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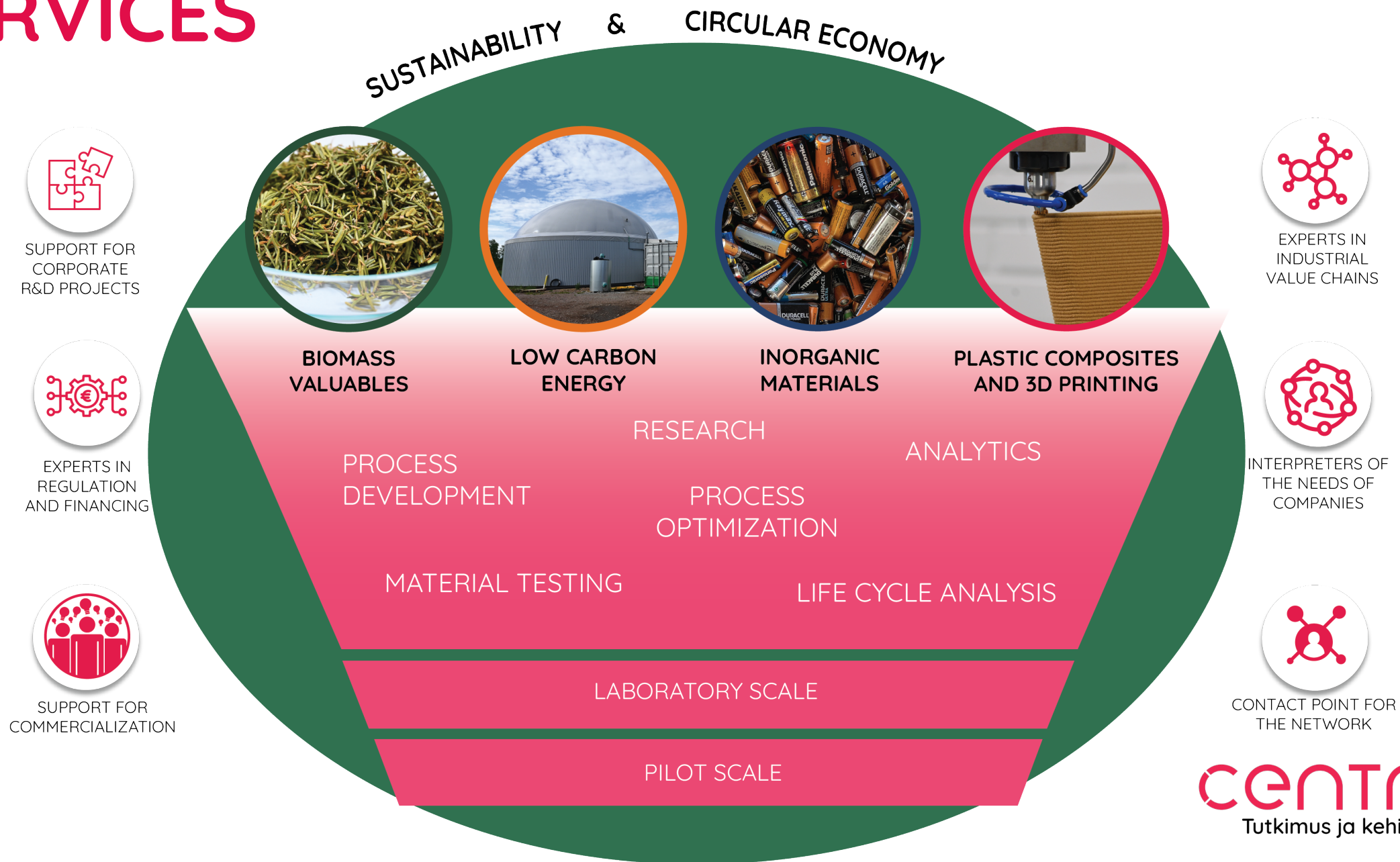
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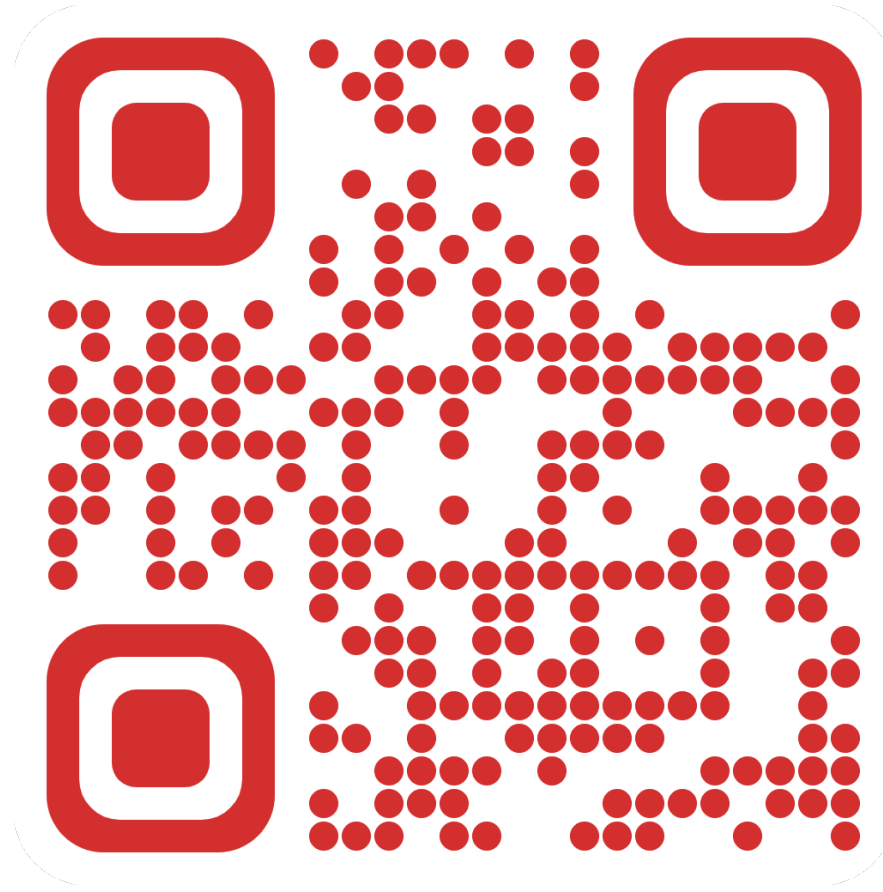
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# SERVICES



