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# Recovery of materials from End-of-Life PV Panels in a Life Cycle Assessment perspective

*Napoli, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

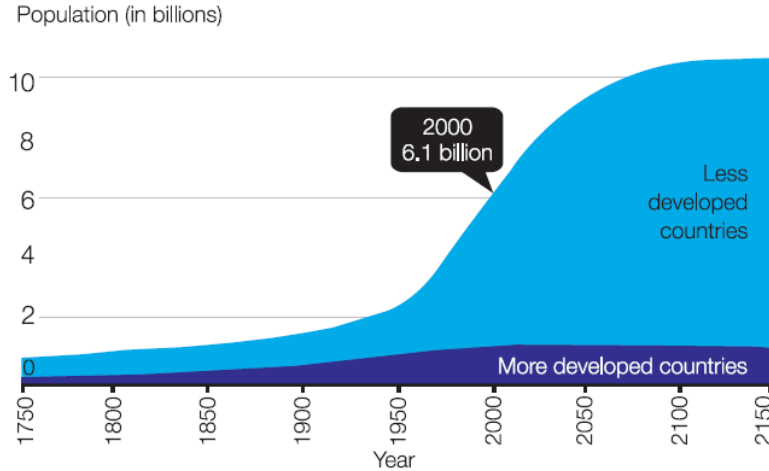
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# The economic system



Exploitation of natural  
resources and services

- Increasing levels of pollution
- Resource depletion
- Species loss and ecosystem degradation



# The economic system

## LINEAR ECONOMY

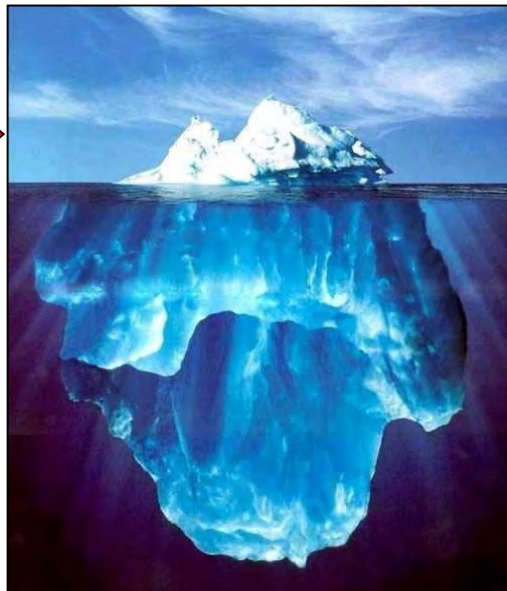
- Resource extraction
- Production of goods and / or services
- End of life



# 'Wasteberg'...what does it mean?

**Municipal Waste**

tip of the "wasteberg"



- Municipal waste
- Supply chain waste
- Airborne and waterborne emissions
- Wastewaters

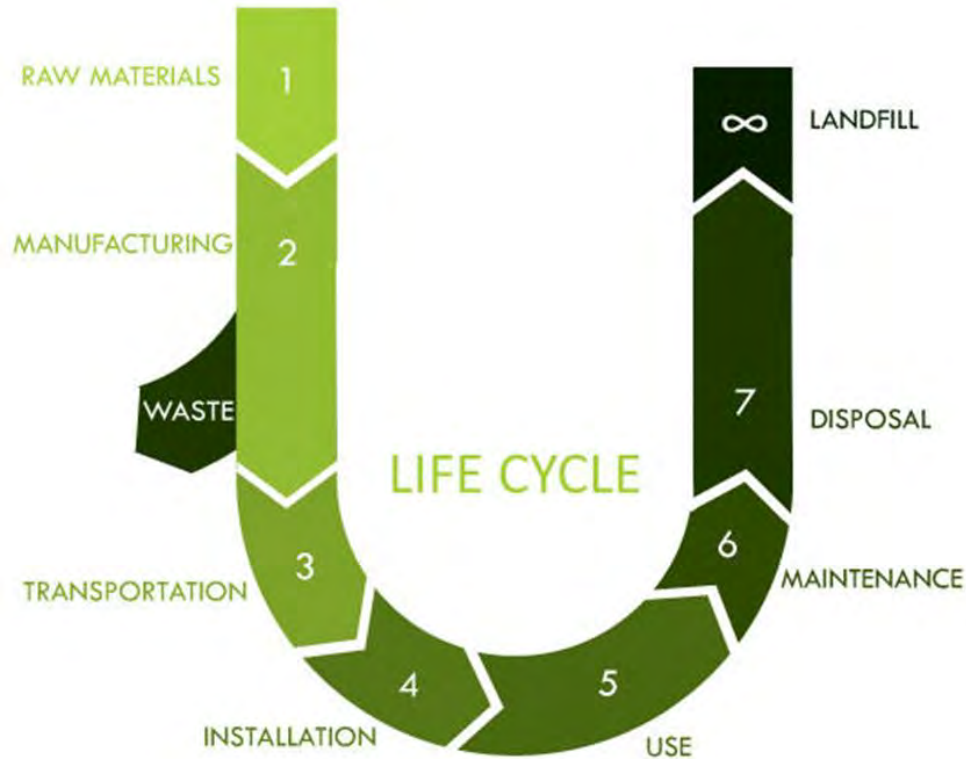


**Upstream  
manufacturing waste**  
is 70 times greater

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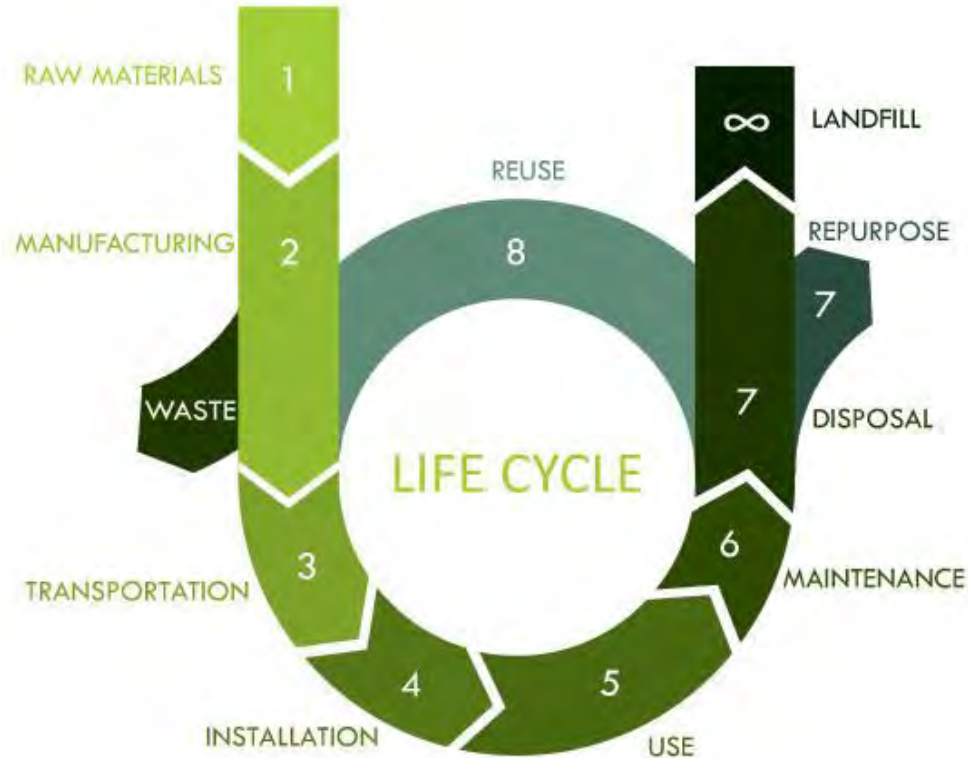
# The search for solutions

From this...



# The search for solutions

...to this



# The search for solutions



## THIS IS WHAT WE KNOW

- ▶ Growing demand for goods
- ▶ Unsustainable use of resources
- ▶ Climate change is happening
- ▶ Fossil energy supplies are dwindling



## THIS IS WHAT THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY DOES...

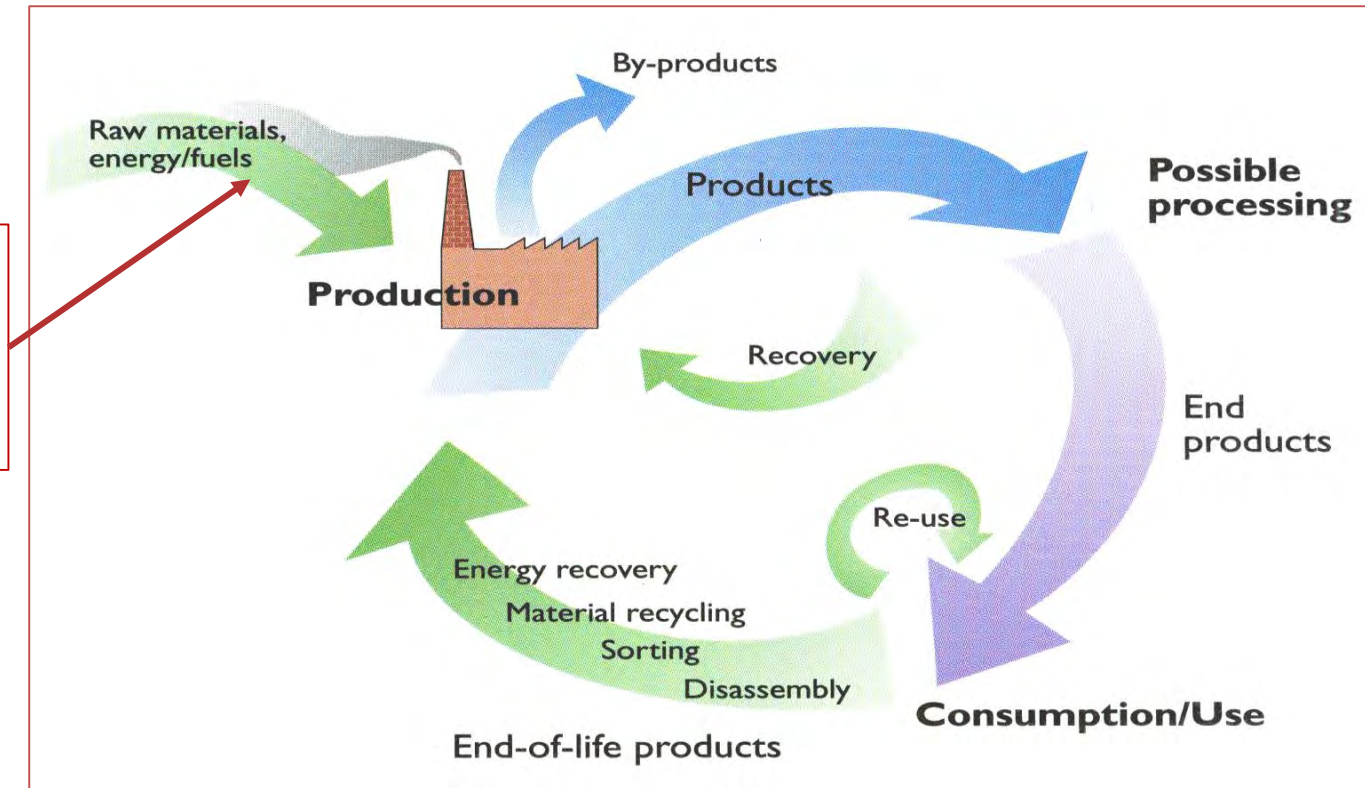
- ▶ Saves and values scarce resources
- ▶ Cut GHG and environmental impacts
- ▶ Makes the economy more sustainable
- ▶ Creates new business opportunities and jobs

## THIS IS THE OUTCOME...

The circular economy package brings the pieces together – production, consumption, secondary raw materials, waste management, innovation & investment- to cover the whole product lifecycle



# Identify hotspots and alternatives in each process step



- Design,
- renewability,
- quality of sources,
- supply chain



# Circular economy monitoring framework

## 1 EU self-sufficiency for raw materials

The share of a selection of key materials (including critical raw materials) used in the EU that are produced within the EU

## 2 Green public procurement

The share of major public procurements in the EU that include environmental requirements

## 3a-c Waste generation

Generation of municipal waste per capita; total waste generation (excluding major mineral waste) per GDP unit and in relation to domestic material consumption

## 4 Food waste

Amount of food waste generated

## 7a-b Contribution of recycled materials to raw materials demand

Secondary raw materials' share of overall materials demand - for specific materials and for the whole economy

## 8 Trade in recyclable raw materials

Imports and exports of selected recyclable raw materials

## 5a-b Overall recycling rates

Recycling rate of municipal waste and of all waste except major mineral waste

## 6a-f Recycling rates for specific waste streams

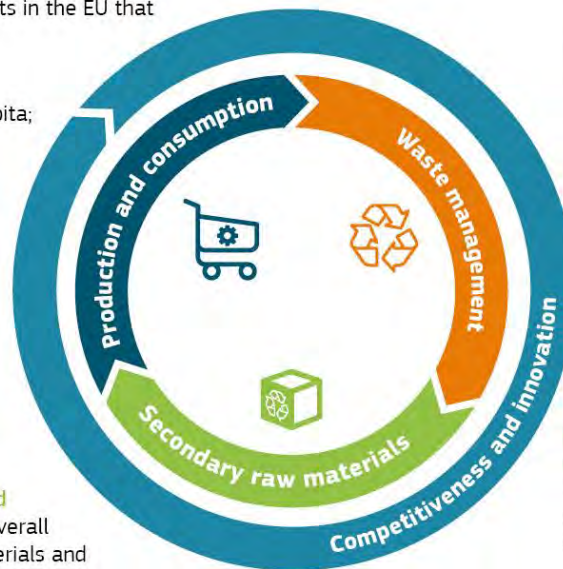
Recycling rate of overall packaging waste, plastic packaging, wood packaging, waste electrical and electronic equipment, recycled biowaste per capita and recovery rate of construction and demolition waste

## 9a-c Private investments, jobs and gross value added

Private investments, number of persons employed and gross value added in the circular economy sectors

