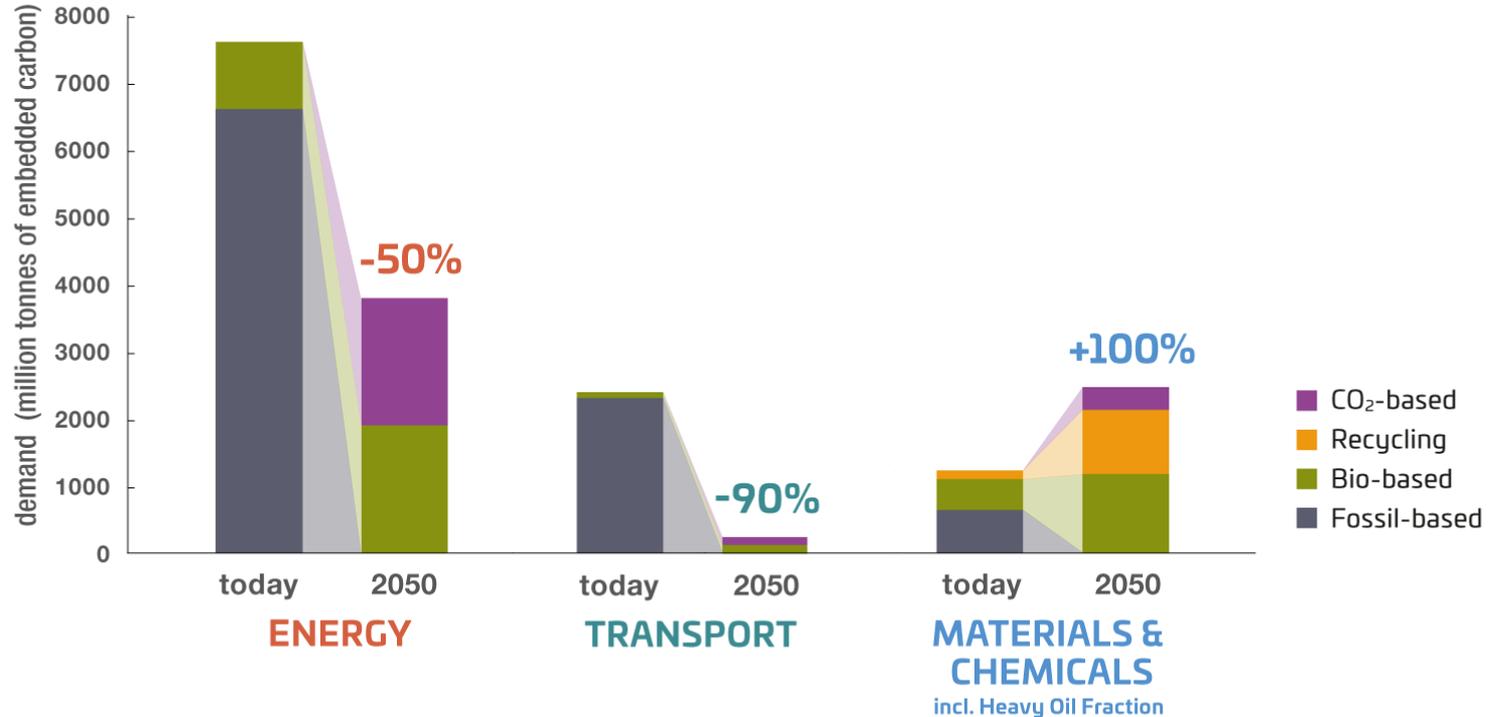


Downstream Product Redesign

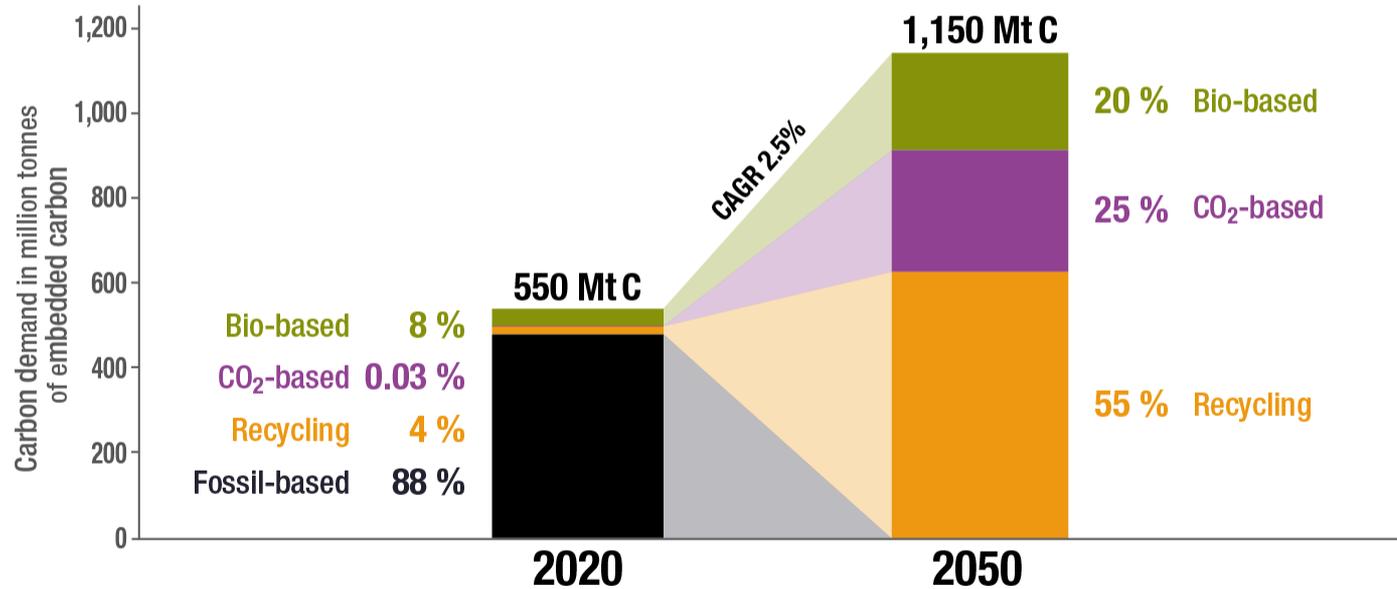
Product design and delivery should be reimagined so that products are more circular, use safer chemistries, and