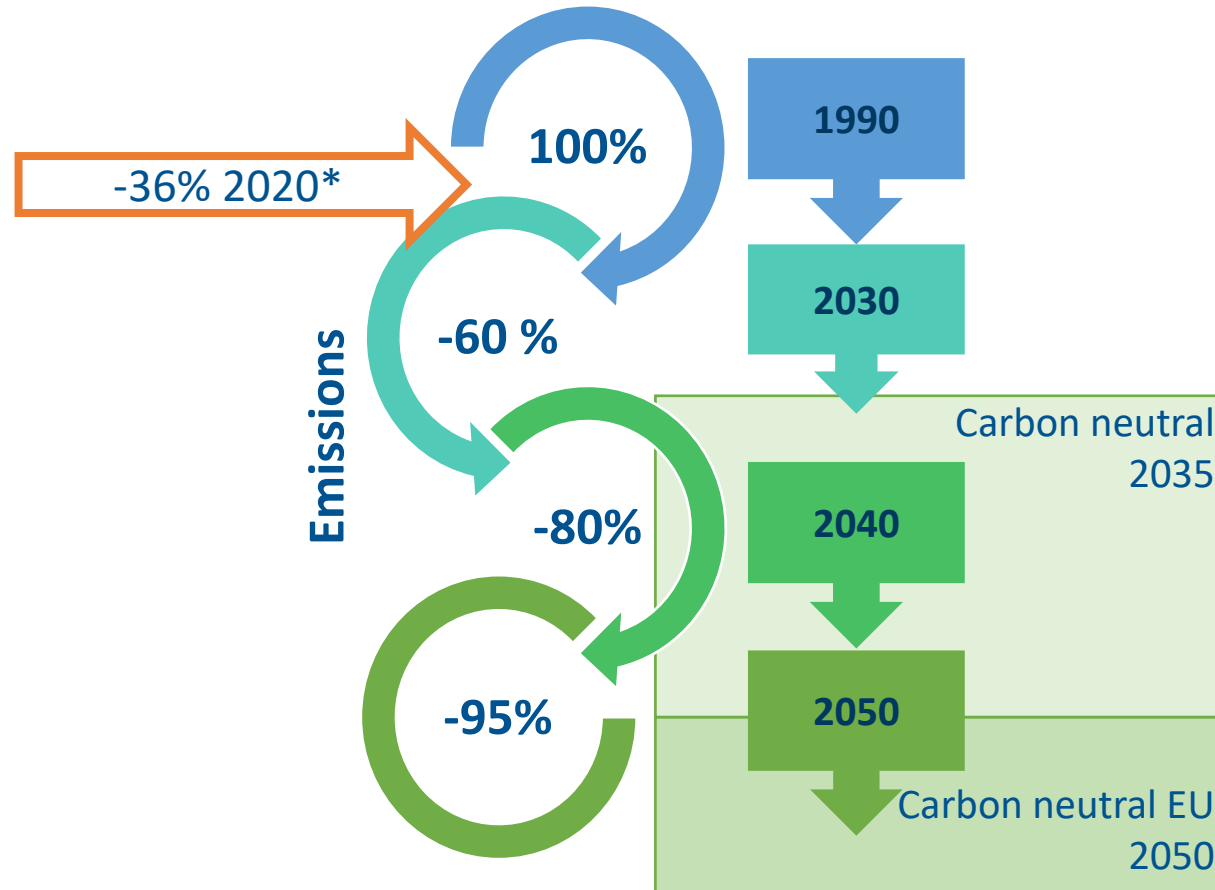
# EXPLORE OUR LABORATORIES VIRTUALLY



# Biobased plastics and their development

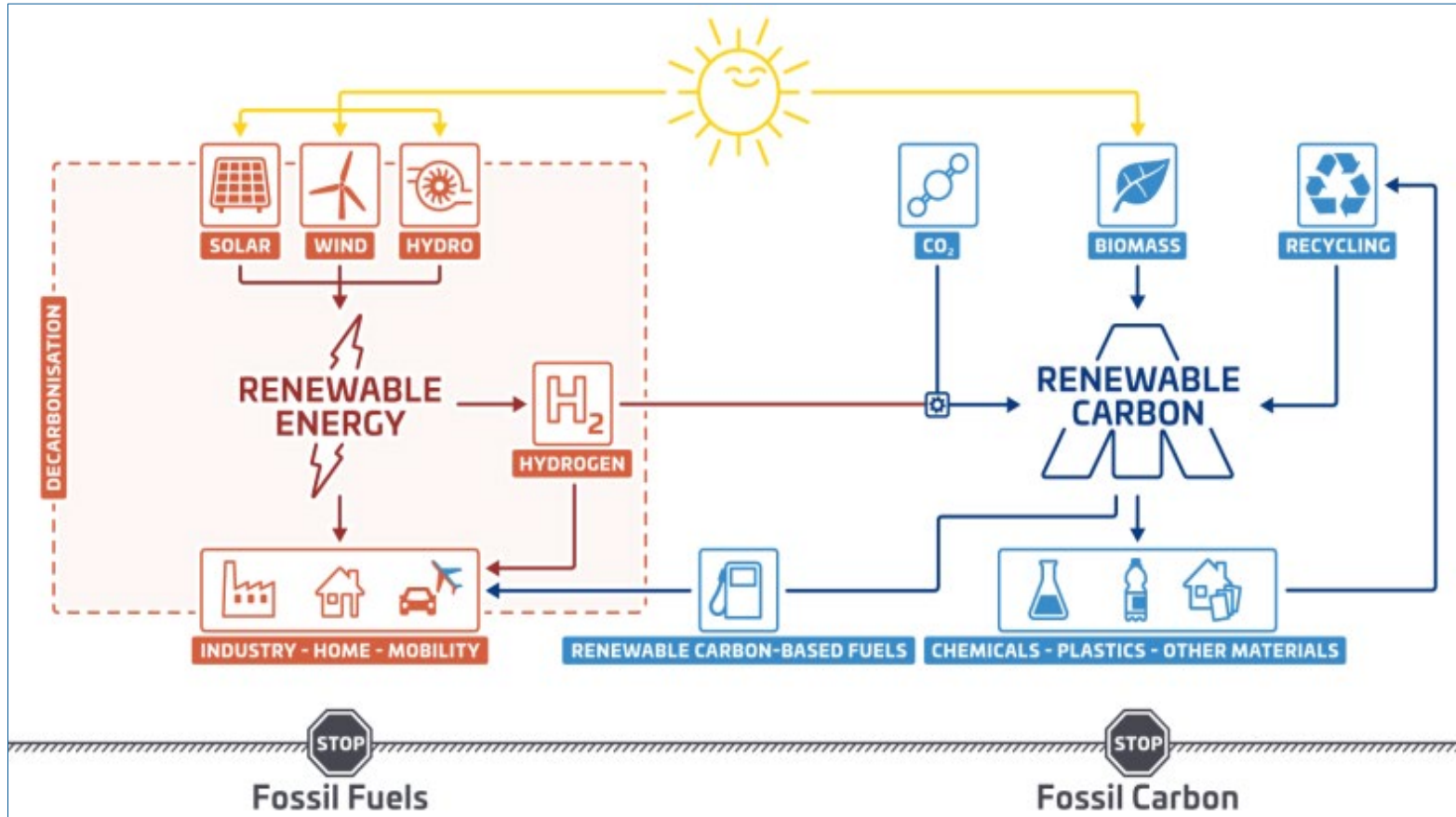
Egidija Rainosalo

# Net zero carbon timeline according to Finland's Climate Act (423/2022)

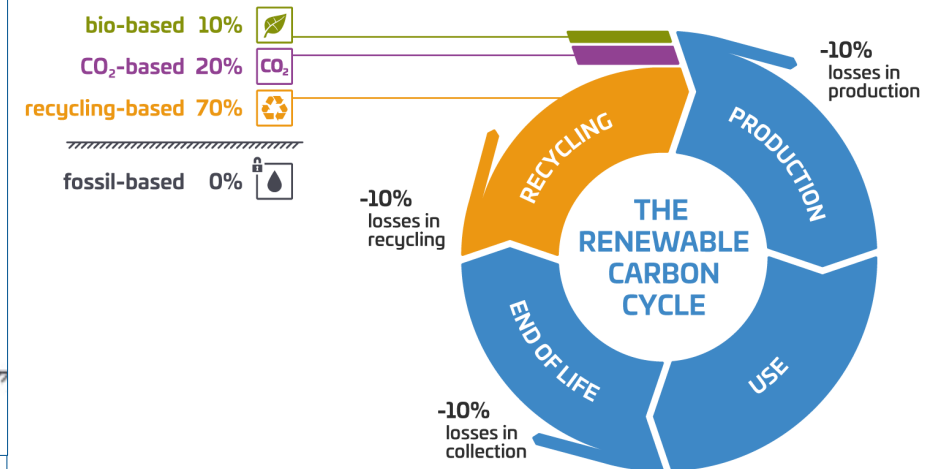


\* <https://www.ymparisto.fi/fi/ympariston-tila/ilmastonmuutos/kasvihuonekaasujen-paastot>

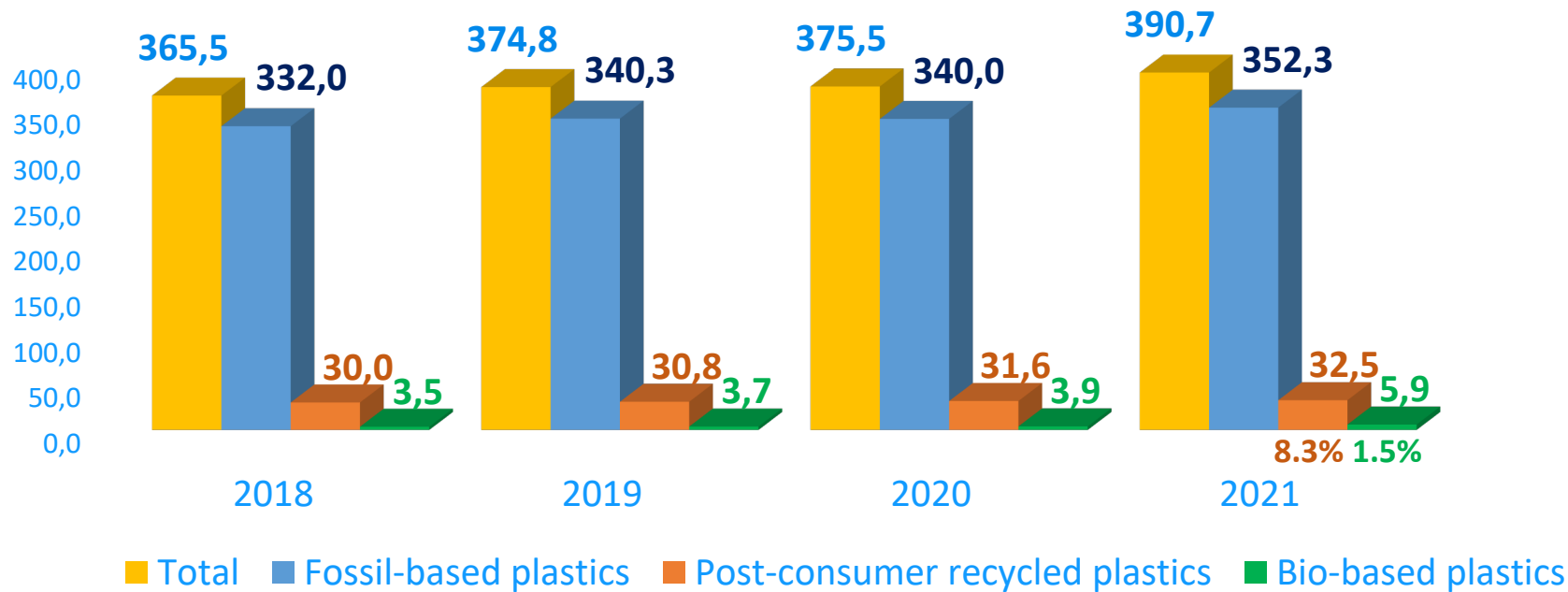
# Renewable Energy and Renewable Carbon\*



## SCENARIO FOR THE PLASTIC INDUSTRY 2050



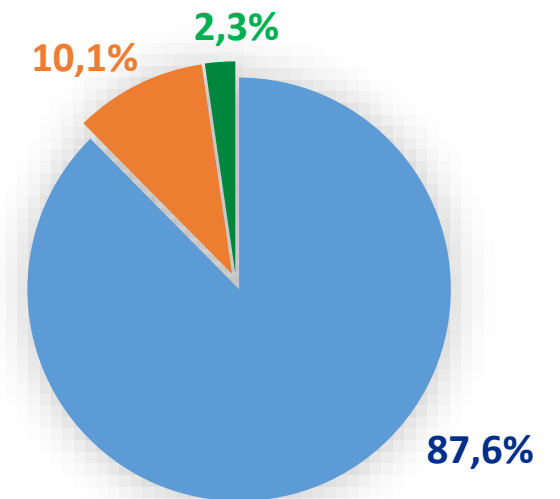
## World plastic production\*, Mt



\* Excl. textile

Ref: Plastics-The Facts 2022. Plastics Europe





## EU plastic production 2021 57.2 Mt



# Bio-based material definition

- ✓ Part or all fossil based raw materials are replaced by materials derived from biomass
- ✓ No harmonized minimum bio content defined for material to be called biomaterial

- ✓ Marking in labeling as % of biocarbon, measured according **EN 16640**
- ✓ Possible marking, provided by some certificated laboratories e.g. TÜV AUSTRIA or DIN CERTCO)
  - the total organic carbon content of the product is at least 30% (TÜV AUSTRIA)
  - the carbon content of a renewable raw material (biobased) is at least 20 % from all organic carbon (TÜV AUSTRIA or DIN CERTCO)