## 10 Patents

Number of patents related to waste management and recycling

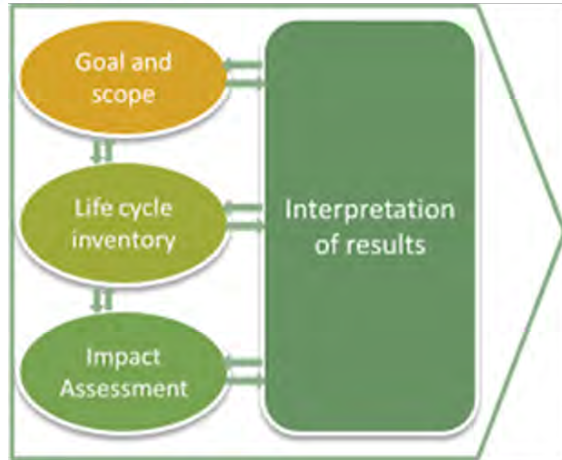


# LIFE CYCLE THINKING

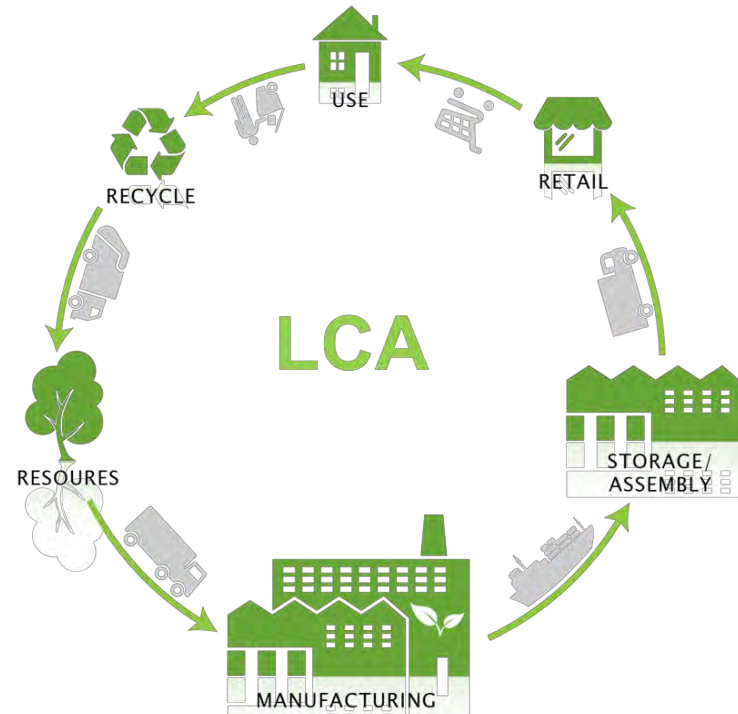
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## Life Cycle Assessment Framework



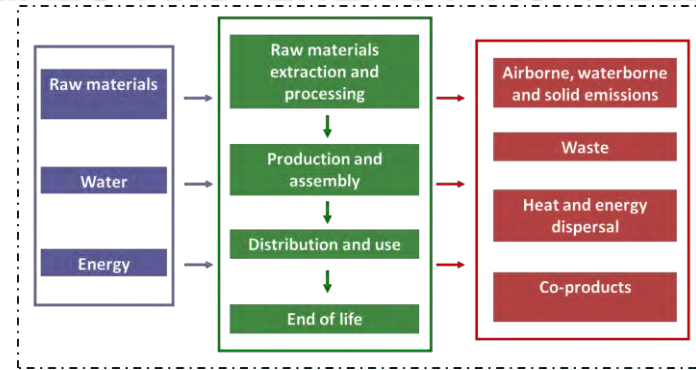
# LIFE CYCLE THINKING

## ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM

DEFINED AS THE SOURCE OF INPUT MATERIALS AND ENERGY AS WELL AS THE SINK OF ALL EMISSIONS



## PRODUCT SYSTEM



DEFINED AS THE SET OF SUB-PROCESSES AND OPERATIVE STEPS HAVING THE FUNCTION OF GENERATING A USEFUL PRODUCT. IT IS SEPARATED FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM BY WELL IDENTIFIED BOUNDARIES, BUT IT IS LINKED TO THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH INPUT AND OUTPUT FLOWS.

# LIFE CYCLE THINKING

IMPACTS CAN BE DEFINED AT DIFFERENT LEVELS AND EVALUATION POINTS:

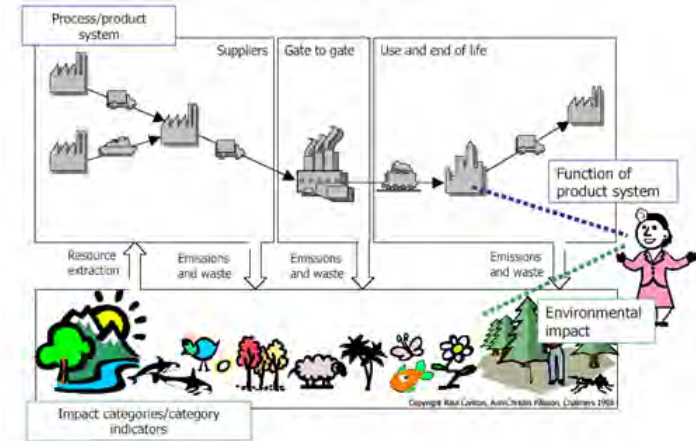
## - MID POINT: BIOPHYSICAL EFFECTS

(acidification, eutrophication, etc);

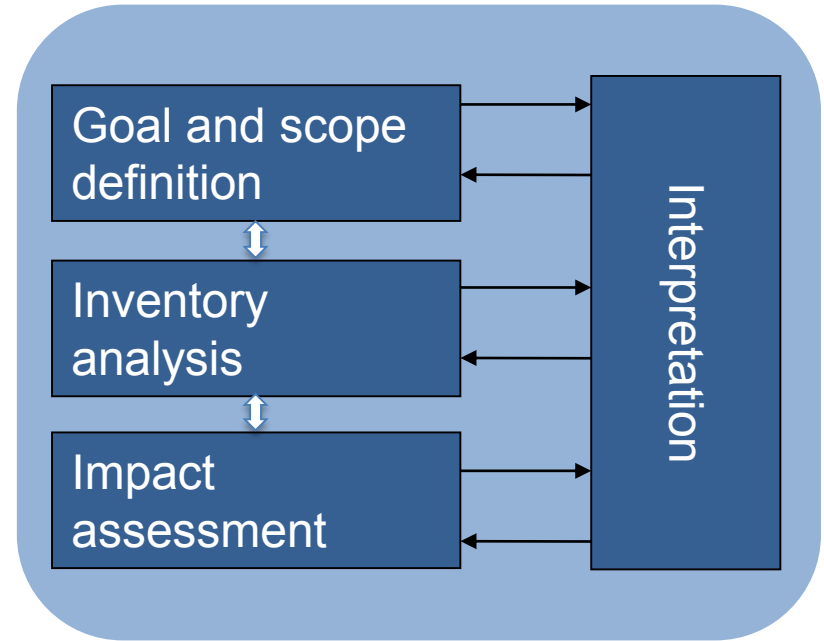
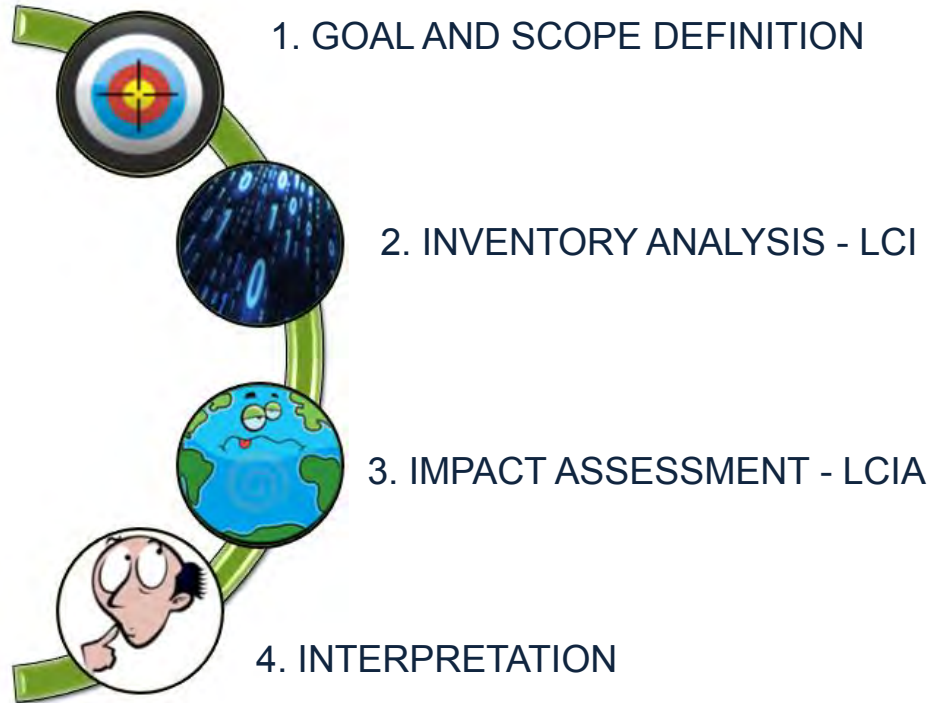
## - END POINT: DAMAGE EFFECTS

(biodiversity loss, health damage, etc).

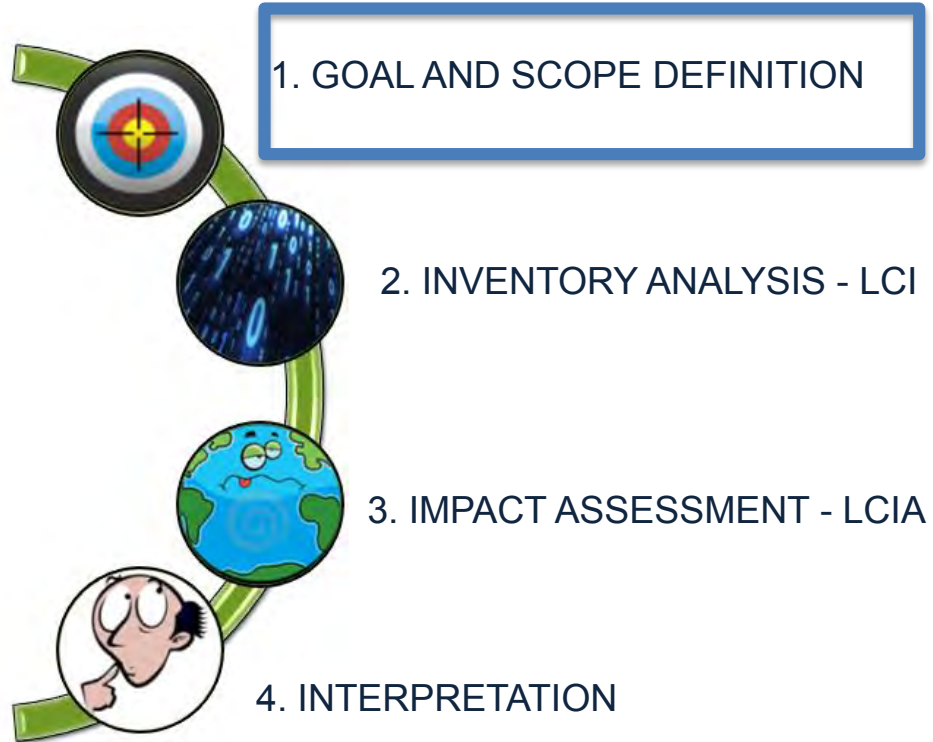
In each impact category, impacts are quantified through indicators.



# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)



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## Goal and Scope definition

It is important to establish what purpose the model is to serve, what one wishes to study, what depth and degree of accuracy are required

## Functional Unit

The functional unit defines the service that needs to be delivered

## Boundaries

Physical, geographical, temporal

# FUNCTIONAL UNIT

The functional unit measures the unit functions provided by the outputs in the investigated “product system” (i.e. represents what will be compared). It is based on the function, not on the product (careful consideration of a product/service life time is needed).

*The function depends on the objective the systems and subsystems were designed for.*

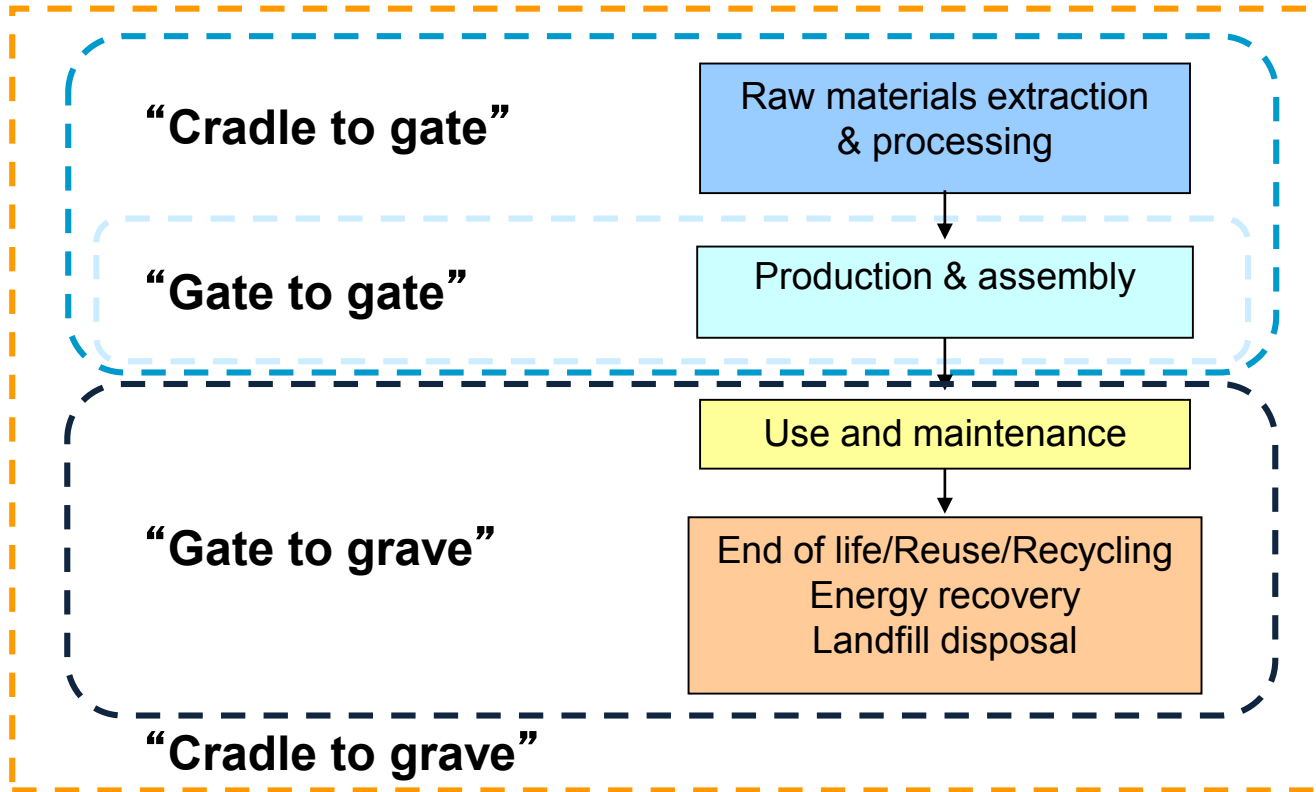
The REFERENCE FLOW must be defined for each elementary process.



