

4 Recycling ecosystem RDI roadmap

Recycling technologies for retail packaging

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SYSTEMIC CHALLENGE

that stems from diversified waste material streams

FUNCTIONAL BIO-BASED AND CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS FOR RETAIL PACKAGING



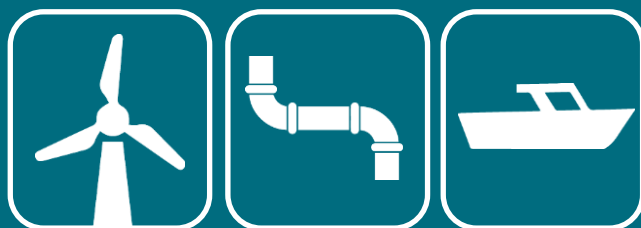
RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES FOR RETAIL PACKAGING



PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



RECYCLING OF BULKY FIBRE-REINFORCED PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIAL SIDE-STREAMS





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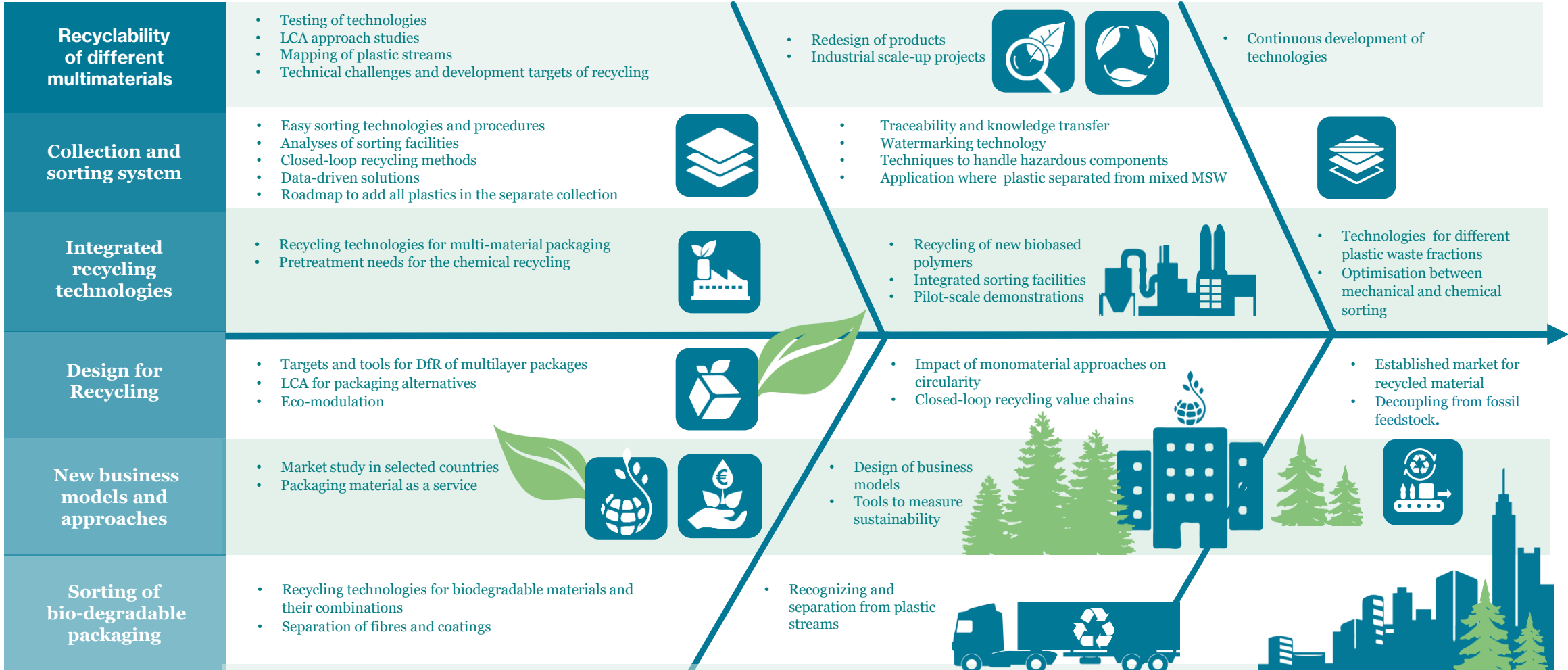


GOALS → **2023** → **2027** → **2030**

Techno-economic feasibility proven

Business cases demonstrated

Technologies in commercial scale available



Goals 2023

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Techno-economic feasibility of technologies and approaches proven

- ✓ Collection diverting from landfill and from incineration
- ✓ Easy sorting possibilities for all
- ✓ Lifecycle approach verified
- ✓ Ecodesign and design for recycle solutions in place
- ✓ Techno-economic feasibility of the technologies proven