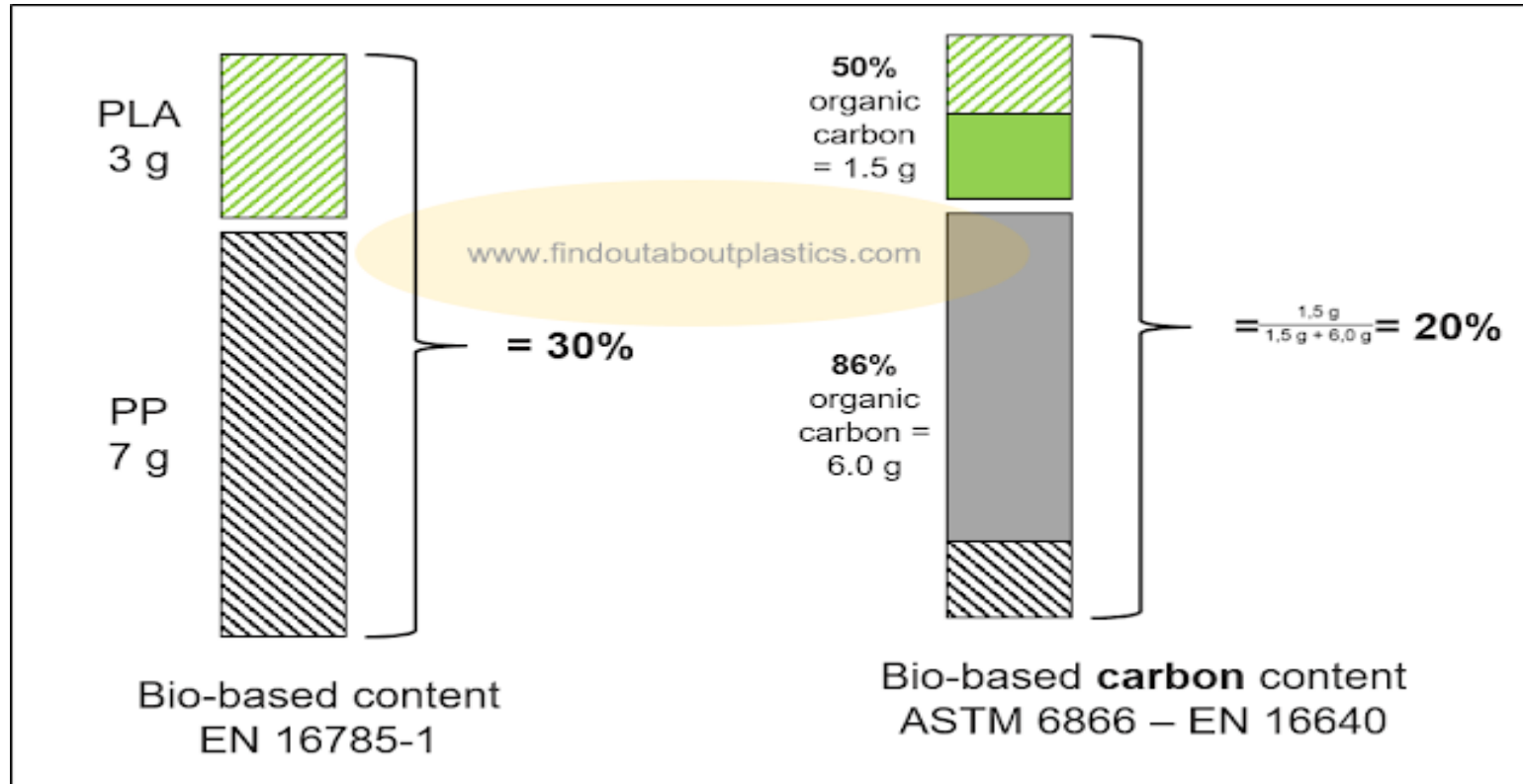
			
between 20 and 40% biobased	between 40 and 60% biobased	between 60 and 80% biobased	more than 80% biobased



- ✓ The approach based on the biomass.  
**EN 16785-1.**

**biobased %**

# EN 16785-1 vs EN 16640 (also ASTM D6866)



Blended of materials in a ratio of 30/70%.

- PLA plant-origin, contains 50% carbon
- PP fossil-origin, contains 86% carbon

# Bio-based Biodegradable

**Biodegradable** - EN 13432 (packaging) and EN 14995 (general)

- ✓ in municipal or industrial composting facility (controlled temperature, pH):
  - 90% of dry material disintegrate within 12 weeks to particle size smaller than 2 mm
  - 6 months the sample's CO<sub>2</sub> production level has to reach 90% of that of the reference material.
- ✓ in soil (also EN 17033 for not removable mulching films)

**Home composting** - EN 17427

**Marine environment** - ISO 22766



# Ways to increase bio-based content

## Fully or partly biobased matrix polymers

Biobased platform chemicals:  
C3-C6

## Natural fibres as fillers and reinforcement

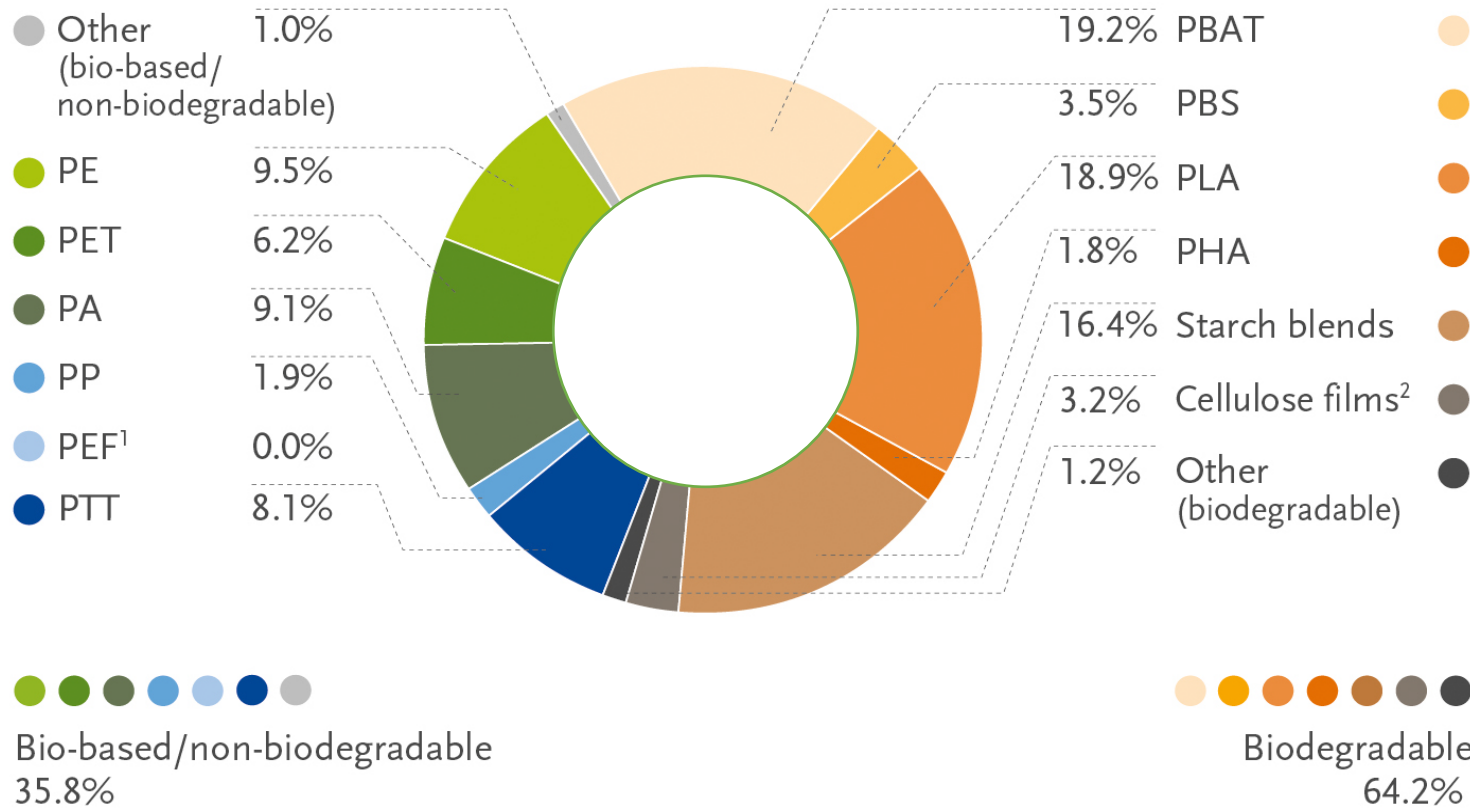
Wood based

- Cork, wood, cellulose fibres
- Bast fibres
- Flax, hemp, kenaf, etc.
- Short fibres and long fibers

## Bio-based functional additives

- Graphene, carbon nanotubes, carbon black to improve electrical and thermal conductivity
- Antioxidants and UV stabilisers
- Antimicrobial additives

# Global distribution of bioplastics 2021



Production of thermoplastics is 89% of all plastics

Some suppliers <http://bio-based.eu/ibib/>

<sup>1</sup>PEF is currently in development and predicted to be available at commercial scale in 2023. <sup>2</sup> Regenerated cellulose films

Bioplastic-  
thermoplastic



Thermoplastic  
biocomposites



Thermoset matrix



Flax reinforcement



Other

**Fibenol**

# Biocomposite development tools at Centria

- ❑ Twin screw compounder capacity ca 100 kg/day
- ❑ 3D printing filament production for FDM
- ❑ Large scale additive manufacturing (LSAM)
- ❑ Lamination: hand roles and vacuum infusion tools
- ❑ Coating Technologies
  - ✓ pilot factory (Ylivieska)
  - ✓ corona spray gun



# Bioplastics for LSAM

## General requirements

- Biobased materials
- Recyclable
- Energy efficient

## Specific requirement

- Low thermal expansion
- Chemical resistance

**Products: boat parts and moulds for composite production**



# Materials tested

Manufacturer, Material	Polymer	Filler	Filler w%	Material code in tests
C73, prod. by BrightPlus (alternative to PLA)	Bio 99.5%	WF	20*	C73+W20
K35B, prod. by BrightPlus (alternative to ABS, PP)	Bio 65.0%	WF	20*	K35B+W20
D55, prod. by BrightPlus, (alternative to PP)	Bio 80.0%	WF	20* 30*	D55+W20 D55+W30
DuraSense® 3D Plus 50 Prod. by Stora Enso	PP	WF	30* 30* 30* 50 50* 50*	Dura 30% Dura 30% + 0.1% UV Dura 30% + 0.2% UV Dura 50% Dura 50% + 0.1% UV Dura 50% + 0.2% UV
UV protected PP30GF, prod. CEAD	PP	GF	30	PP30% GF
PolyCore ASA-3012, prod. Polymaker	ASA	GF	20	ASA-3012 20% GF