**To be used in the INVENTORY (e.g. mass of inputs, volumes of gases, etc)**



# PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES



**Cradle to grave** – from mine to final disposal

**Cradle to gate** – From mine to product release

**Gate to gate** – only processing steps within the firm

**Gate to grave** – from product release to disposal after use, i.e. only after-production steps

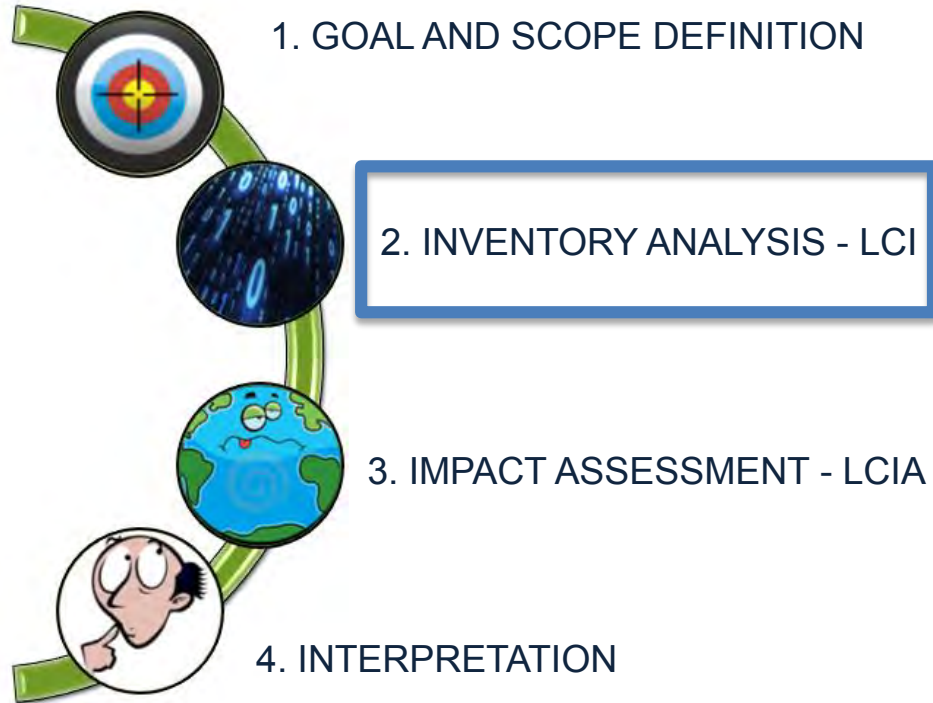
# Allocation

The allocation procedure must reflect a physical relation between flows and functions, in order to charge the impacts fairly and appropriately.

**When data refer to a process characterized by two or more products, then we must decide which fraction of each input or output flow must be assigned to each output product or service (e.g. electricity and heat from a power plant).**

**This procedure is named ALLOCATION. The allocation should be avoided whenever this is possible. However, input flows and emissions can be partitioned to the products according to their mass, energy, exergy content, or economic value.**

# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)



## PRIMARY DATA

data directly collected on field by the investigator, with and without the collaboration of process operators

## SECONDARY DATA

data representative of the process/sector dynamics, collected from literature or databases

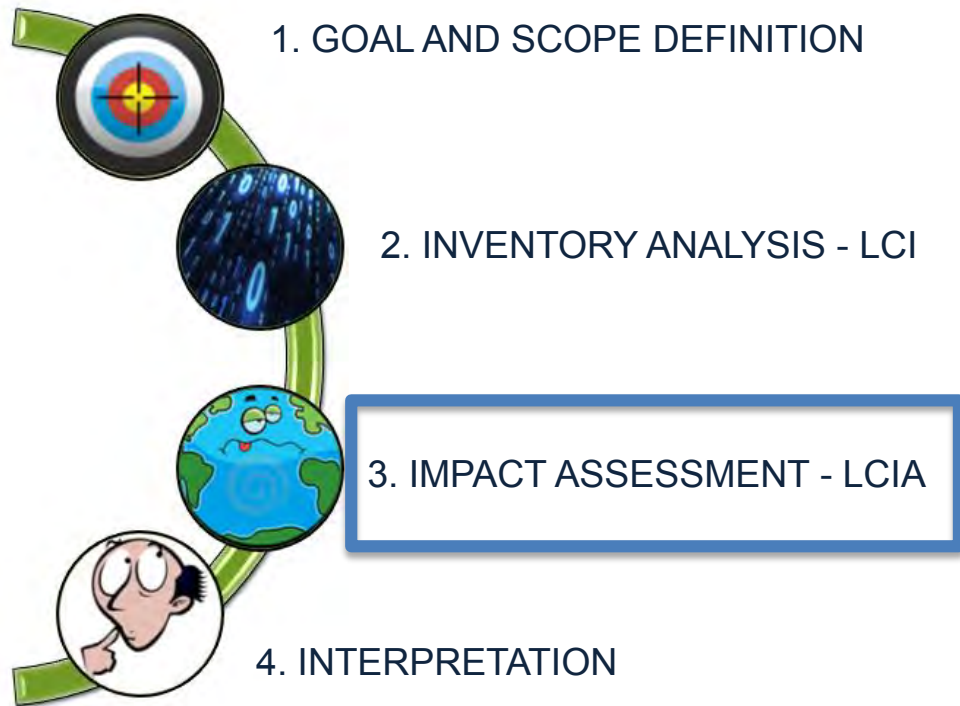
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DATA SOURCE	IMPORTANT FEATURES
REAL PROCESSES	Questionnaires, reports, manuals, agreements, communication tools
MODELS, ESTIMATES	Process models, extrapolation procedures, similarities with other models, assumptions, ecc
DATABASES, LITERATURE	Transparent structure, price of data sources, copyright, applicability
RESTRICTED DATABASES AND SOURCES	Confidentiality agreements, possibility to publish.

# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)



## OpenSource software

- OpenLCA
- Quantis SUITE 2.0

## Commercial software

- GaBi
- SimaPro
- Umberto LCA+
- EIME
- TEAM

# SimaPro software

Produced by PRé Consultants

Integrates with various databases,

Uses a more text/menu approach to modelling, rather than graphical approach

- Though graphical flowcharts can be viewed following data input

Calculates results using matrix inversion

For use by professionals at two levels (Analyst or Developer)

Server based, convenient for multiple users and for remote connection



# SimaPro - Databases



SimaPro includes various databases

Agri-footprint

AGRIBALYSE (optional)

DATASMART LCI package (optional)

ecoinvent (included by default, optional on request)

ELCD

Environmental Footprint database (optional)

ESU world food LCA database (optional)

European and Danish Input/Output database

EXIOBASE (optional)

IDEA Japanese Inventory database (optional)

Industry data library: PlasticsEurope, ERASM, World Steel

Social hotspots database (optional)

Swiss Input/Output database

US Life Cycle Inventory database

WEEE LCI database (optional)



# SimaPro - Methods



*SimaPro includes various methods*

## AWARE

Boulay et al 2011 (Human Health)

Cumulative Energy Demand (CED)

Ecological Scarcity 2006 (Water Scarcity)

EDIP 2003

Environmental Prices

Greenhouse Gas Protocol

IMPACT 2002+

Pfister et al 2009 (Eco-indicator 99)

ReCiPe 2016 Endpoint

TRACI 2.1

## BEES+

Boulay et al 2011 (Water Scarcity)

Cumulative Energy Demand (LHV)

Ecological scarcity 2013

EF Method (adapted)

EPD 2018

Hoekstra et al 2012 (Water Scarcity)

IPCC 2013

Pfister et al 2009 (Water Scarcity)

ReCiPe 2016 Midpoint

USEtox 2

## Berger et al 2014 (Water Scarcity)

CML-IA

Cumulative Exergy Demand

Ecosystem Damage Potential

Environmental Footprint (EF)

EPS 2015d/ dx

ILCD 2011 Midpoint+

Motoshita et al 2010 (Human Health)

Pfister et al 2010 (ReCiPe)

Selected LCI results

# SimaPro - Inputs

The screenshot displays the SimaPro software interface. The main window is titled 'SimaPro' and includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Calculate, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar. The left sidebar contains several sections for data entry:

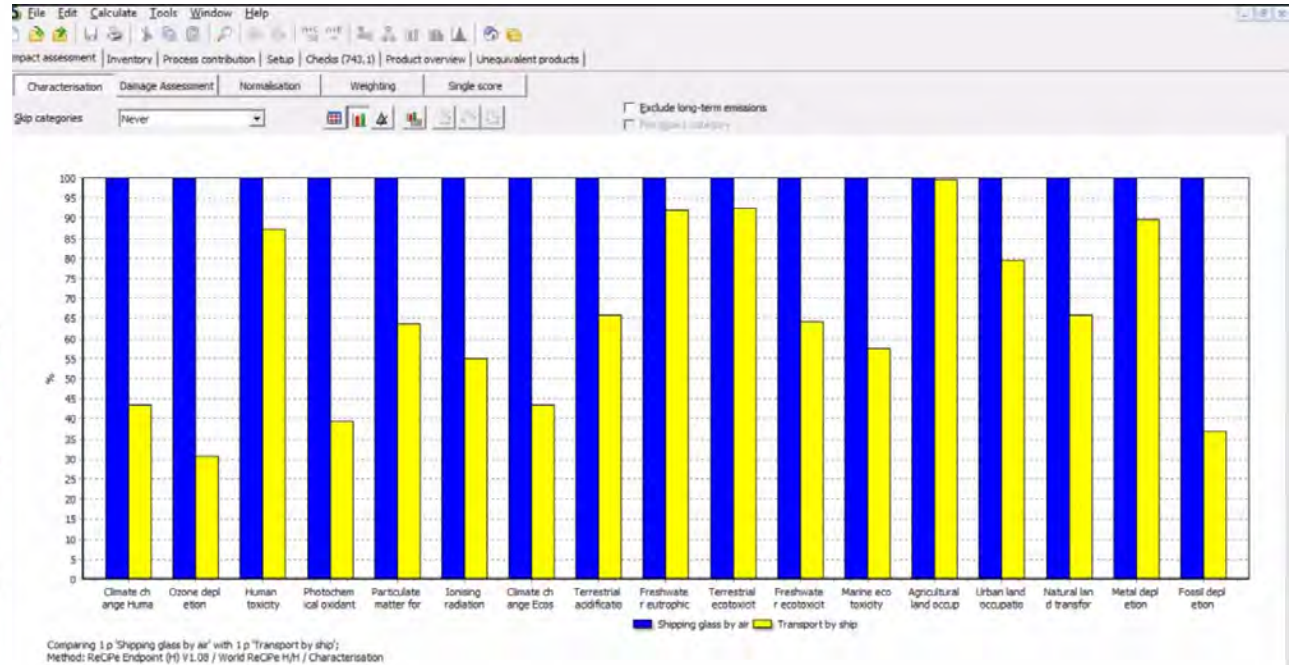
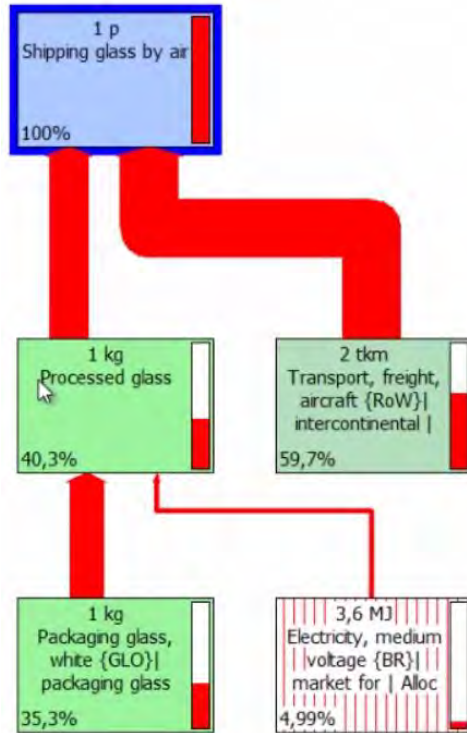
- Known outputs to technosphere. Products and co-products:** Includes a table with 'Processed glass' and an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Known outputs to technosphere. Avoided products:** Includes a table with an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Known inputs from nature (resources):** Includes a table with an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Known inputs from technosphere (materials/fuels):** Includes a table with 'Packaging glass, white (GLO) | packaging glass production' and an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Known inputs from technosphere (electricity/heat):** Includes a table with an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Emissions to air:** Includes a table with an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Emissions to water:** Includes a table with an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Emissions to soil:** Includes a table with an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Final waste flows:** Includes a table with an '(Insert line here)' button.
- Non material emissions:** A section at the bottom.

The 'Select a product' dialog box is open in the center. It has a tree view on the left showing categories like Material, Energy, Biomass, Cogeneration, Electricity by fuel, Electricity country mix, High Voltage, Low Voltage, Medium Voltage, Market, Transformation, Production, Heat, Mechanical, Others, Transport, Processing, and Use. The 'Medium Voltage' category is expanded, and 'Electricity, medium voltage (GB) | market for | Alloc Def, U' is selected. The main table in the dialog lists the following products:

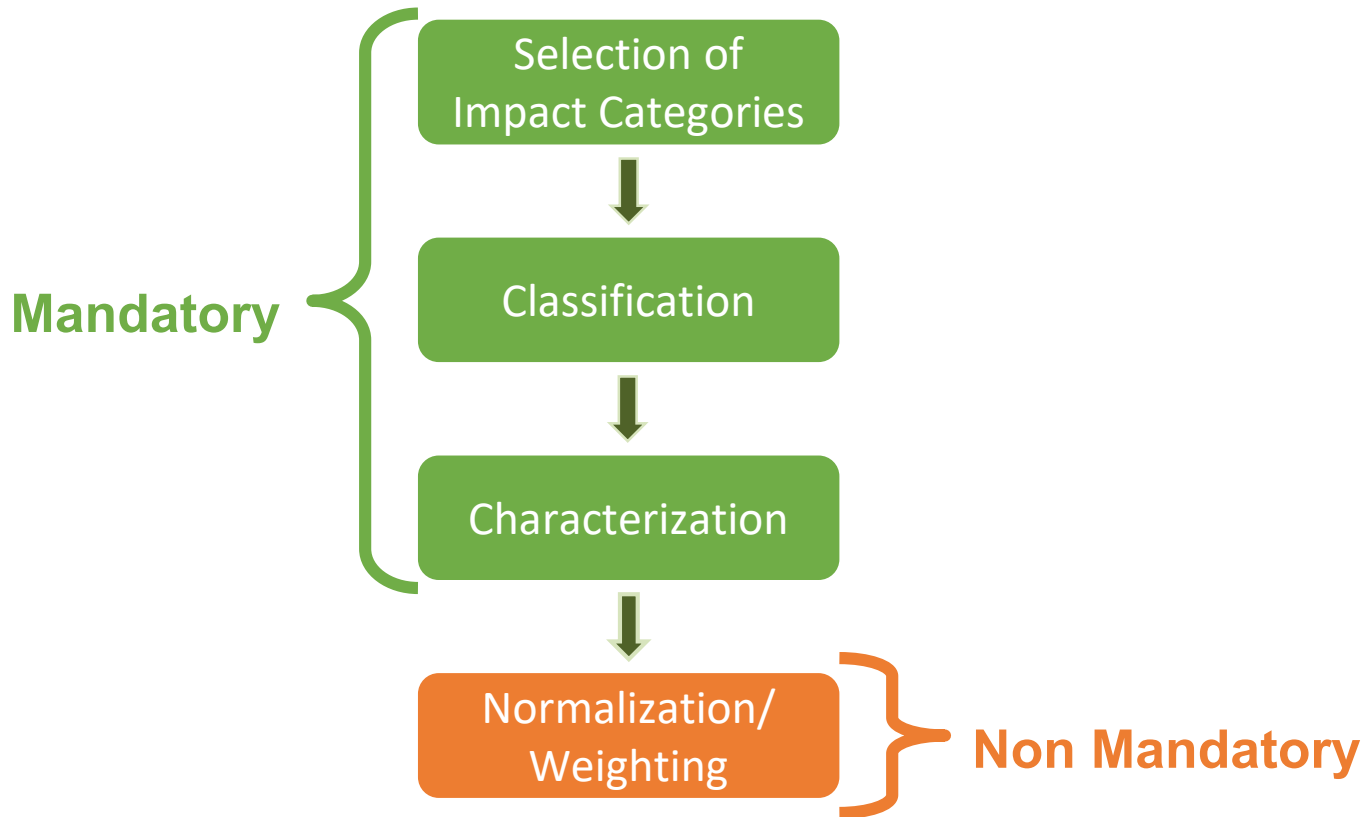
Name	Unit	Waste type	Project
Electricity, medium voltage (ASCC)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (AT)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (AU)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (BA)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (BE)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (BG)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (GB)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-AB)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-BC)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-NB)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-NF)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-NS)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-NT)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-NJ)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-ON)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2
Electricity, medium voltage (CA-PE)   market for   Alloc Def, U	kWh		Ecoinvent 3 - alloc2

