

# 4 Recycling ecosystem RDI roadmap

Plastics and composites in construction industry

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**SYSTEMIC CHALLENGE**

that stems from diversified waste material streams

**FUNCTIONAL BIO-BASED AND CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS FOR RETAIL PACKAGING**



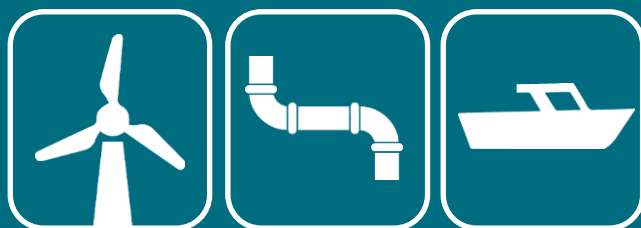
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**PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**



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





# PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



**GOALS** → **2025** → **2030** → **2035**

Collection methods for plastic waste streams from construction sites developed

Biobased or recycled material solutions in construction use demonstrated successfully

Recycling Infrastructure ready and running for selected applications.

<b>Recycling technologies of multimaterial construction plastics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification methods enabling biocomposite separation from other waste streams</li> <li>• Conversion of biocomposites using pyrolysis and the possible use of pyrolysis products in novel products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The separation systems for multimaterial construction plastics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost efficient processes to be developed for recycling</li> </ul>
<b>Recycling of biocomposites or product including a biobased component</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on recognizing the recyclable fractions of construction waste and identification of recycling options for them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on recognizing the recyclable fractions of construction waste and identification of recycling options for them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous Development of technologies</li> </ul>
<b>Recycling system and infrastructure for construction plastics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection methods for plastic waste streams from construction sites</li> <li>• PPP (Public-private partnership) system for recycled plastic products / market demand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the use of different virgin or recycled bio-based fibres in biocomposites</li> <li>• Environmental sustainability and economic feasibility of biocomposite products compared to a product manufactured using competing traditional materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminating plastic waste from new construction as well as demolition sites.</li> </ul>
<b>Biobased components for construction industry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficient methods and equipment for producing bio-based plastics in large quantities for the demands of construction industry</li> <li>• Research on development of recycled fibres in biocomposites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the bio-based additives and fire-retardants.</li> <li>• LCA of the whole product lifecycles.</li> </ul>	
<b>The use of recycled materials in construction sector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on recognizing the material recycling and clear flows for recycling</li> <li>• Understanding on the possibility to group different plastic and/or composite waste streams together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding on the most feasible end-of-life treatments and recovery options for biocomposites proven through LCA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New products for recycled fibres in biocomposites and biobased components with proper recycling options</li> </ul>

# Development of the recycling system and infrastructure for construction plastics



NOW

- ✓ State- of-the-art of the recycling system and infrastructure for construction plastics
- ✓ Definition what kind of plastics could be replaced in construction.
- ✓ Recycling rate for current materials understood.

# Recycling technologies of multimaterial construction plastics, biocomposites or product including a biobased component

2025

- ✓ Development of the separation systems for multimaterial construction plastics
- ✓ Development of the identification methods enabling biocomposite separation from other waste streams
- ✓ Development of conversion of biocomposites using pyrolysis and the possible use of pyrolysis products in novel products
- ✓ Screening of main enzymatic technologies and their industrial feasibility which could be applied to the recycling of biocomposites
- ✓ Development of the recycling for materials including hazardous components
- ✓ Development of the recycling methods for insulation materials from demolition.

# Recycling technologies of multimaterial construction plastics, biocomposites or product including a biobased component

2025

- ✓ Research on recognizing the recyclable fractions of construction waste and identification of recycling options for them
- ✓ Understanding on the effect of biocomposite when entering the homogenous recycled polymer stream  
Effect of biodegradable biocomposite within recycled biocomposite stream
- ✓ Understanding on the location and quantity of existing biocomposite wastes in EU
- ✓ Understanding on the possibility to group different plastic and/or composite waste streams together
- ✓ Understanding on the most feasible end-of-life treatments and recovery options for biocomposites proven through LCA



# Recycling technologies of multimaterial construction plastics, biocomposites or product including a biobased component

2030

- ✓ Demonstrations of the use of recycled materials in construction
- ✓ Development of thermochemical processes for recycling of multimaterials and end-uses for conversion products.
- ✓ Development of the efficiency of thermochemicals conversions.
- ✓ Demonstration of technologies for large scale recycling of biocomposites and biobased material





# Recycling technologies of multimaterial construction plastics, biocomposites or product including a biobased component

2035

- ✓ Cost efficient processes to be developed for recycling
- ✓ Infrastructure to support processes constructed in this time frame
- ✓ Continuous development of technologies.





# Development of the recycling system and infrastructure for construction plastics



2025

- ✓ Collection methods for plastic waste streams from construction sites
- ✓ PPP (Public-private partnership) system for recycled plastic products / market demand
- ✓ Development of the recycling system and infrastructure so that all material from construction is recycled
- ✓ Increasing understanding how thoroughly materials with different raw material base need to be separated for efficient recycling to enable the utilization of material in novel products
- ✓ Development of the methods to have better picture what kind of plastics are used in construction stages, processes or packaging.
- ✓ Development of the reuse options for plastic tubes and insulation materials from demolition.
- ✓ The trace and tracking practice needs to be developed for the materials.

# Development of the recycling system and infrastructure for construction plastics



2030

- ✓ Eliminating plastic waste from new construction as well as demolition sites.
- ✓ Meaning that all plastics will eventually find their way to recycling and new uses, and new buildings are designed so that this disassembly and recycling at end-of-use will be easy.

# Development of the biobased components for construction industry



2025

- ✓ Efficient methods and equipment for producing bio-based plastics in large quantities for the demands of construction industry
- ✓ Research and development of biobased components and readiness to use existing manufacturing facilities
- ✓ Maintaining or improving fibre properties in thermoplastics processing (extrusion, injection moulding) to produce biocomposites
- ✓ Development of the use of different virgin or recycled bio-based fibres in biocomposites
- ✓ Development of the products out of recycled heterogeneous material streams
- ✓ Development of the interoperability of biocomposites with the traditional thermoplastics processing equipment
- ✓ Environmental sustainability and economic feasibility of biocomposite products compared to a product manufactured using competing traditional materials

# Development of the use of recycled materials in construction sector



2025

- ✓ Research on development of recycled fibres in biocomposites

2030

- ✓ Development of the end-uses for recycled materials in construction sector.
- ✓ Development of new products for recycled fibres in biocomposites and biobased components with proper recycling options

# Development of the biobased components for construction industry



2030

- ✓ Biobased raw material available for manufacturing, recycling system ready
- ✓ Development of the bio-based additives and fire-retardants.
- ✓ LCA of the whole product lifecycles.
- ✓ Design of innovative business models to support the system change