\* Compounded at Centria

# Benefits and challenges of natural fibres in bioplastics

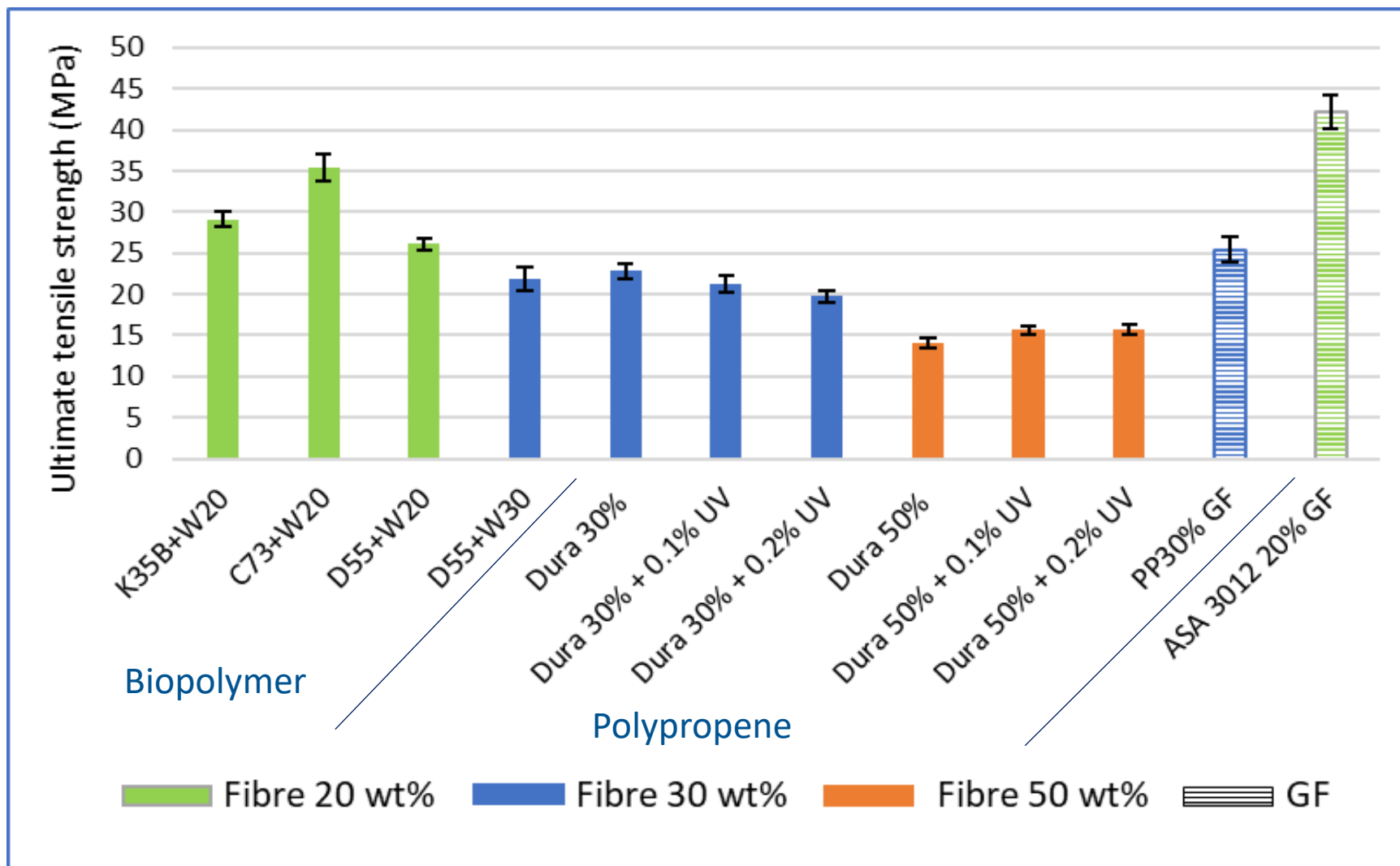
## Benefits

- Improved stiffness
- Reduce thermal expansion/shrinkage in thermoplastics
- Replace glass fibre with lighter in weight material
- Less energy to produce per unit weight than glass fibre
- Natural feel, smell and appearance
- Suits the same machinery
- Recyclable

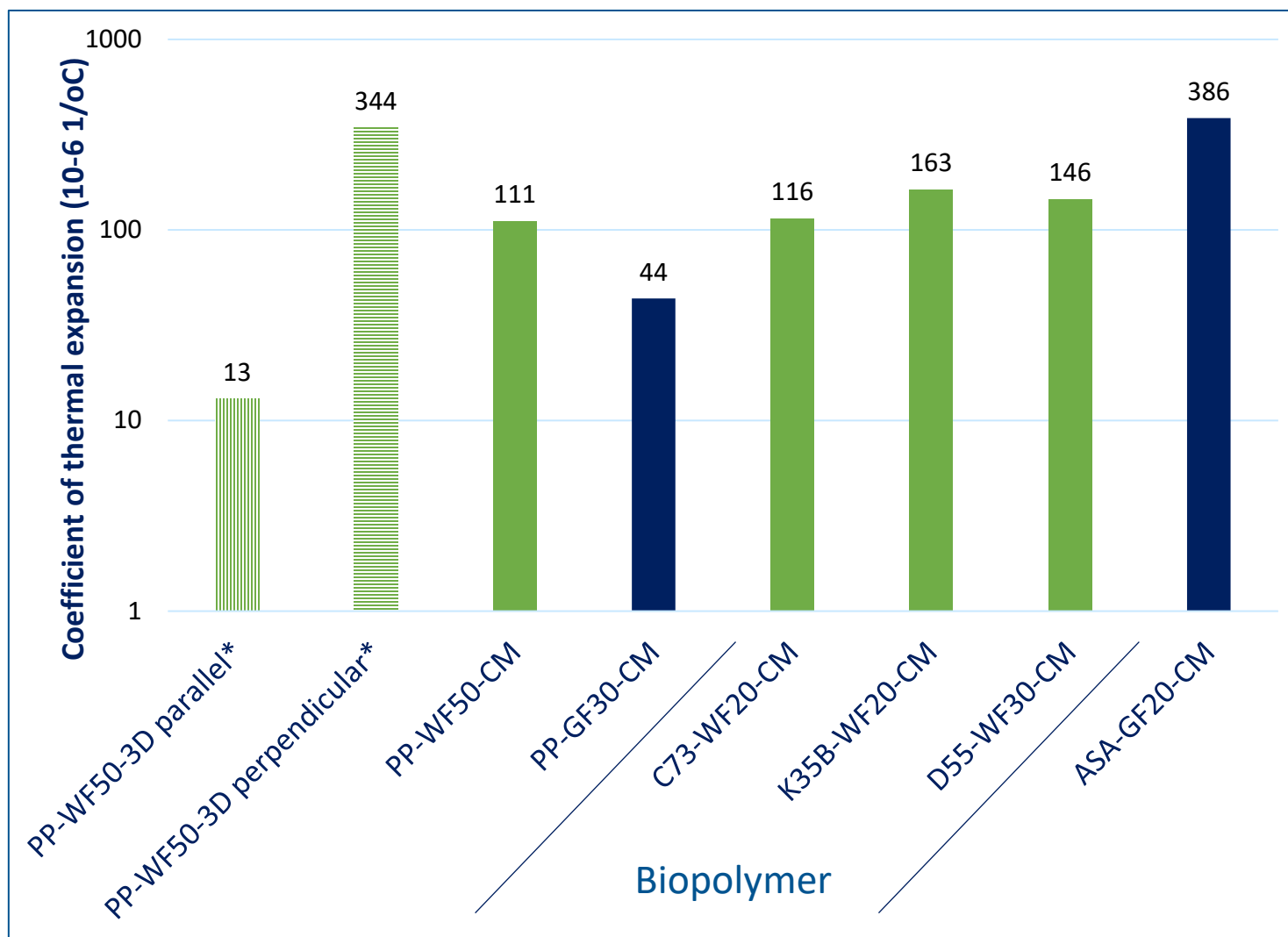
## Challenges

- Water absorption
- Short fibres often reduce impact resistant
- Processing temperature is about 200°C, choice of plastics limited