At the bottom of the dialog, there is a description of the selected product: 'This dataset describes the electricity available on the medium voltage level in {{location}}. This is done by showing the transmission of 1kWh electricity at medium voltage. Production volume: 4050000000 kWh. Included activities start: This activity starts from 1kWh of electricity fed into the medium voltage transmission network. Included activities end: This activity ends with the transport of 1 kWh of medium voltage electricity in the transmission network over aerial lines and cables. This dataset includes:'. The dialog also has buttons for 'Select', 'New', 'View', 'End', 'Cancel', and 'Show as list'.

# SimaPro - Outputs

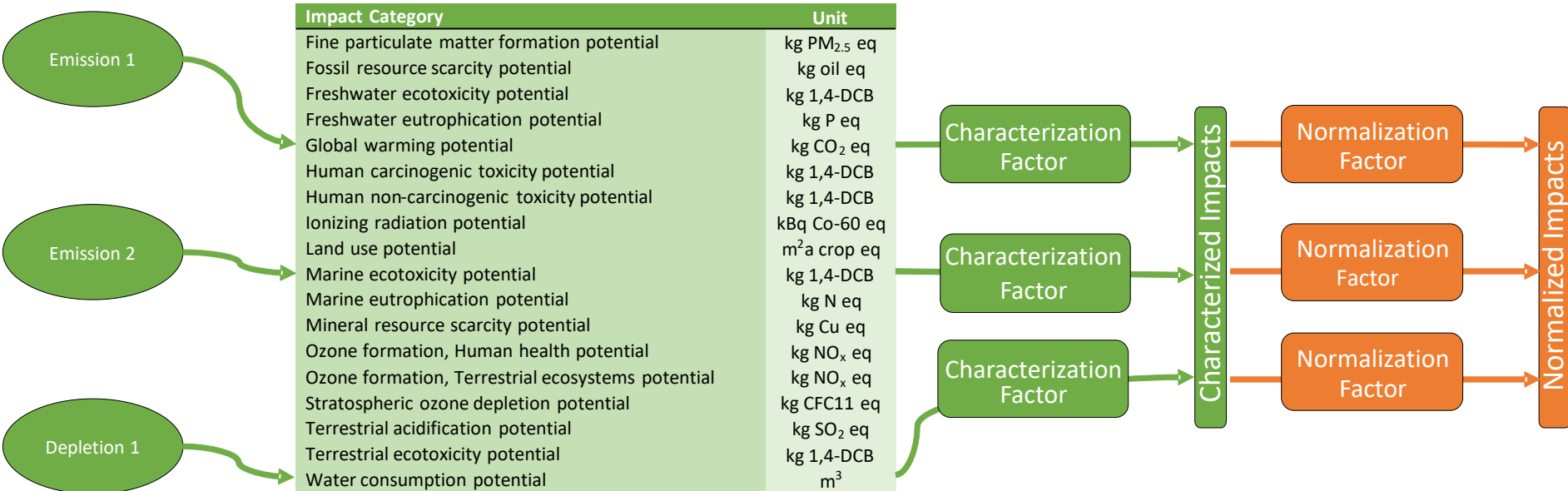


# Life Cycle Impact Assessment



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## Recipe Midpoint H Impact Method



# Life Cycle Impact Assessment

## POLLUTANTS DYNAMICS

### THREE (3) MAIN FACTORS

#### EMISSION

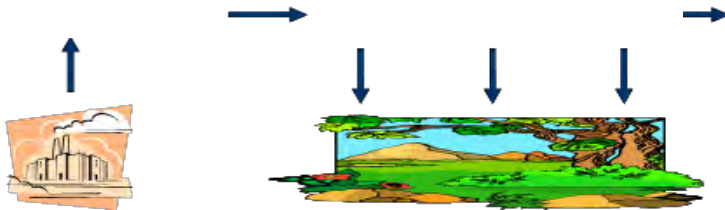
Release of noxious substances

#### TRANSMISSION

Substances undergo physico-chemical changes after being released to the environment

#### IMMISSION

Concentration or deposition of pollutants in their final destination site



# Life Cycle Impact Assessment

**Global impacts - G**

**Local impacts - L**

**Regional impacts -R**

**Photochemical  
oxidation**

**R L**

**Ozone layer**

**G**

**Global warming**

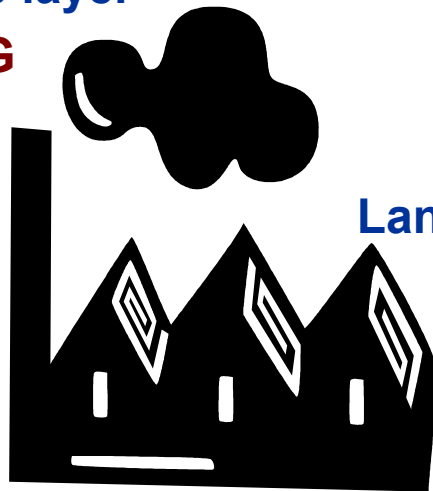
**G**

**Toxicity**

**R L**

**Land degradation**

**L**



**Eutrophication**

**R**

**Acidification**

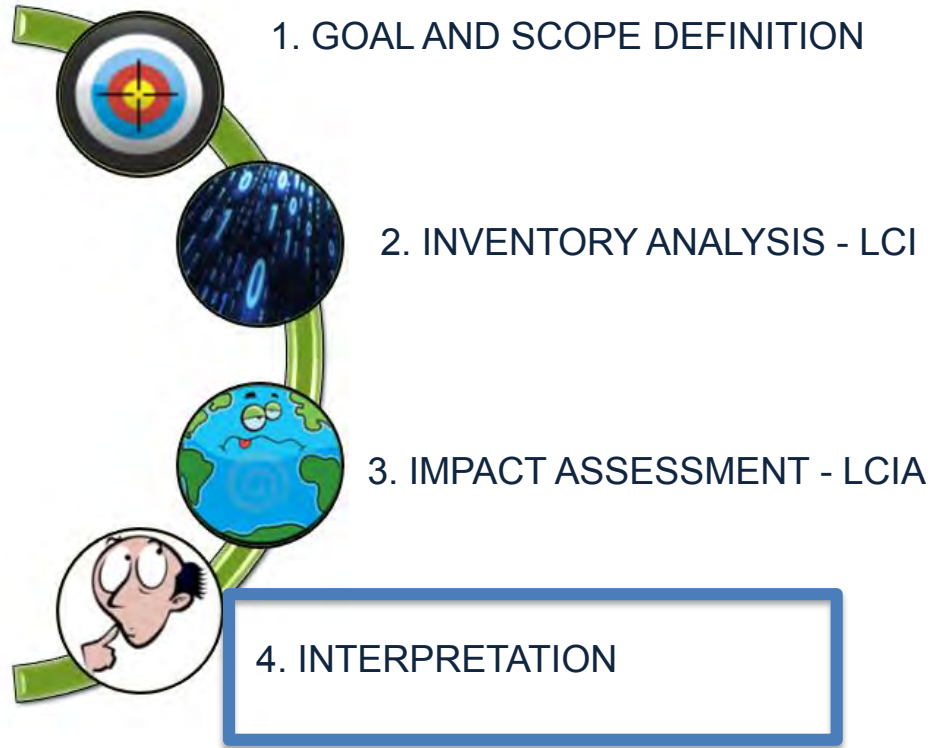
**R**

**Resource depletion**

**G**



# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)



## INTERPRETATION

Once the system has been analysed, this step aims at verifying if results are consistent with the goal and scope and if the procedure fits the ISO standards. Then improvements are suggested to minimize the environmental load.

# Case study – the ReSiELP project

## Recovery of Silicon and other materials from End-of-Life Photovoltaic Panels



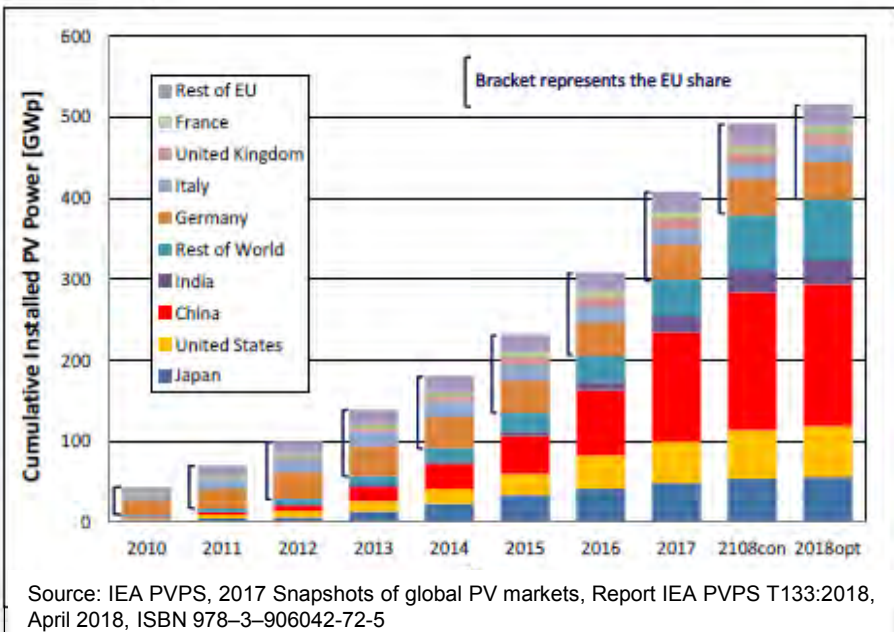
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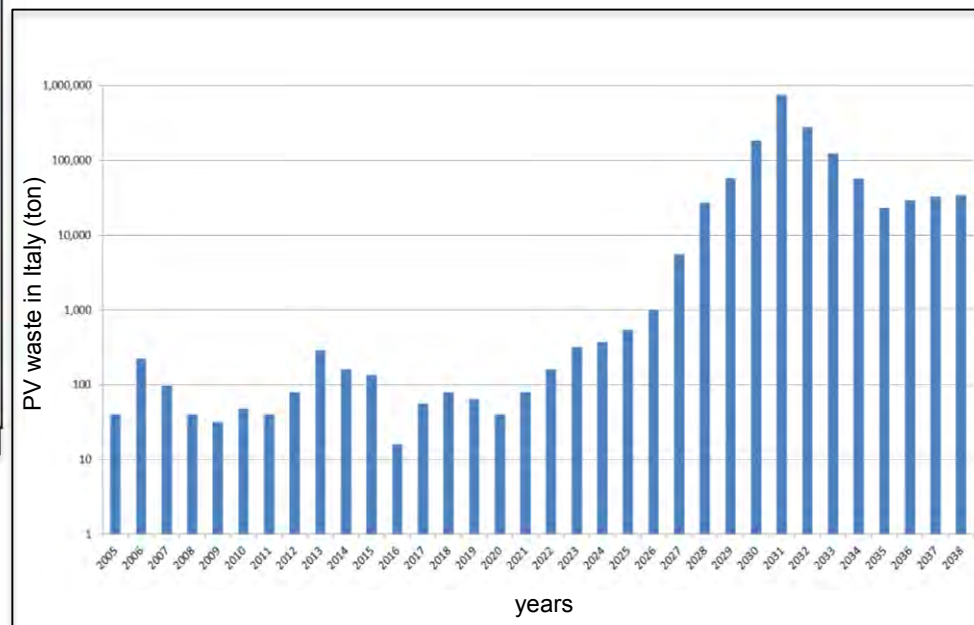
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# General context