have lower adverse impacts through their lifecycle.

Embedded Carbon Demand for Main Sectors

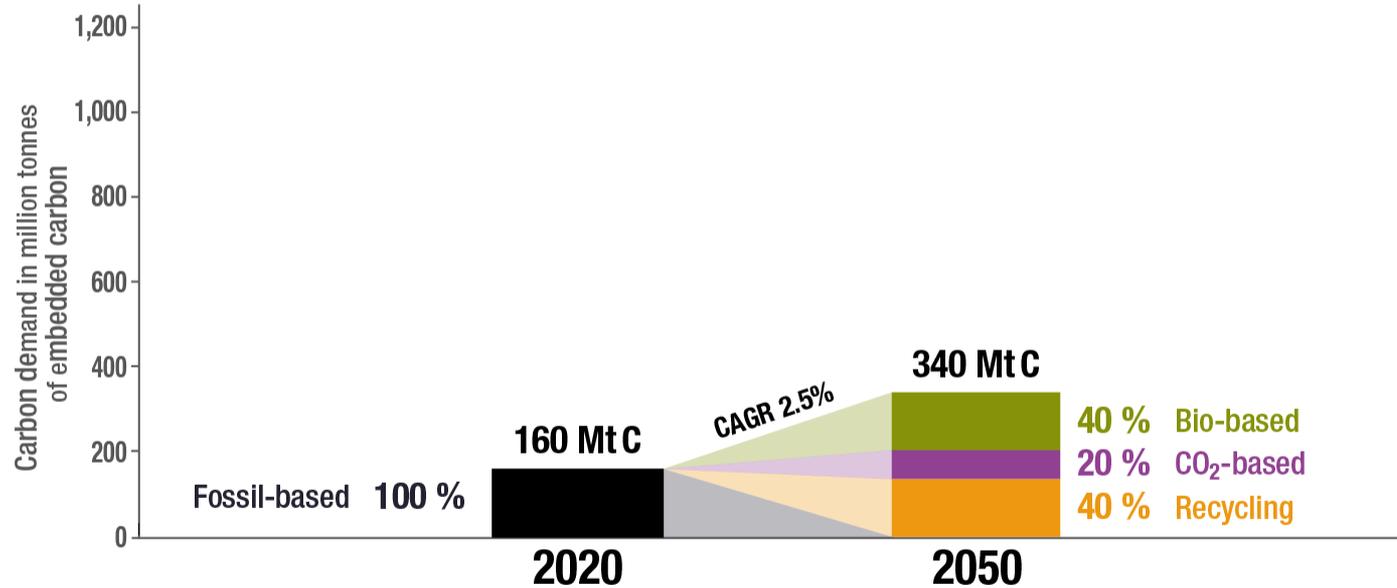
Today (2015–2020) and Scenario for 2050 (in Million Tonnes of Embedded Carbon)