# Tensile strength of tested bioplastics

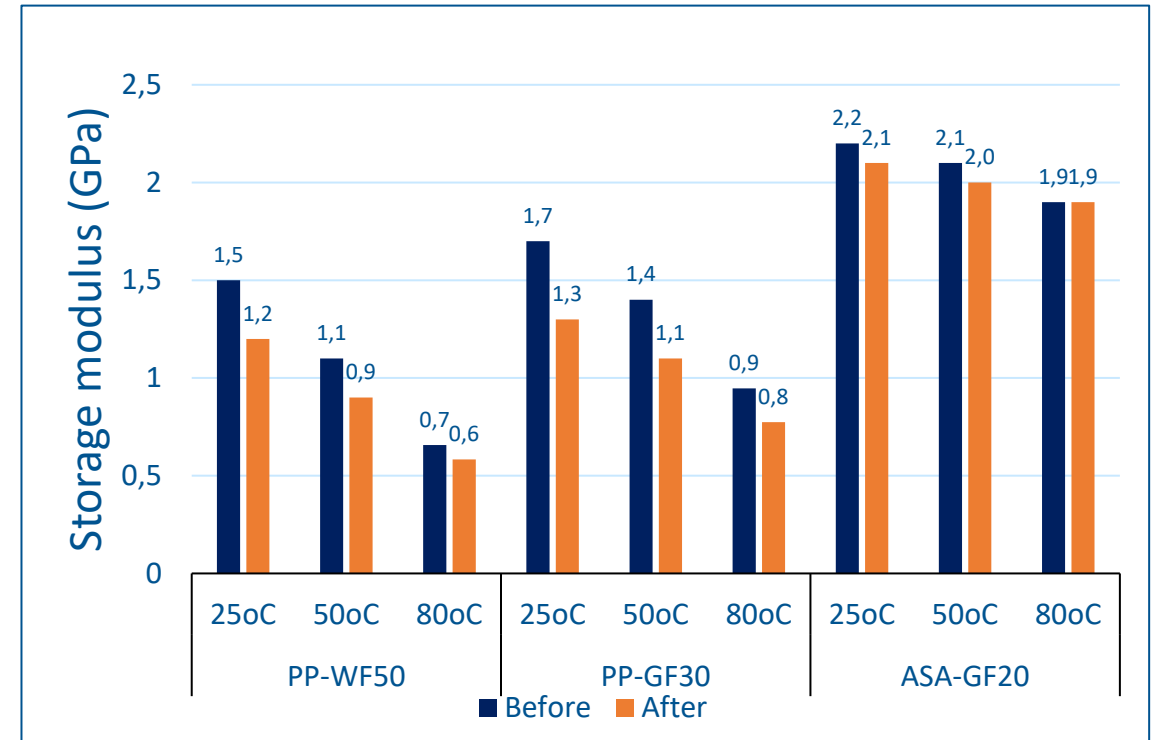
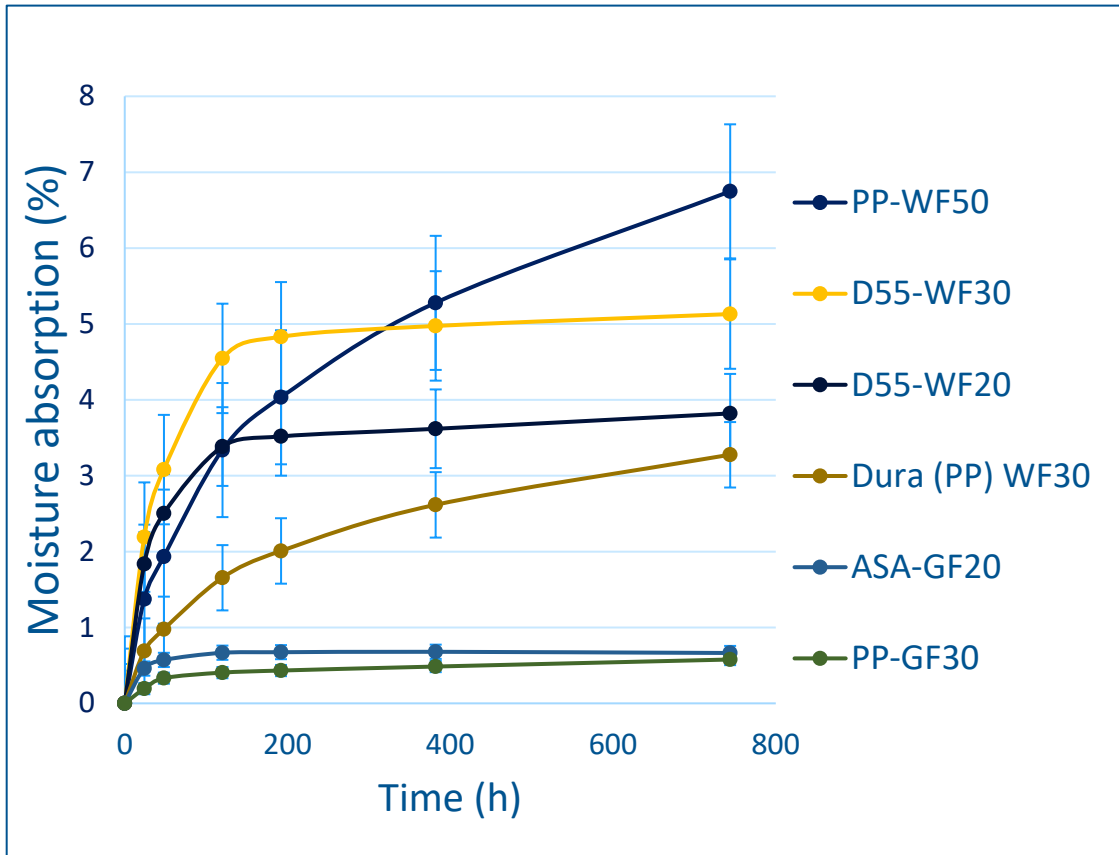


# Coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE), 25-140°C



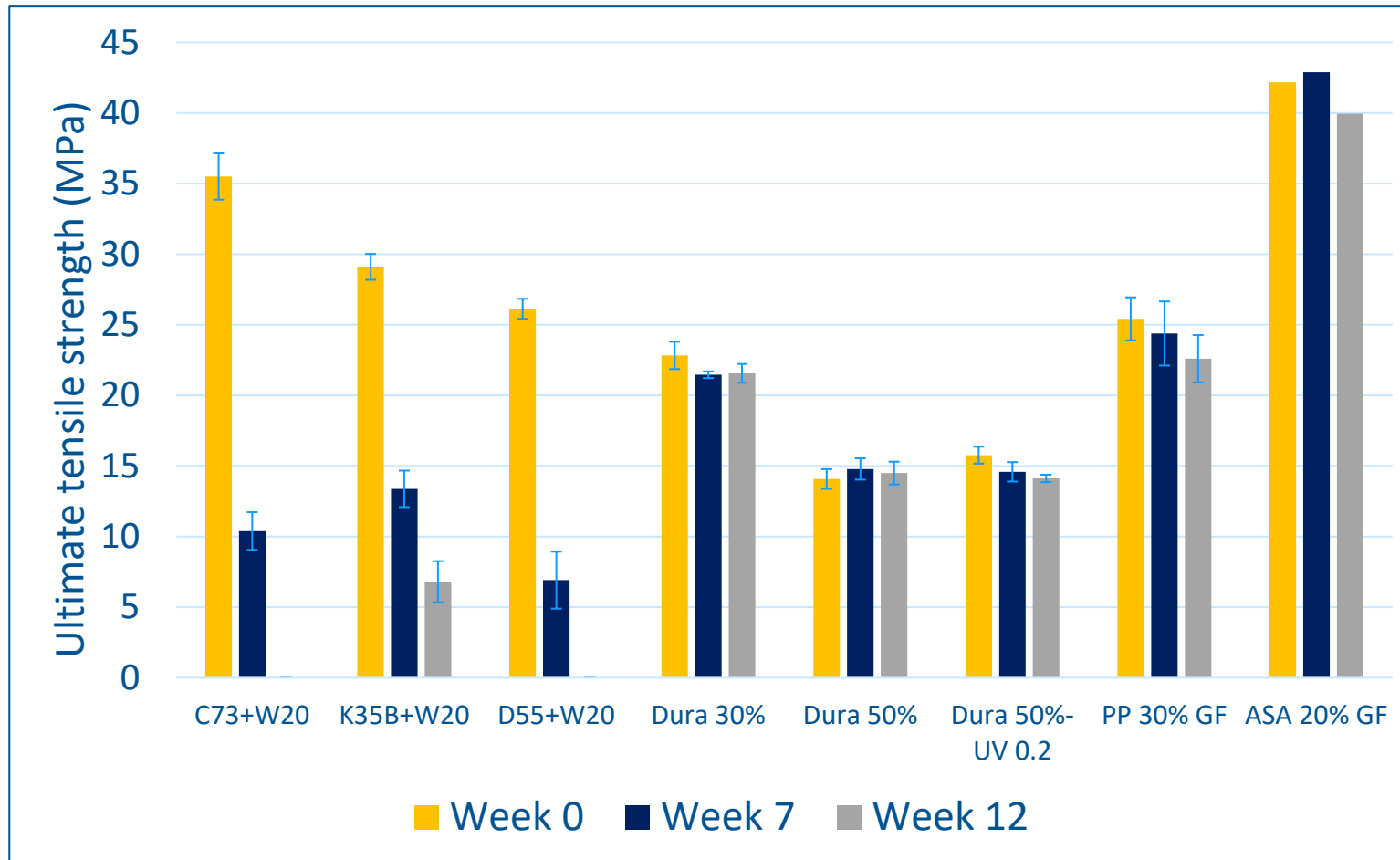
Compression moulded  
 3D printed, 2 mm layer height

# Moisture absorption and storage modulus of bioplastics



Biopolymer after exposure was too fragile for making the sample

# Tensile strength of the composites before and after the UV exposure test



# Conclusion of weathering tests

Material	Weathering (Temp and humidity)	UV resistance
Brightplus biopolymer + wood fibre	Poor	Poor
Polypropene + wood fibre	Good	Good
Polypropene + glas fibre	Good	Good
ASA + glass fibre	Good	Good

# Analysis, testing and laboratory services

Egidija Rainosalo / Mervi Liesi

# Analysis, testing and laboratory services

- About 20 specialists in laboratories Kokkola and Ylivieska
  - Analysis and material testing
    - From raw material to finished product
    - The challenges of processes
  - Research work ja development methods
  - Testing production methods
  - Product development, process scaling
- Analysis and tests are done according to the standard, the customer's own methods and our internal methods
- Single analysis to versatile service packages
- The way of working is based on standard ISO 17025

# Analysis and testing

- Analysis to identify and quantify composition

Compositional analysis for liquid, solid and gaseous materials

Fibre and filler content, VOCs, additives, amount of active functional groups, identification of unknown materials and fillers (GCMS, FTIR), elements content, heavy metals (ICPMS) etc.

