



# 4R 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  
PACKAGING IN  
GROCERY TRADE**



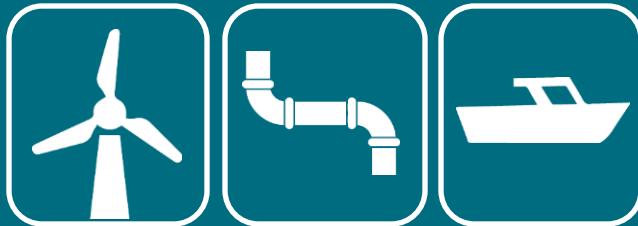
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**PLASTICS AND  
COMPOSITES IN  
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**RECYCLING OF  
BULKY FIBRE-  
REINFORCED  
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# PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

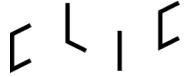
## GOALS → 2025 → 2030 → 2035

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.





# Development of the recycling system and infrastructure for construction plastics

## NOW

- ✓ State- of-the-art of the recycling system and infrastucture 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.

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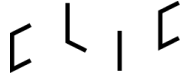
- ✓ Research on recognizing the recyclable fractions of construction waste and identification of recycling options for them
- ✓ Understanding on the effect of biocomposite when entering the homogenous recycled polymer stream  
Effect of biodegradable biocomposite within recycled biocomposite stream
- ✓ 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.

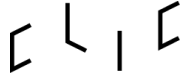




# Development of the recycling system and infrastructure for construction plastics

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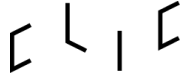
- ✓ Collection methods for plastic waste streams from construction sites
- ✓ PPP (Public-private partnership) system for recycled plastic products / market demand
- ✓ Development of the recycling system and infrastructure so that all material from construction is recycled
- ✓ Increasing understanding 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.



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## 2030

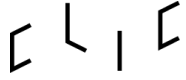
- ✓ Eliminating plastic waste from new construction as well as demolition sites.
- ✓ Meaning that all plastics will eventually find their way to recycling and new uses, and new buildings are designed so that this disassembly and recycling at end-of-use will be easy.



# Development of the biobased components for construction industry

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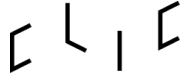
- ✓ Efficient methods and equipment for producing bio-based plastics in large quantities for the demands of construction industry
- ✓ Research and development of biobased components and readiness to use existing manufacturing facilities
- ✓ Maintaining or improving fibre properties in thermoplastics 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 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



# 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