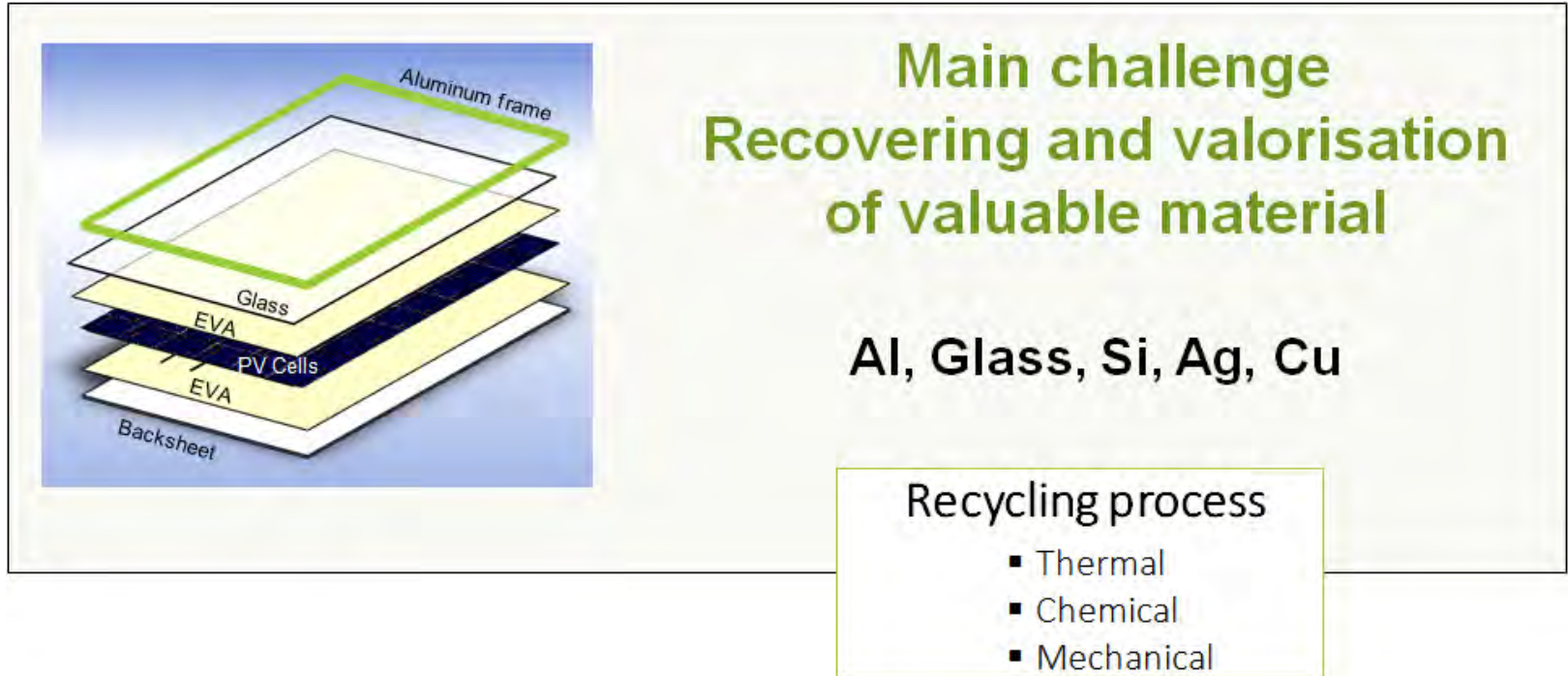


PV panels lifetime: ~ 25-30 years  
Cumulative EoL PV panels waste should exceed 60 million tonnes by 2050



# EoL PV panels management: opportunity and challenge

## VALUE CREATION & IMPLEMENTATION OF A CIRCULAR VALUE-CHAIN



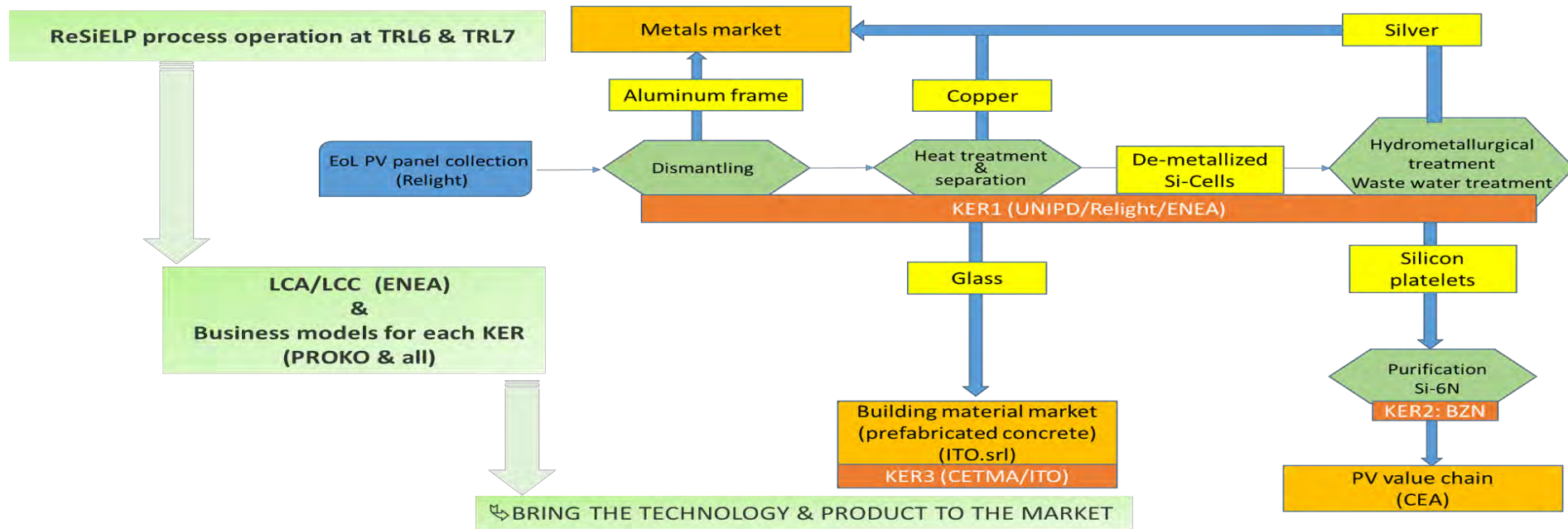
# EoL PV panels management: opportunity and challenge

Production per day – 108 kg PV panels  
(36 ton/y)



# ReSiELP value chain

## Recovery and valorization of materials (Si, Ag, Al, Cu and glass)





# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

## 1. GOAL AND SCOPE DEFINITION

The objectives of this LCA study are:

- identifying environmental hotspots and opportunities to improve the environmental performances (e.g. by reducing environmental loads) of the following processes:
  - from dismantling up to hydrometallurgical treatments, carried out at Relight plant – Recovery line (Northern Italy)
  - use of the recovered glass as inert in the concrete prefabricated building elements (predalles), implemented at ITO plant – Glass reuse line (Southern Italy)
  - silicon purification process, carried out at Bay Zoltan plant – Si purification line (Hungary)
- giving a general overview on the environmental performances of the developed recovery process.





# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process



## 1. GOAL AND SCOPE DEFINITION

The systems under study are two:

- A. System A, including two different lines: 1) the Recovery line and 2) the Glass reuse line. The function of this system consists in recovering/extracting aluminium, glass, copper, silver and silicon (2N purity grade) from EoL PV c-Si modules and in reusing the recovered glass in the Building & Construction sector;
- B. System B, related to the purification of silicon, from 4N to 6N purity grade. The function of this system consists in purifying silicon, so that it can be reused for the production of new PV panels.

# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

## 1. GOAL AND SCOPE DEFINITION



### SYSTEM A - FUNCTIONAL UNIT (F.U.):

**24 ton of EoL PV c-Si panels = 16.8 ton of recycled Glass = 654 predalles**



Recovery line



Glass reuse line

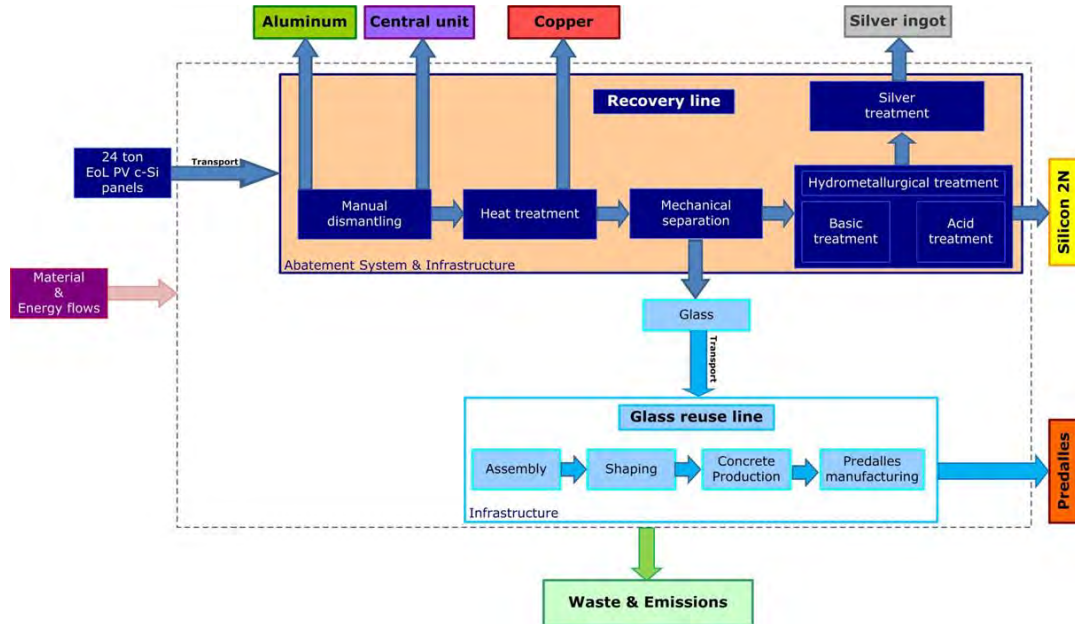
### SYSTEM B - FUNCTIONAL UNIT (F.U.):

**24 ton of EoL PV c-Si panels = 0.255 ton of Si 4N**  
(after a Si purification step up to 4N, with 80% assumed yield)

# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

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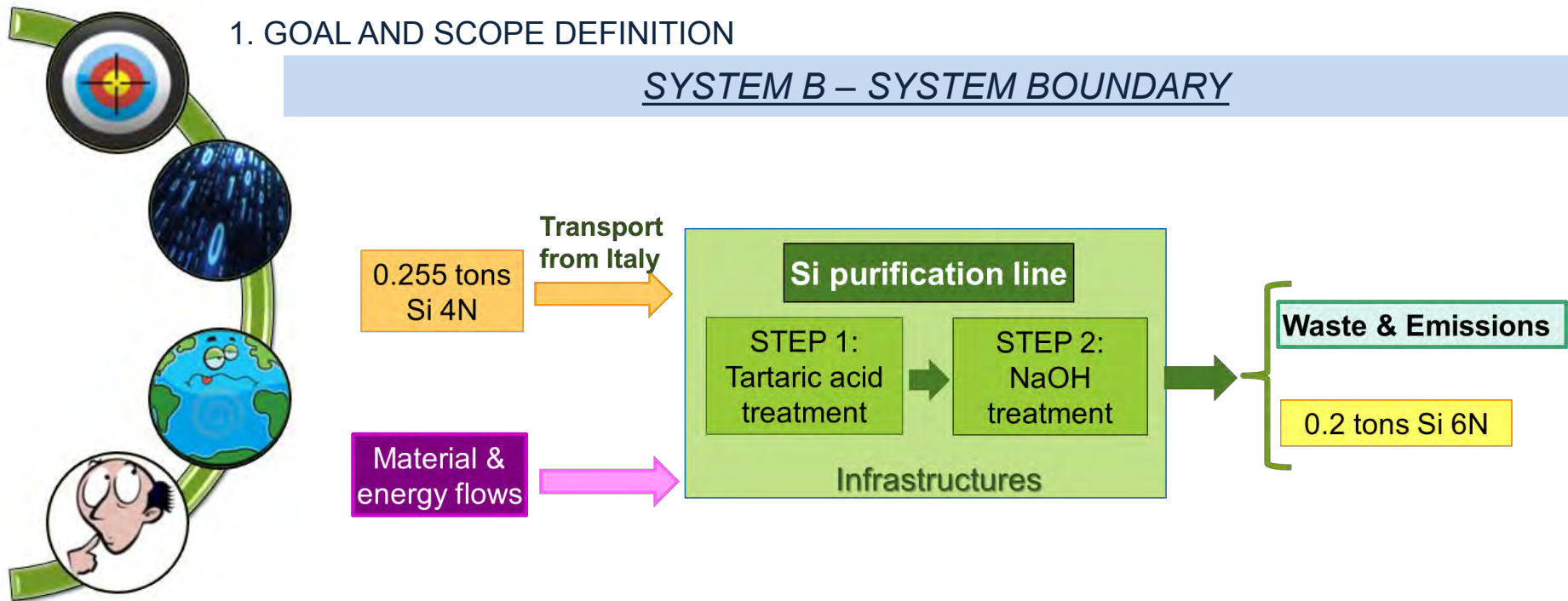
### SYSTEM A – SYSTEM BOUNDARY



# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

## 1. GOAL AND SCOPE DEFINITION

### SYSTEM B – SYSTEM BOUNDARY



# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process



## 2. INVENTORY ANALYSIS - LCI

- Primary data from direct surveys
- Secondary data from literature (scientific papers and databases)
- Tertiary data from estimates and similar operations, environmental statistics and average values.

# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process



## ReCiPe H Midpoint method

(Huijbregts *et al.*, 2016. ReCiPe 2016 A harmonized life cycle impact assessment method at midpoint and endpoint level. Report I: Characterization. RIVM Report 2016-0104. National Institute for Public Health and the Environment)

### 3. IMPACT ASSESSMENT - LCIA

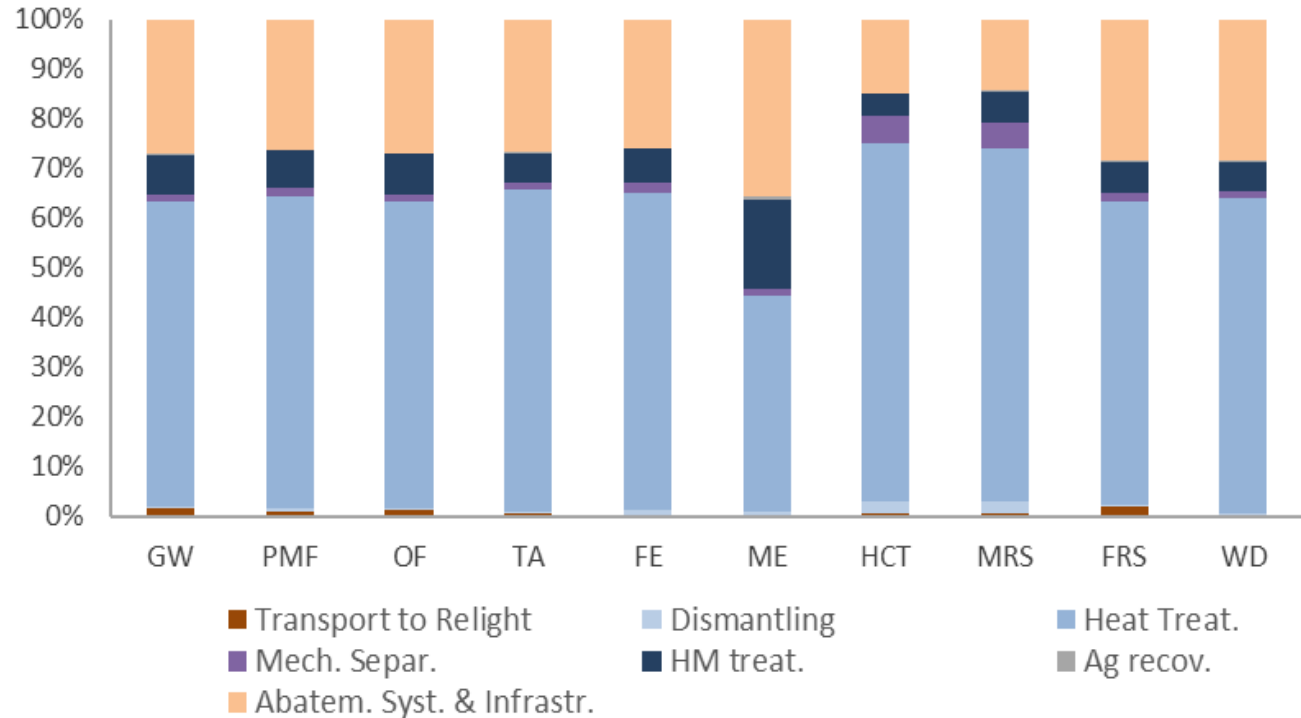
Which environmental impact categories were considered?