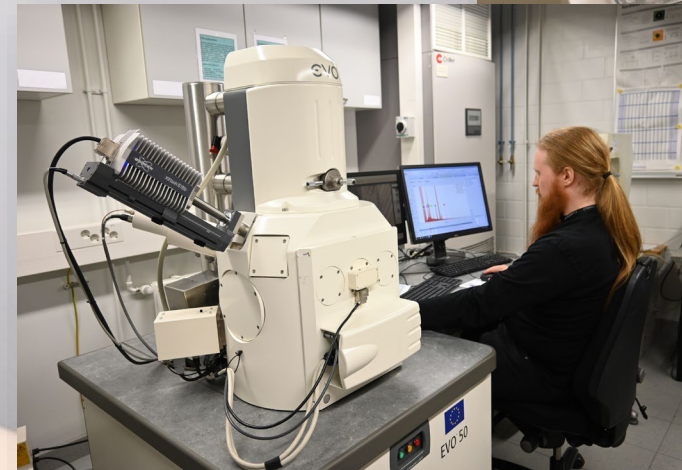
- Structural analysis

modular rheometer for viscoelastic behaviour, gel time etc., Electromicroscopy with analyser (SEM-EDS), optical reverse, stereo, and polarization microscopes, melt flow index (MFI)

- Thermal properties of materials

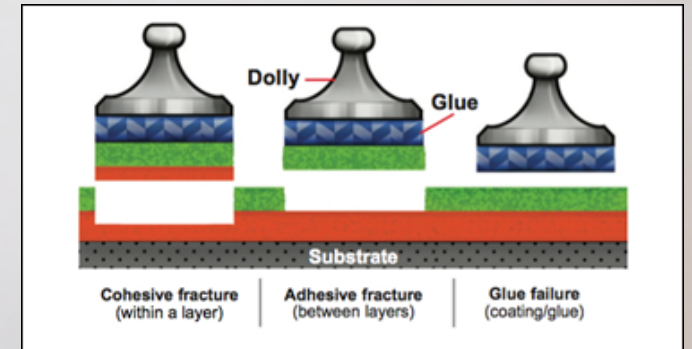
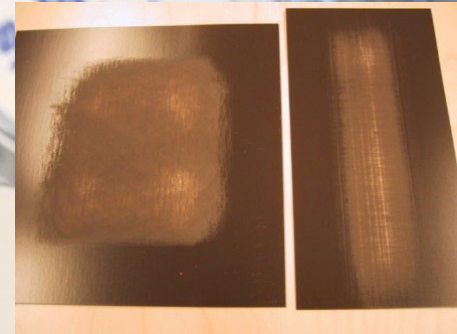
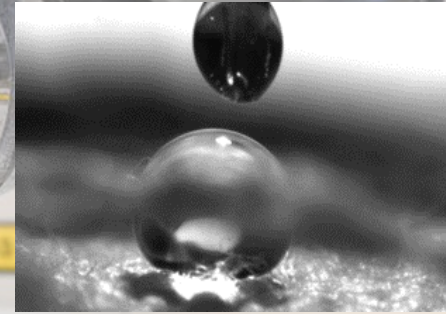
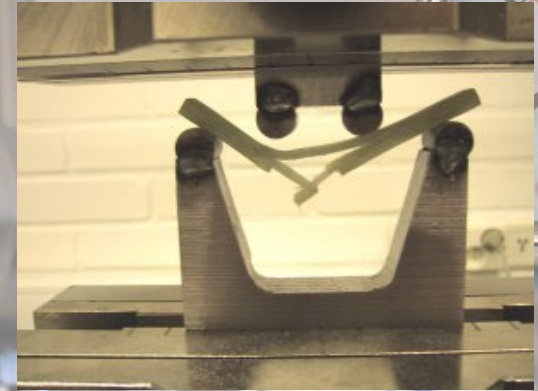
DSC, TGA, DMTA, STA/FTIR, bomb calorimeter

Degree of curing, glass transition and melting temperature  $T_g$  (DSC), thermal decomposition temperature (TGA), the heat deflection temperature HDT (DMA), etc.  
Identification of specific organic substances evolved during thermal decomposition (STA-FTIR) etc.



# Analysis and testing

- Mechanical testing of materials  
tensile tester (max 5N-240 kN load), vibration fatigue (max 400 kg, 5-2000 Hz, max acceleration 50 G),
- Testing of coatings  
Hardness (Vickers, Shore, pencil test), abrasion (Taber), Pendulum damping tester (König), pull-off adhesion tester, wetting, coating thickness, gloss.



# Environmental testing

- Testing of ageing and environmental influence

Climate chambers (up to 54 m<sup>3</sup> size), Xenon light chamber, UV chamber, salt spray chamber

- Electromagnetic properties

Electrical resistivity, EMC laboratory: conducted and radiated emission/immunity, ESD, EFT and SURGE, Magnetic fields, Mobile EMC tester for vehicles

- Fire resistance test chamber



# 3D printing of large objects with a robot

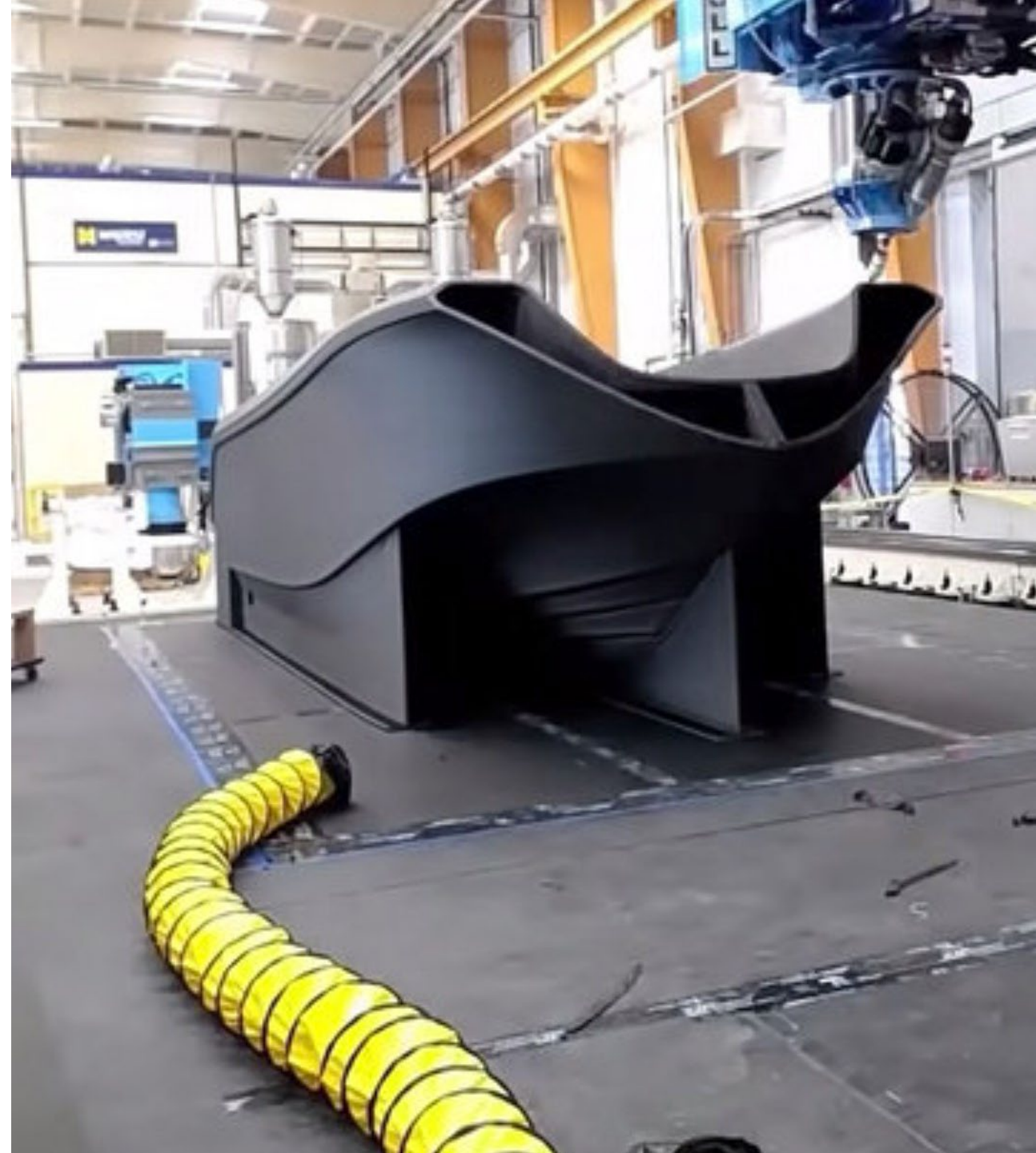
Matti Ojala

# 3D printing of large objects with a robot

Using robotics into the 3D printing process, it becomes possible to print objects of much larger dimensions and more complex shapes than what conventional 3D printers can handle.

The University of Maine  
Advanced Structures & Composites Center  
Printing area 30,5 x 6,7 x 3m  
World's largest 3D printer 2019

<https://umaine.edu/biomaterials/facilities/>



# Typical industries and solutions

Large 3D printing is typically used where there is a need for the production of large, complex, and intricate parts. These often include industries such as aerospace, boat, and automotive manufacturing.

Abu Dhabi based Al Seer Marine has a 36-meter-long robotic 3D printer, developed by CEAD. It is capable of printing parts up to 36 meters long, 4 meters wide, and up to 3 meters high.



<https://amchronicle.com/insights/rethinking-manufacturing-with-large-scale-additive-manufacturing-at-al-seer-marine/>

# Typical industries and solutions

Printing big complex parts in a single piece could be impossible. One solution is to print objects in smaller parts and then combine them into the final piece.

Hungarian-based Rapid Prototyping utilizes a gantry-type combined machine with a 3D printer and a 5-axis milling machine.