Carbon Embedded in Chemicals and Derived Materials



Carbon Embedded in the Heavy Oil Fraction (Bitumen, Lubricants, Paraffin Waxes)



Nine Recent Studies on the Future of Chemical Industry: A Deeper Look at Scenarios on the Supply of Alternative Carbon Feedstocks					
Report	Scope	CAGR	Share Bio-based	Share CO ₂ -based	Share Recycling
Ishii et al. / Systemiq 2022	Chemical Industry (cracker) 2020–2050	3%	up to 43%	up to 45%	up to 3% ¹⁾
OECD 2022	Plastic Sector 2019–2060	2.4%	3%	–	12%
RCI/nova 2023	Chemical Industry (cracker & more) 2020–2050	2.5%	20%	25%	55%
RCI/nova 2023	Chemical Industry (heavy oil fraction) 2050	2.5%	40% (mainly lignin & pyrolysis oil)	20% (mainly FT)	40% (pyrolysis oil)
Lange, J.-P. 2021 (Shell)	Chemical Industry (cracker & more) 2020–2100	a) 4% by 2050, 2% by 2100 b) 4% by 2025, 2% by 2100	40% (1G 10%, 2G 30%)	10%	50% (mech. 15%, chem. 35%)
Orth et al. 2022	Plastic Sector 2020–2050 (EU)	4%	90% renewable carbon (authors use the term “zirkuläre Rohstoffe”), 10% fossil carbon		
Meys et al. 2021 (Carbon Minds)	Chemical Industry (cracker) 2050	ca. 4%	21%	33%	45% (20% mech. 25% chem.)
CEFIC 2021, iC2050	Chemical Industry (cracker) 2050 (EU 27)	high electr.: 2.2% circ.: 1.1% sust. biomass: 2.3% CO₂ capt.: 1.1% (4 scenarios based on feedstock demand)	high electr.: 27% (60% fossil) circ.: 17% (54% fossil) sust. biomass: 35% (53% fossil) CO₂ capt.: 1% (88% fossil)	high electr.: 13% (60% fossil) circ.: 29% (54% fossil) sust. biomass: 12% (53% fossil) CO₂ capt.: 11% (88% fossil)	low: 35% (mech. 27%, chem. 8%) medium: 48% (mech. 31%, chem, 17%) high: 65% (mech. 33%, chem. 32%)
Material Economics 2019	Plastic Sector 2050 (EU)	scenarios show lower demand in 2050 because of efficiency	27 to 33% (three scenarios); bio-based plus CO ₂ “at least 38%”	CO ₂ as feedstock is covered, but without separated quantification	25 to 53% ²⁾ (three scenarios), max. 62%
¹⁾ Recycling is here mainly understood as virgin demand reduction, not as a supply option. 3% are the biogenic part only. ²⁾ Sum is below 100%, because there are also shares for “circular economy in major value chains” and different kinds of stream cracking (with and without CCS).					



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