global warming (GW), fine particulate matter formation (PMF), ozone formation, terrestrial ecosystems (OF), terrestrial acidification (TA), freshwater eutrophication (FE), marine eutrophication (ME), human carcinogenic toxicity (HCT), mineral resource scarcity (MRS), fossil resource scarcity (FRS) and water consumption (WD)

# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

## SYSTEM A – Characterised impacts from the Recovery line

	Total	Unit
GW	3.36E+04	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
PMF	5.23E+01	kg PM2.5 eq
OF	7.10E+01	kg NO <sub>x</sub> eq
TA	1.56E+02	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
FE	1.24E+01	kg P eq
ME	1.49E+00	kg N eq
HCT	2.30E+03	kg 1,4-DCB
MRS	1.59E+02	kg Cu eq
FRS	9.54E+03	kg oil eq
WD	6.03E+02	m <sup>3</sup>

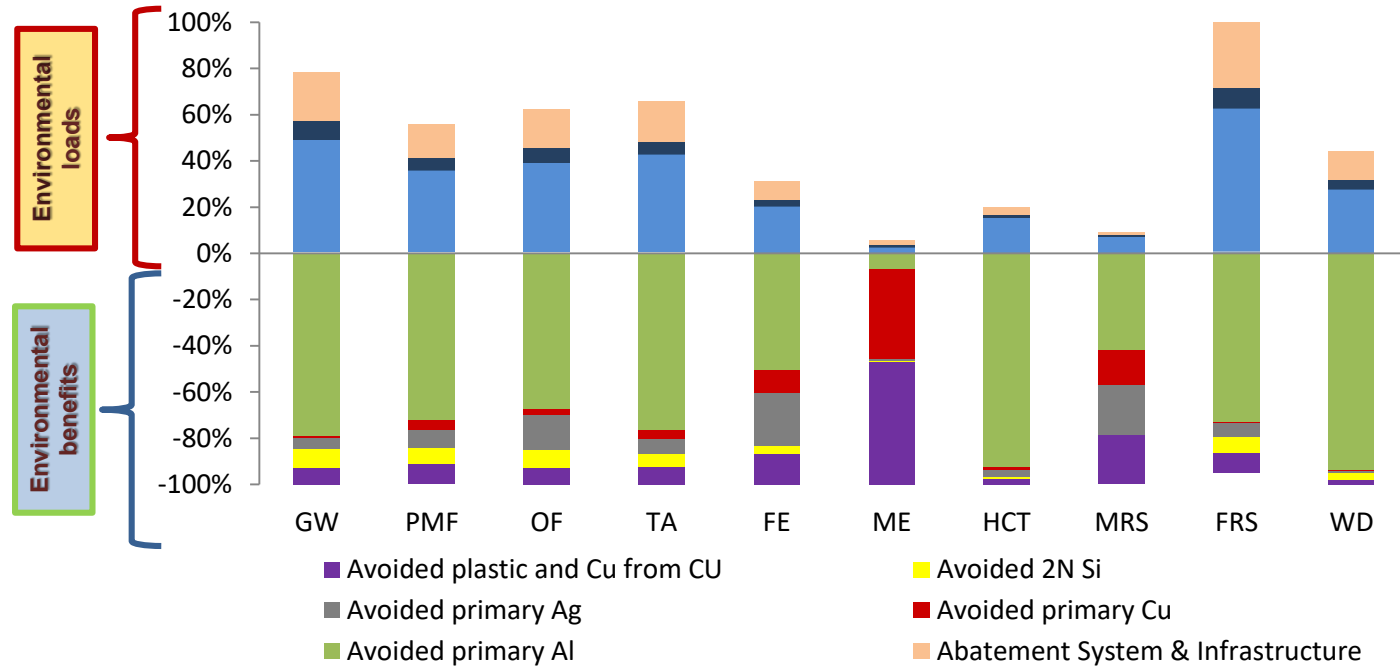




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## SYSTEM A – Characterised NET impacts from the Recovery line

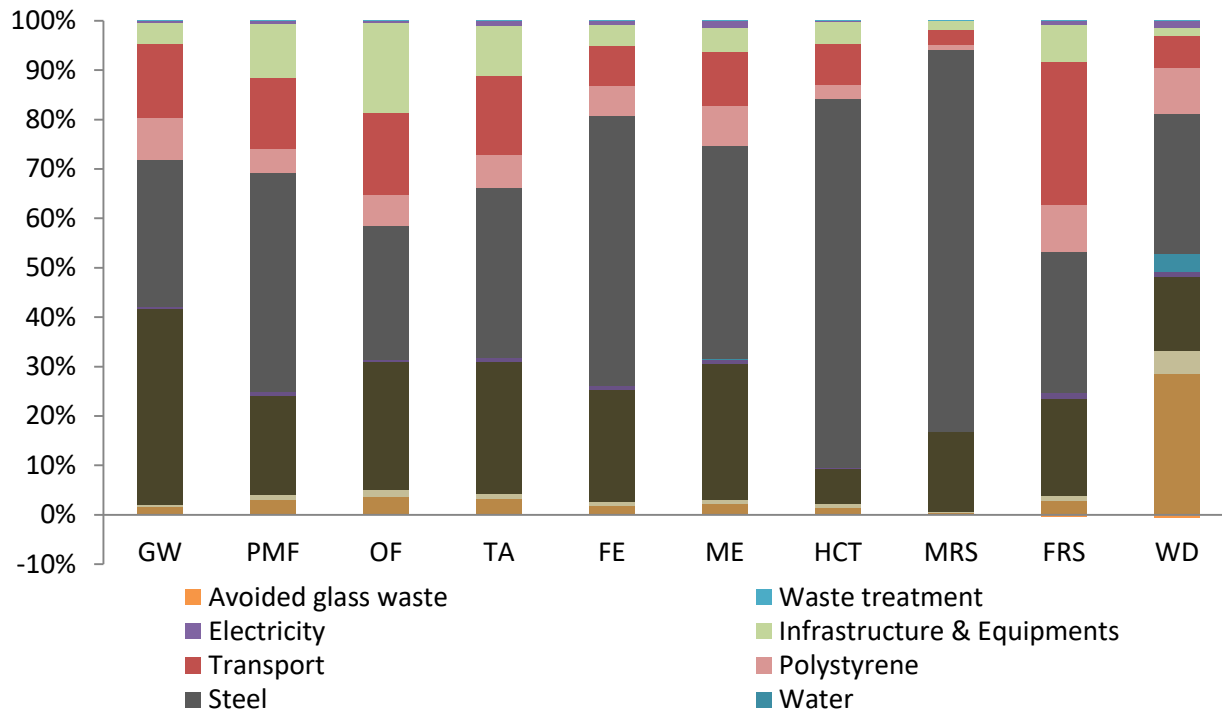
	Total	Unit
GW	-9.23E+03	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
PMF	-4.09E+01	kg PM2.5 eq
OF	-4.24E+01	kg NO <sub>x</sub> eq
TA	-8.03E+01	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
FE	-2.71E+01	kg P eq
ME	-2.43E+01	kg N eq
HCT	-9.26E+03	kg 1,4-DCB
MRS	-1.55E+03	kg Cu eq
FRS	5.12E+02	kg oil eq
WD	-7.67E+02	m <sup>3</sup>



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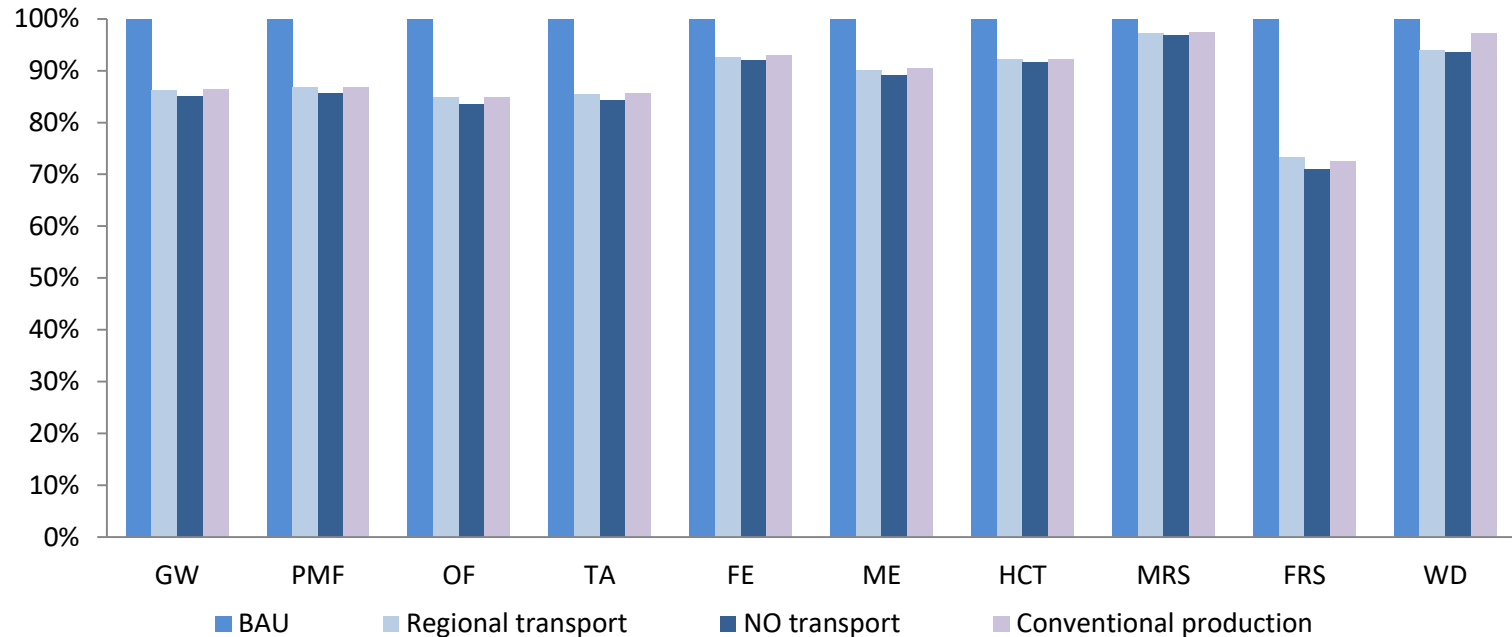
## SYSTEM A – Characterised impacts from the Glass reuse line

	Total	Unit
GW	7.16E+04	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
PMF	7.82E+01	kg PM2.5 eq
OF	1.82E+02	kg NO <sub>x</sub> eq
TA	1.67E+02	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
FE	1.42E+01	kg P eq
ME	8.06E-01	kg N eq
HCT	3.89E+03	kg 1,4-DCB
MRS	9.58E+02	kg Cu eq
FRS	1.24E+04	kg oil eq
WD	4.79E+02	m <sup>3</sup>



# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

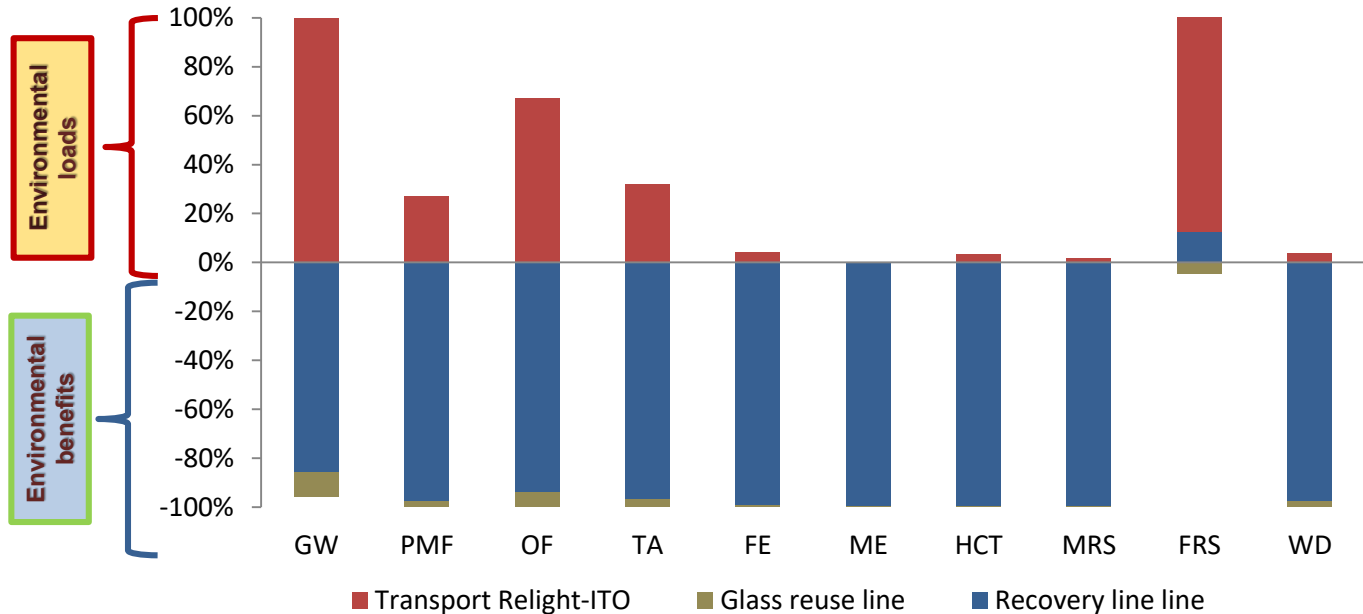
## SYSTEM A – Transport scenarios in the Glass reuse line



# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

## SYSTEM A – Characterised NET impacts from the System A

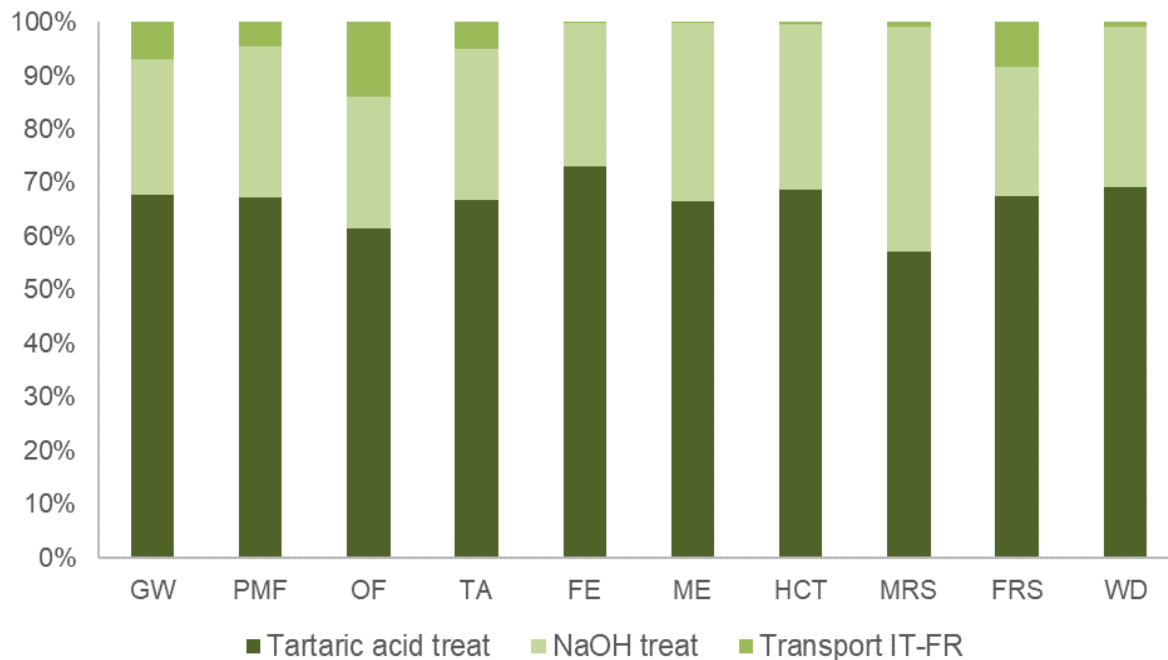
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PMF	-3.06E+01	kg PM2.5 eq
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TA	-5.64E+01	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
FE	-2.61E+01	kg P eq
ME	-2.42E+01	kg N eq
HCT	-8.95E+03	kg 1,4-DCB
MRS	-1.52E+03	kg Cu eq
FRS	3.92E+03	kg oil eq
WD	-7.53E+02	m <sup>3</sup>



# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

## SYSTEM B – Characterized impacts from the Si purification

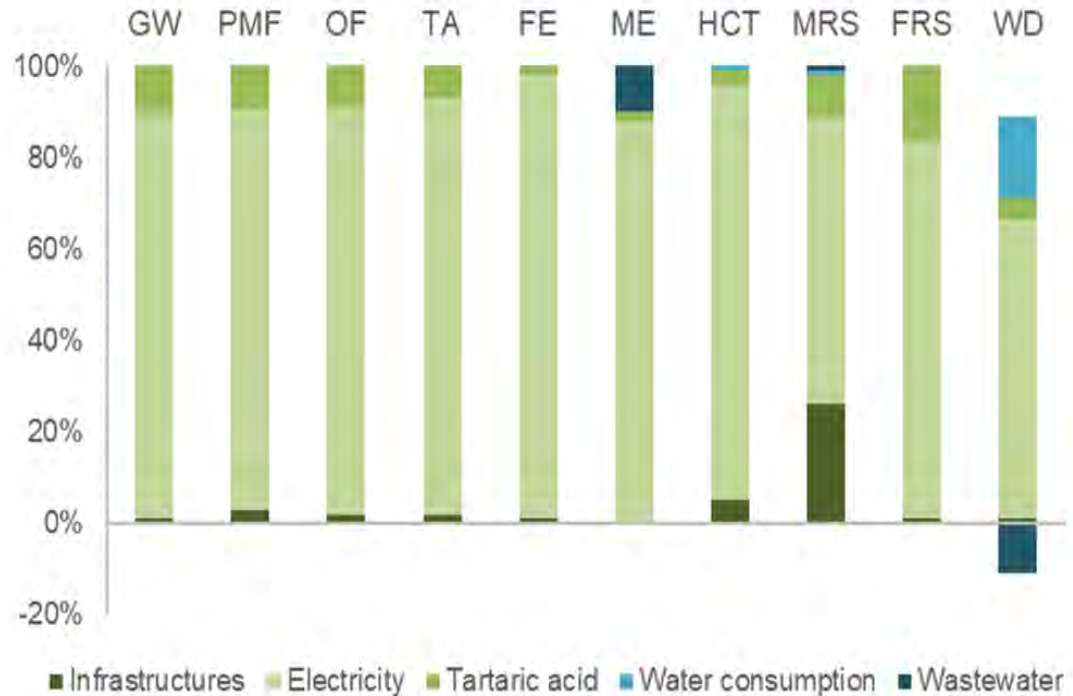
	Total	Unit
GW	2.47E+03	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
PMF	3.61E+00	kg PM2.5 eq
OF	5.37E+00	kg NOx eq
TA	9.79E+00	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
FE	3.06E+00	kg P eq
ME	2.62E-01	kg N eq
HCT	1.91E+02	kg 1,4-DCB
MRS	5.54E+00	kg Cu eq
FRS	6.77E+02	kg oil eq
WD	2.89E+01	m <sup>3</sup>



# LCA of ReSiELP recovery process

## SYSTEM B – Characterized impacts from the Tartaric acid treatment

	Total	Unit
GW	1.67E+03	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
PMF	2.43E+00	kg PM2.5 eq
OF	3.30E+00	kg NO <sub>x</sub> eq
TA	6.54E+00	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
FE	2.23E+00	kg P eq
ME	1.75E-01	kg N eq
HCT	1.31E+02	kg 1,4-DCB
MRS	3.16E+00	kg Cu eq
FRS	4.57E+02	kg oil eq
WD	2.00E+01	m <sup>3</sup>



# LCA analysis: Conclusions



**The LCA analysis** shows that, overall, the process developed within the ReSiELP project is advantageous from an environmental point of view, thanks to the recovery of secondary materials. Moreover, the ReSiELP process results quite competitive in comparison with other recycling processes (especially, with the low value ones).

**System A:** the main **benefits** derive from the recovery of Al and Cu. In the Recovery line, the greatest **burden** is the electricity consumption while steel and cement productions are the main hotspots for the Glass reuse line; moreover, the scenario analysis showed the relevance of transportation on the environmental impact.

**System B:** the Tartaric acid treatment is more impacting than the NaOH treatment, due to its considerable energy consumption.

## 4. INTERPRETATION



# Environmental Life Cycle Costing (eLCC) analysis

Life Cycle Costing (LCC) is applied as an assessment tool to **estimate the entire cost of the system under investigation**, during its whole life cycle.

In this study the **Environmental LCC (eLCC) was performed**. It includes:

- (i) the **sum of all funds expended** in support of an item from its conception and fabrication through its operation and the end of its useful life (**internal costs**);
- (ii) the **external costs** of environmental impacts (also known as externalities or environmental costs).

This eLCC analysis was conducted from the **perspective** of an entrepreneur. The **boundaries, functional units (FUs)** and **assumptions** for the studied systems (A and B) were the same as in the LCA study.

**Data sources** : primary and secondary data were used.

# Environmental Life Cycle Costing (eLCC) analysis

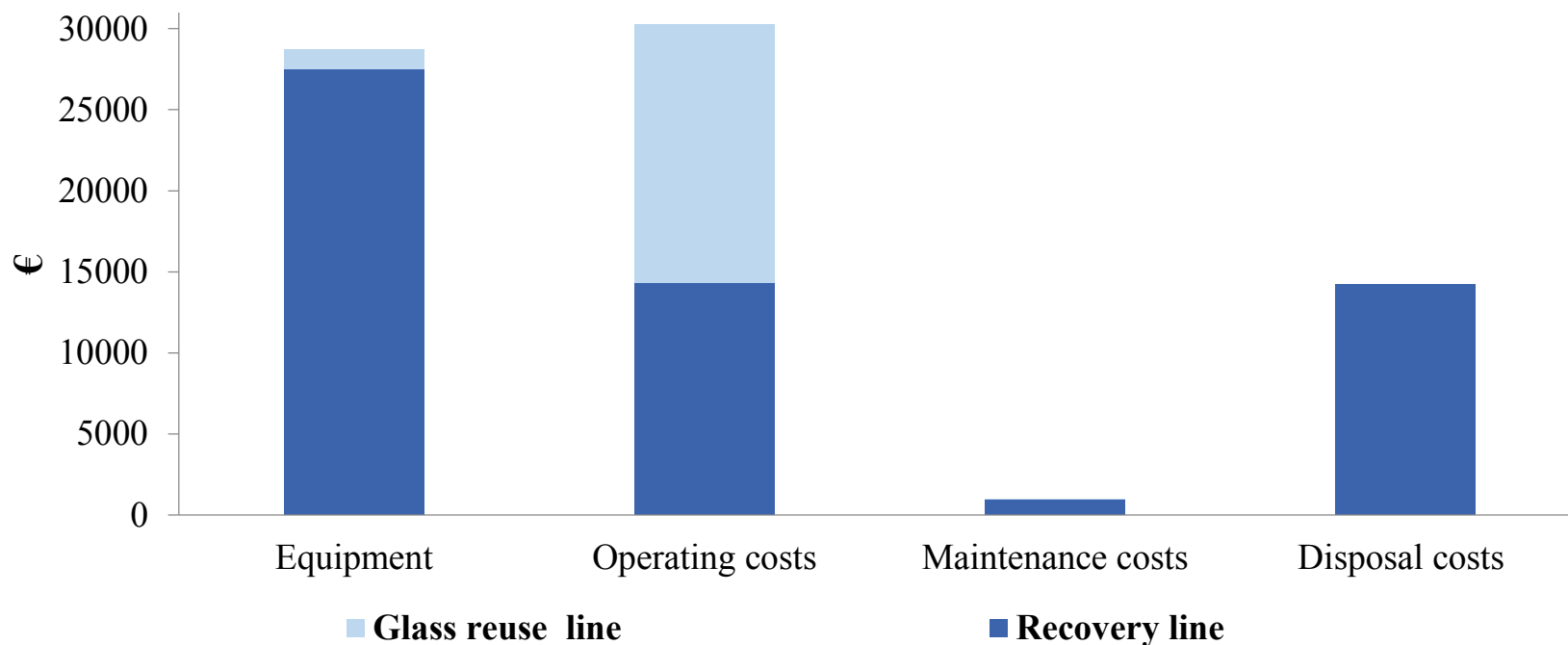
The **Environmental Priority Strategies (EPS)** approach (version 2015dx) was applied for the calculation of the externalities.

Safeguard subject/ Area of protection	Abbrev.
Abiotic Resources	AR
Access to Water	AW
Bio-Diversity	BD
Ecosystem Services	ES
Human Health	HH

The **results** of the EPS impact assessment method are **monetary values** (monetization) of environmental impacts from emissions and use of resources. They are indicated as damage costs and are expressed as ELU (Environmental Load Units). **One ELU** represents an externality corresponding to **1 Euro** environmental damage cost.

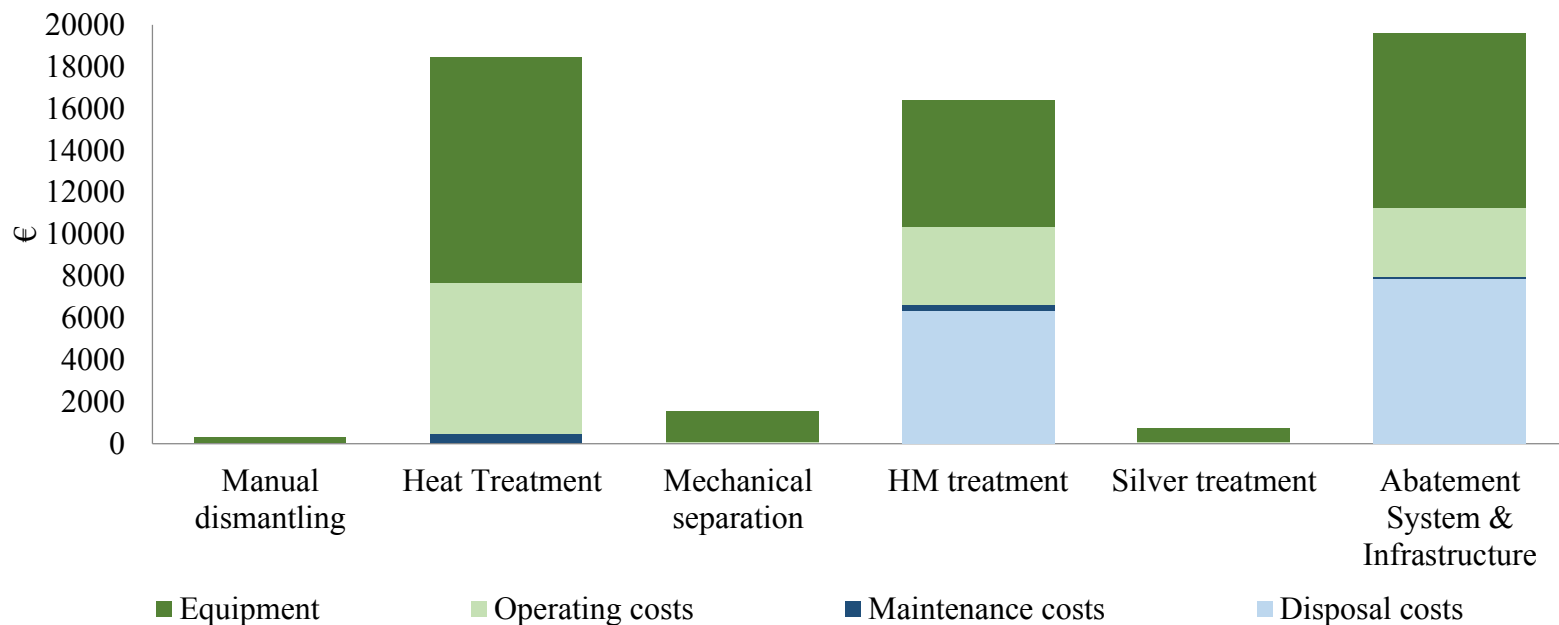
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## *eLCC – System A (Recovery & Glass reuse lines): Internal costs*