Machine has total working area 4,85 x 2,635 x 1,46 m

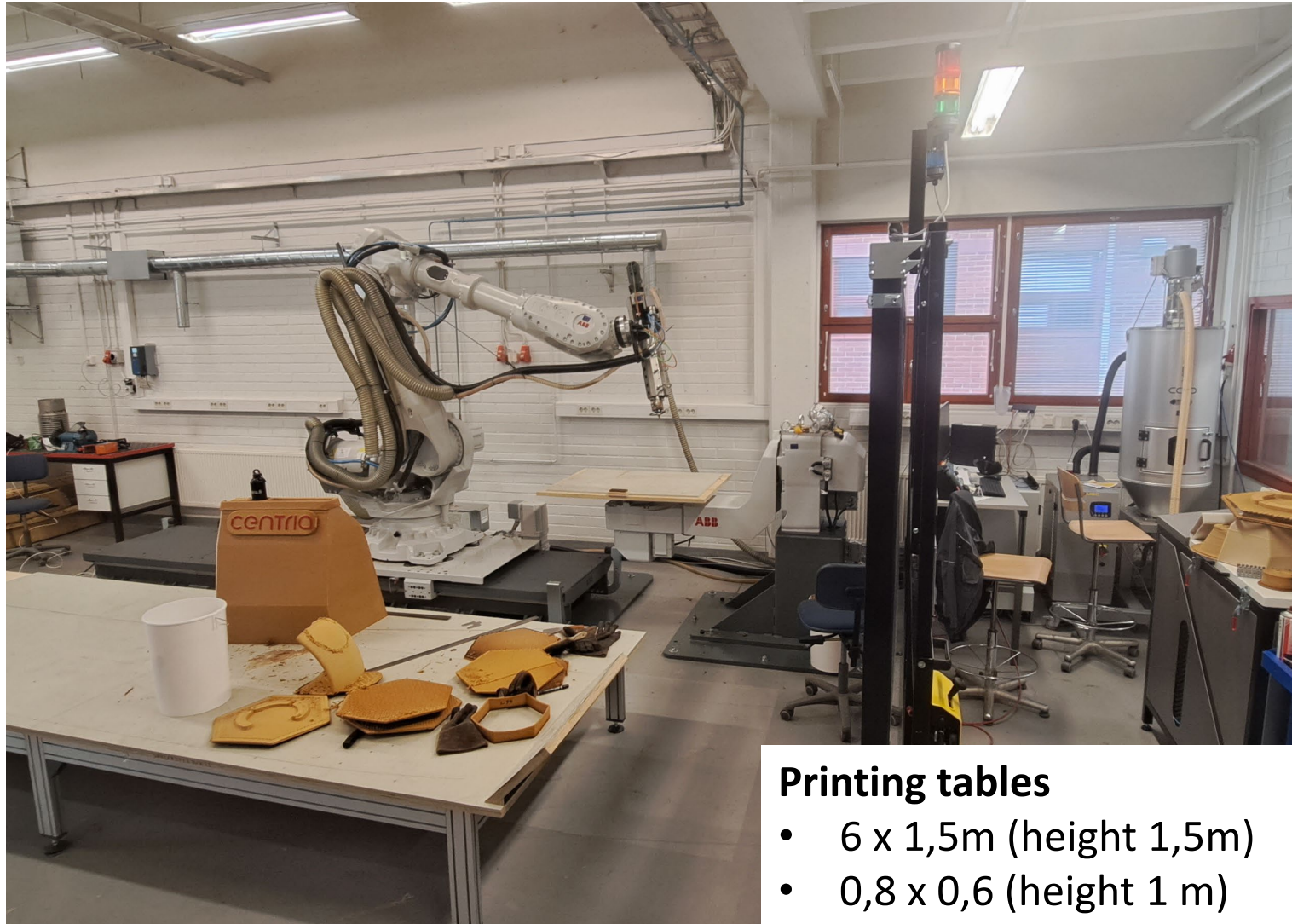


<https://en.rapidprototyping.hu/>

# Printing hardware



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## Robot ABB IRB6700

175kg / 3.05m

TrackMotion IRBT6004, 2,7m

2-axis workpiece positioner IRBP A500

## Extruder for printing CEAD E25

- 80-400°C
- Throughput 5-12 kg/h
- Nozzles – 2-18 mm
- Material dryer/feeder 50-185°C, 100 l

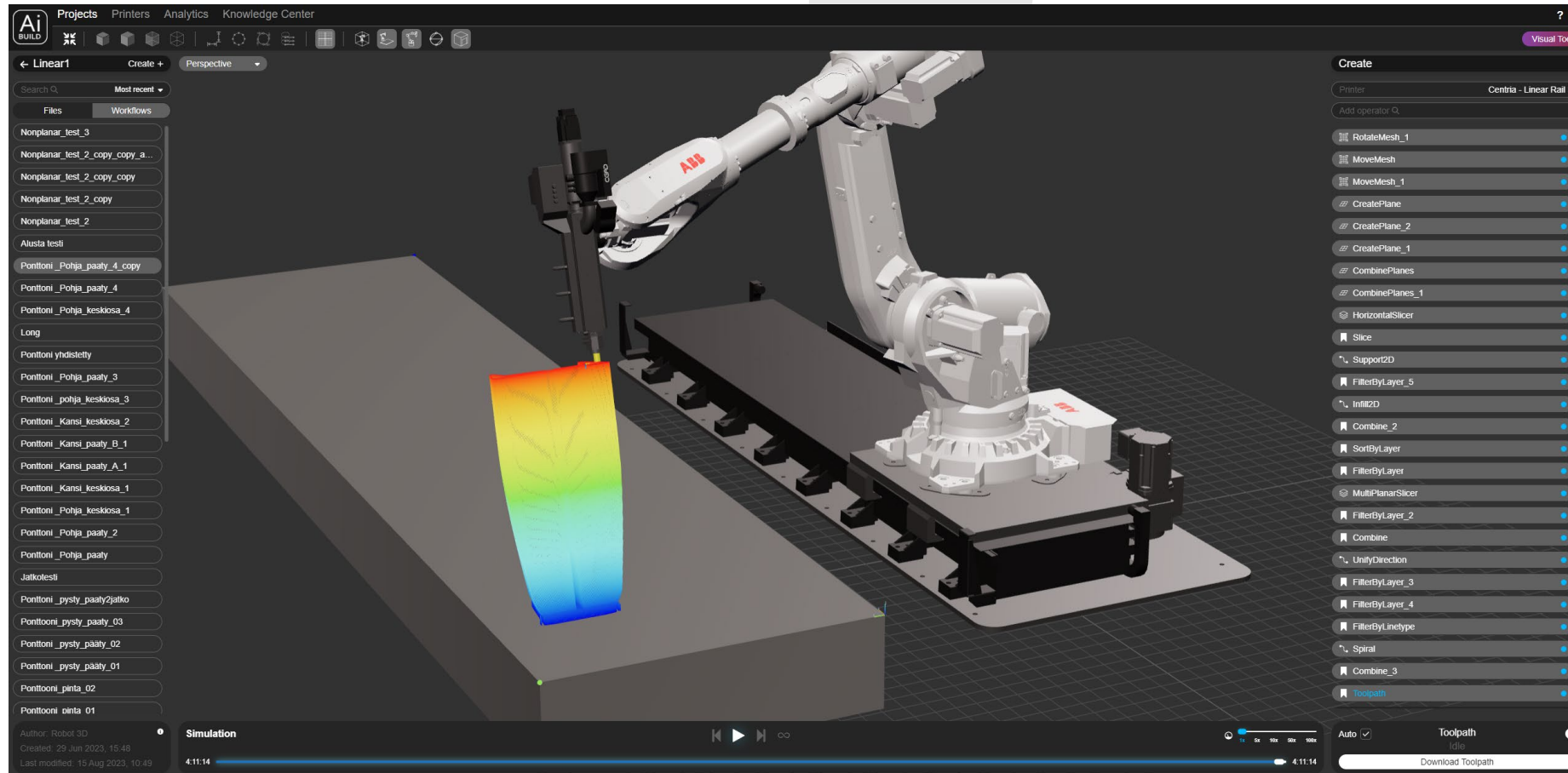
## Printing tables

- 6 x 1,5m (height 1,5m)
- 0,8 x 0,6 (height 1 m)

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# Software



## AiSync

Cloud based digital twin of printing environment

Simplified toolpath generation via visual programming interface

Visual printing simulation and collision avoidance

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# Boat steering console

Size: 56x45x65 cm

Nozzle: 6 mm

Layer height: 3 mm

Duration about: 4 hours



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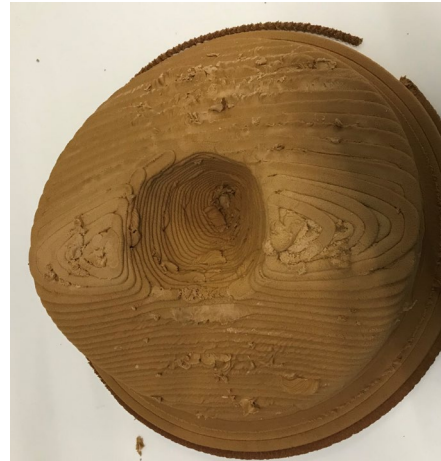
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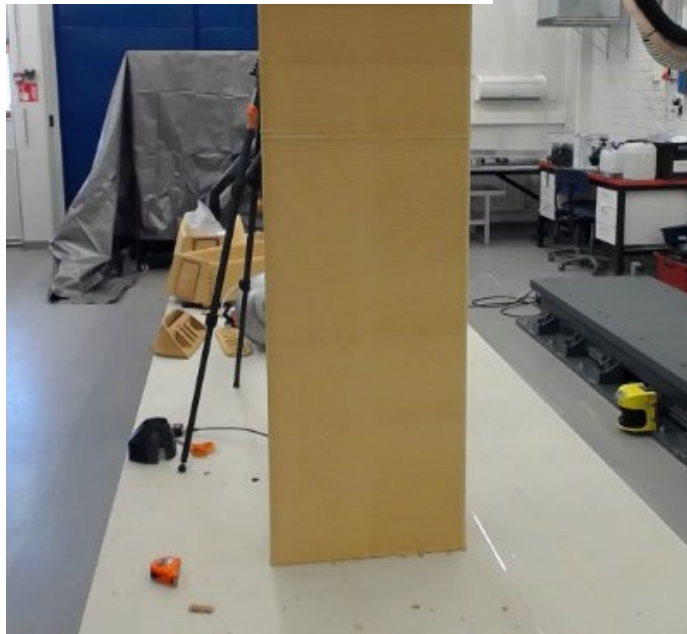
# Example: from design to printed moulds

- Material: Stora Enso Durasense 3D plus 50
- Nozzle: 6 and 4 mm
- Duration: 2 and 3,8 h
- Weights: 4,1 and 3,1 kg
- Designed from using provided surface models
- Integrated mould body and attachment points for milling
- Printed in normal mode



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# Pontoon mould



Size: 390 x 51 x 21 cm  
Printed in 3 parts  
Nozzle: 9 mm  
Layer height: 4 mm  
Total printing time 12 h  
Milled after printing to final dimensions.  
Milling time 1 h