Goals 2027



Business cases demonstrated

- ✓ Processes for converting packaging waste into end products in place
- ✓ For multimaterial packaging either ecodesign, technical feasibility of recycling demonstrated or phasing out of market started
- ✓ Business case feasibility verified for grocery packaging recycling
- ✓ First industrial scale investments for novel recycling technologies to produce polymers/carbon as new products (-2028)
- ✓ ***Finland' target: Meeting the EU plastic recycling rate with domestic collection sorting and recycling resources***

Goals 2030

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Technologies in commercial scale available for selected applications

- ✓ The whole cascade for PC plastic completed
- ✓ Separation of components into pure material streams in commercial operation or sunset date set for multimaterial designs
- ✓ Industrial-scale plants in operation, international business established
- ✓ ***Finland's target: Chemical or other recycling technology in commercial scale, complementing mechanical recycling and providing products for food contact***
- ✓ ***Finland's target in line with EU targets***

Recyclability of different multimaterials



2023

- ✓ **Testing** with matrix of **technologies** and materials
- ✓ **LCA approach studies** for different multimaterials
Desktop case studies for alternative routes: material-streams, recycling technologies and recycling products
- ✓ Rough level of **mapping of** Finnish grocery **plastic packaging waste streams**
What in theory could or should end up in mechanical recycling or in chemical recycling. Where are the gaps?
- ✓ Defining key **technical challenges and development targets for both mechanical and chemical recycling** of multimaterial plastics

Recyclability of different multimaterials



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- ✓ **Re-designing of products** so that the multilayers can be easily separated from each other
- ✓ **Industrial scale-up projects** to commercialise the developed technologies for multi-material plastic waste recycling

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- ✓ **Continuous development of technologies**

Collection and sorting system



2023

- ✓ **Easy sorting technologies and procedures**; including target markets
- ✓ **Analysis of current sorting facilities**, capacity requirements vs. sorting accuracy
- ✓ Demonstrations of the **closed loop recycling methods**, e.g. digital water marks, for certain multilayer fractions
Investments in post sorting of residual waste is required.
- ✓ Evaluation of the potential of **data-driven solutions** and distributed identification of materials to improve the collection and sorting of plastics
- ✓ **Roadmap, how to add all plastic items in the separate plastic collection**; not only packaging

Collection and sorting system



2027

- ✓ **Traceability and knowledge as a part of product history**; development of advanced identification technologies and robotics for separation
- ✓ Readiness to use the **watermarking technology** developed in the current projects
- ✓ Develop of **techniques to handle risks of hazardous components** in the processes
- ✓ **First application** in use in Finland, where **plastic is separated from mixed municipal waste**

Integrated recycling technologies



2023

- ✓ Research on **recycling technologies for multi-material grocery packaging**
- ✓ Further research of the **pretreatment needs for the chemical recycling**; providing the possible additional demands for mechanical recycling step

2027

- ✓ Development of **recycling of new biobased polymers**
- ✓ **First sorting facilities in use**, which are feeding mechanical & chemical recycling.
- ✓ **Pilot-scale demonstrations** of integrated recycling technologies

Integrated recycling technologies



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- ✓ **Right recycling technologies are used** and further developed for the right plastic waste fractions
- ✓ Good **optimisation between advanced mechanical and chemical sorting**, where the selected recycling process depends on the quality of available raw material, on the recycling sustainability, and on the desired application. Through this we can replace virgin plastics with recycled.

Design for Recycling



2023

- ✓ Development of common **targets and** approved **tools for Design for Recycling of multilayer packages**
Integration also with recyclability research.
- ✓ **LCA studies** about monomaterial and multimaterial **packaging alternatives**.
- ✓ Implementation and further design of the **eco-modulation** fee structure

2027

- ✓ Development of understanding on the **impact of monomaterial approaches on circularity**
- ✓ Design of **closed-loop recycling value chains**

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- ✓ **Established market for recycled plastic materials**, transparent value chains in place.
- ✓ Standardized tools to evaluate degree of **decoupling from fossil feedstock**.

New business models and approaches



2023

- ✓ **Market study in selected countries** to create an understanding of the market status, infrastructures, regulatory frameworks and general acceptance
- ✓ **Packaging material as a service**

2027

- ✓ **Design of potential business models** for international markets
- ✓ **Developing tools to measure** the effect of plastic packaging choices on **sustainability**

Sorting of bio-degradable packaging



2023

- ✓ **Recycling technologies** and routes **for bio-degradable materials and their combinations**
- ✓ **Separation of fibers and coatings** improved

2027

- ✓ **Recognicing** and **separation** from plastic streams