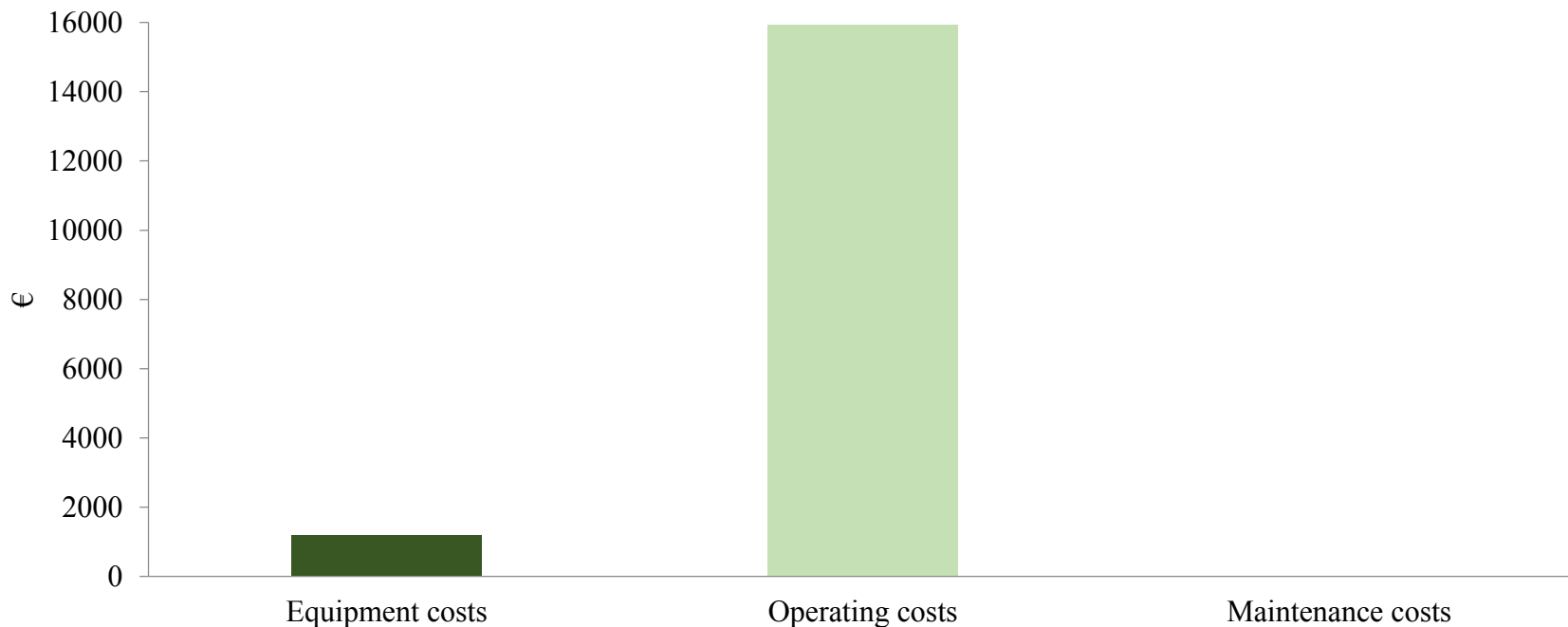
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## *eLCC – Recovery line: Internal costs*



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## *eLCC – Glass reuse line: Internal costs*



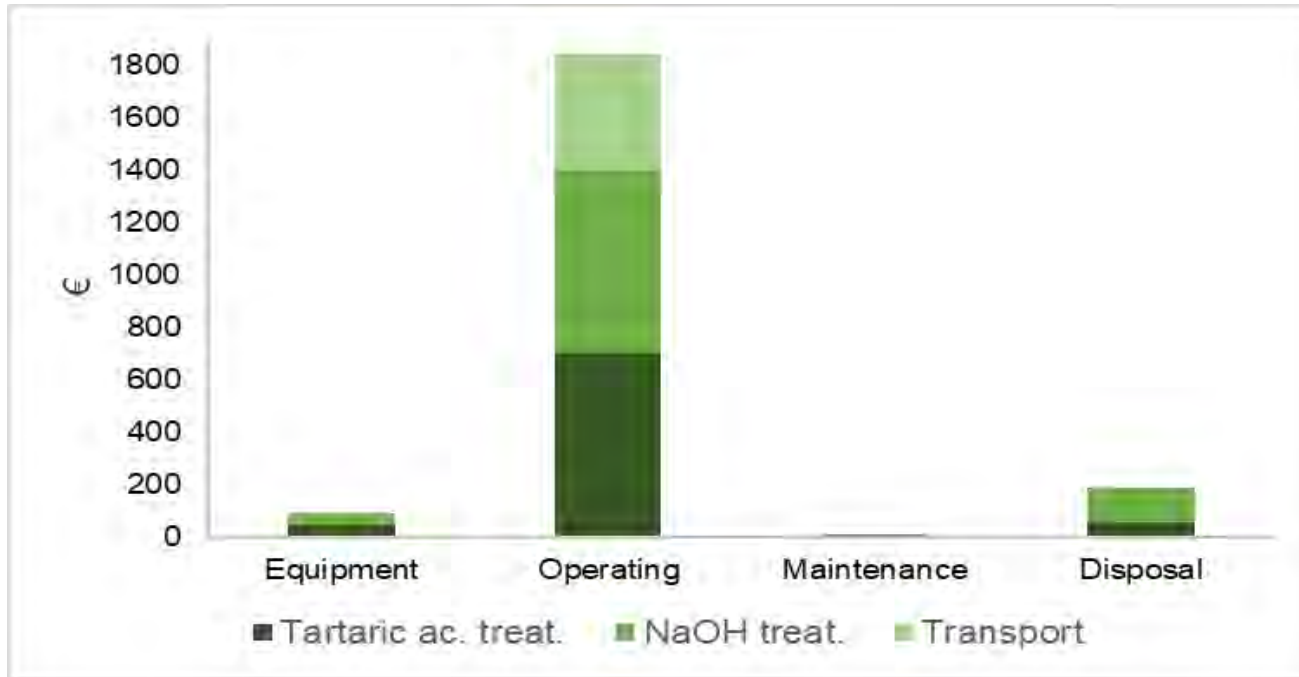
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## *eLCC - System A (Recovery & Glass reuse lines): Externalities*

Safe guard subject	Unit*	Total	Recovery line	Glass reuse line	Transport Relight ITO
Ecosystem services	ELU	-2.02E+00	-4.06E+01	-4.26E+00	4.28E+01
Access to water	ELU	4.33E-01	-1.87E+00	-2.58E-01	2.56E+00
Biodiversity	ELU	2.60E-02	-9.96E-02	-1.39E-02	1.40E-01
Human health	ELU	-1.23E+03	-2.92E+03	-1.69E+02	1.86E+03
Abiotic resources	ELU	-1.18E+05	-1.29E+05	-5.90E+02	1.12E+04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ELU</b>	<b>-1.19E+05</b>	<b>-1.32E+05</b>	<b>-7.64E+02</b>	<b>1.31E+04</b>

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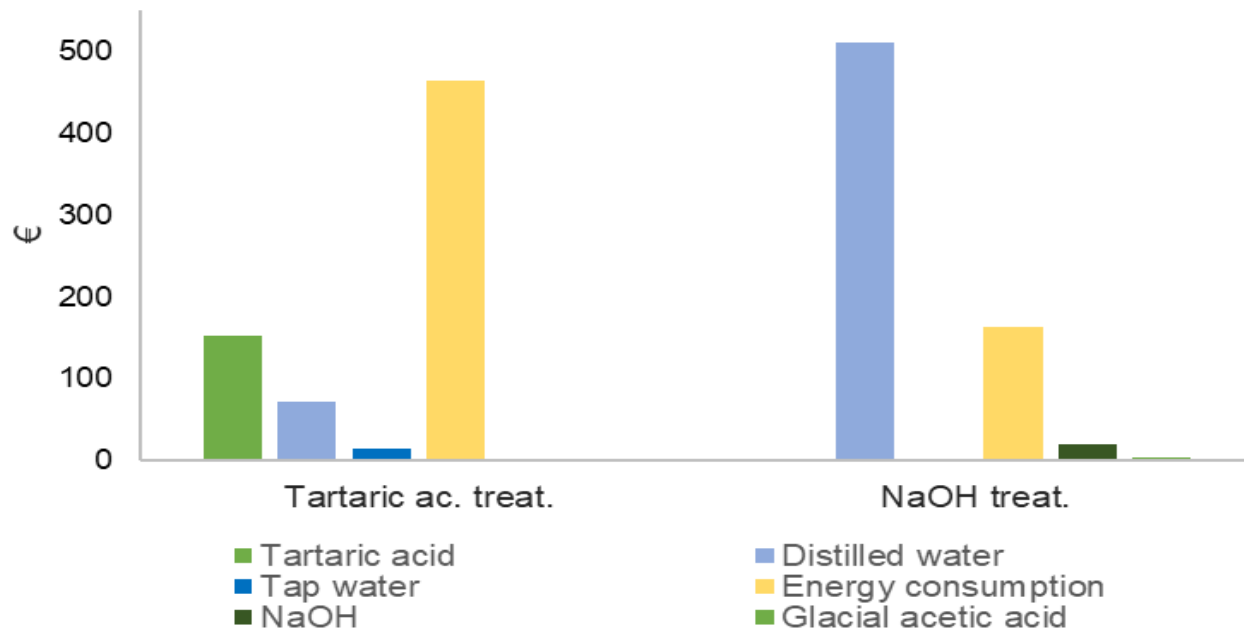
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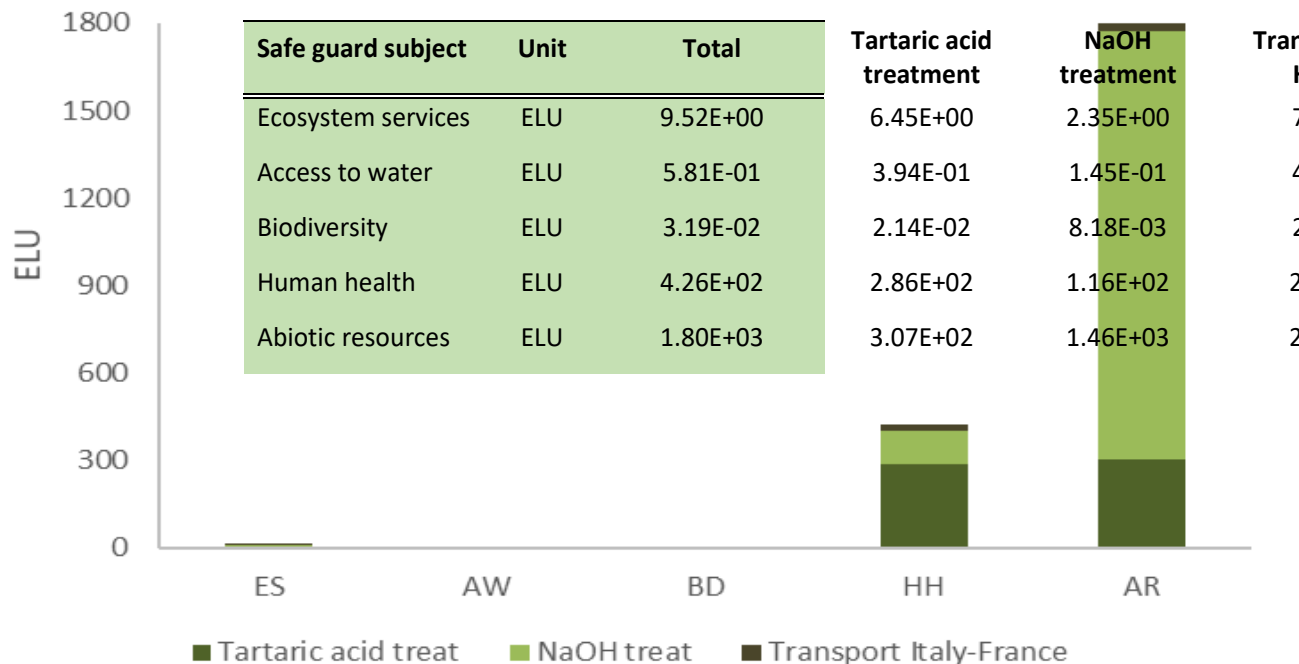
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# eLCC of ReSiELP recovery process

## eLCC - System B: Externalities

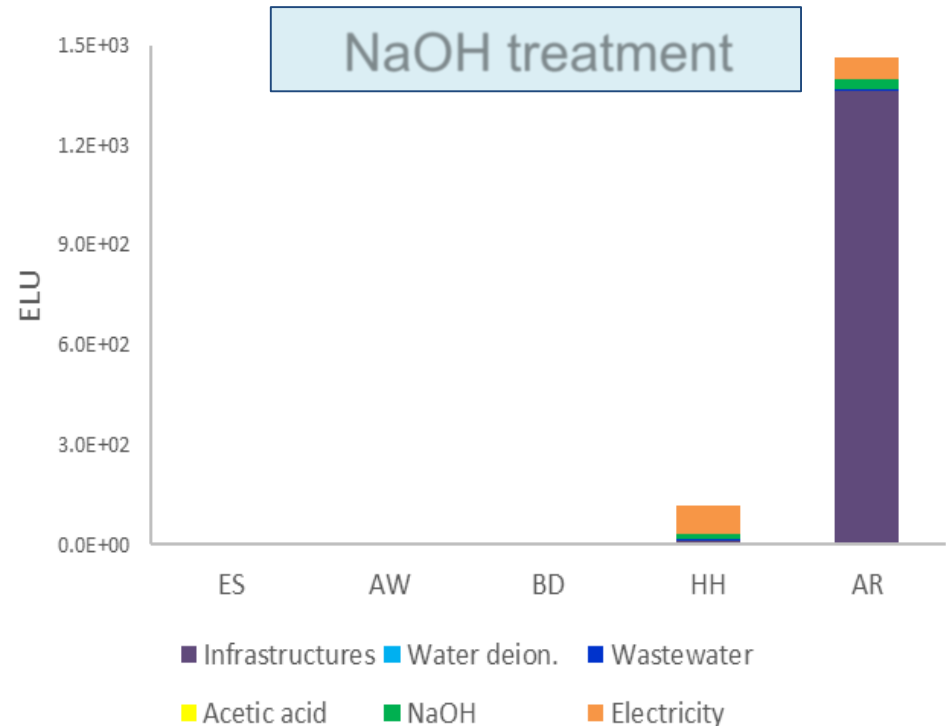
The highest costs (80.5% of the total) were recorded for Abiotic Resources, followed (19.0%) by those for Human Health.



# eLCC of ReSiELP recovery process

## eLCC - System B: Externalities

The main responsible for the damage costs is the consumption of natural resources for equipment production (93%)



# eLCC of ReSiELP recovery process

## *eLCC: Internal costs*

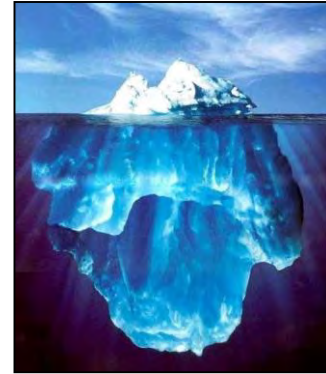
- In System A, the operating phase is the most expensive, followed by the equipment costs. Recovery and Glass reuse lines contribute to an equivalent extent to the operating costs, while for all other cost categories, the main share is from the Recovery line.
- For System B, the hotspot for internal costs is the operating phase.

## *eLCC: Externalities*

- Concerning the **externalities**, a net saving in environmental damage costs is observed thanks to the secondary materials recovery for **System A**.
- For **System B**, the highest damage costs are due to resource depletion for the production of the equipment used in the basic treatment.

# Concluding Remarks

- Untreated waste and polluting emissions generate **huge impacts on human health and ecosystems.**
- Waste is not only what we see, let's keep in mind the hidden waste flows, much bigger. **Never forget the “wasteberg” !**
- Needed **investments for environmental care, landscape integrity, waste decrease and recycling, innovation** towards new materials and technologies that pollute less and provide more jobs and wellbeing.



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