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# Future plans

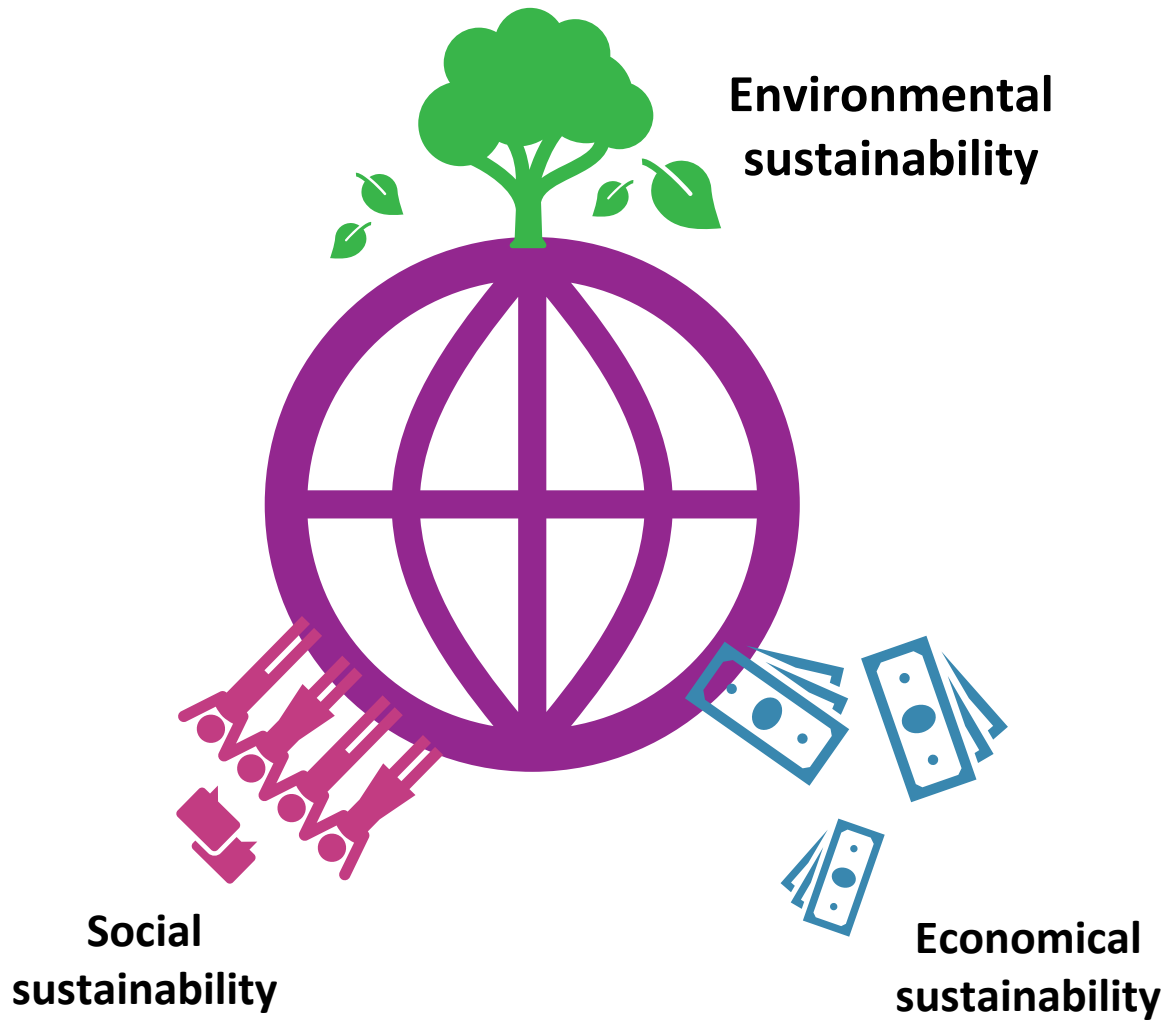


In future projects, we will combine additive and extractive production technology in the same package. A good example of such an application is the combined 3d printing and milling concept of RISE Research Institutes of Sweden.

<https://www.ri.se/en/what-we-do/projects/3d-printed-kayak-based-on-fibrag-reinforced-recycled-plastic>

# Sustainability as a Competitive Edge

Hanna Tölli



# Achieving sustainability requires all three

Environmental health & safety  
Global climate change crisis management  
Environmental policy



Job creation  
Skills enhancement  
Local economic impact  
Social investments

Resource efficiency  
Product stewardship  
Life-cycle management  
Regional materials



**CLEAR**

**HONEST**

**SOLUTION-  
ORIENTED**

**OPEN and  
TRANSPARENT**

**There is no need for responsibility communication,  
but responsible communication**

# Centria's RDI to help and support on your sustainability and circular economy journey

"Our partners require us to report our carbon footprint, but we don't have the resources to find out the differences between the various calculation methods."

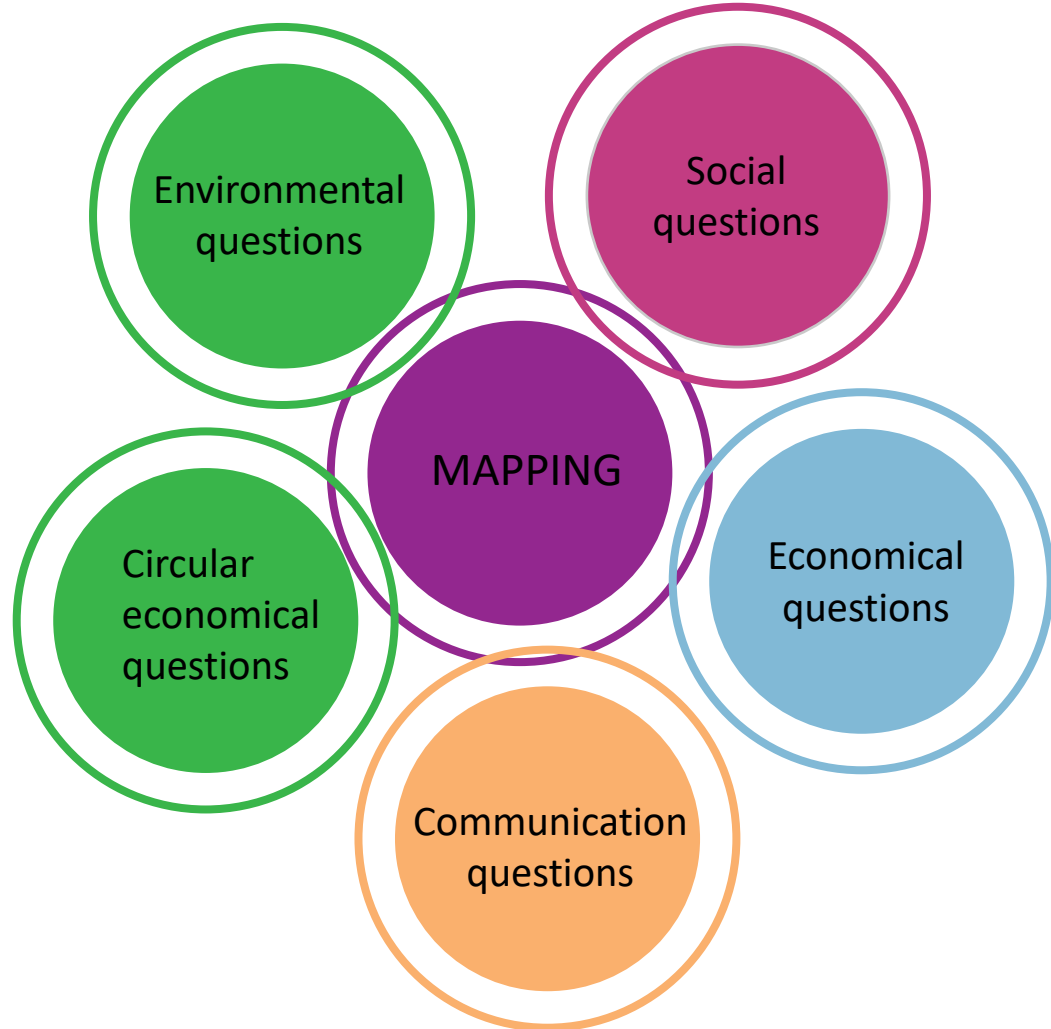
"We ourselves also want to monthly monitor our emission data."

"We are particularly interested in the life-cycle of work clothes after we have found them to be unusable... It would be good to have a model for this."

"For some time, we have been interested in finding out the status on recycling of carbon fiber and composite materials in our country and in the world."

"However, we did not have the resources for this evaluation, so the help from the project came at just the right time."

# Centria's RDI to help and support on your sustainability and circular economy journey



Jukkola Systems Oy

15. huhtikuu · 🌐

Kiitos Centrialle vierailusta kiertotalouden ja vastuullisuuden teemoilla. Oli ilo esitellä toimintaamme ja saada askelmerkkejä eteenpäin menemiseksi.

Olemme yrityksenä tehneet merkittäviä toimia jotta tuotantomme olisi mahdollisimman kestävä. Tuotamme aurinkopaneelien avulla yli tarpeemme sähkön. Muina aikoina ostimme vihreää sähköä. Kierrätämme myös kaikki koneet ja laitteet, jotta ne päätyvät uudelleen käyttöön uusina tuotteina.

Pian meillä on mahdollisuus myös ilmoittaa asiakkaillemme tuotteidemme hiilijalanjäljen.

Muistakaa tutustua YouTube kanavaamme ja näette esimerkkejä mitä energiasäästö toimia olemme tehneet asiakkaillemme.

Kiitos eritoten Hanna Tölli

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# Kickstart your circular journey



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# Develop your business towards circular economy

**Elävöitä/Regenerate**

**Korjaa/Repair**

**Käytä uudelleen/  
Reuse**

**Vähennä/Reduce**

**Harkitse/Rethink**

**Kieltäydy/Refuse**

**Palauta/Recover**

**Kierrätä/Recycle**

**Uusi käyttökohde/  
Repurpose**

**Uudelleen valmista/  
Remanufacture**

**Kunnosta/Refurbish**

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## Sosiaalinen vastuu

Miten saavutamme henkilöstön hyvinvoinnilla tuottavuus?  
Millainen on vastuullinen työnantajamielikuva? Miten  
toimintamme vaikuttaa asiakaskohderyhmiimme?

### Paikalliset yhteisöt

Miten toimintamme  
vaikuttaa paikallisiin  
ihmiin ja toimijoihin?  
Miten heitä  
voimme tukea?

### Hallinto

Miten tuemme ja  
johtamme työntekijöitä  
muista sidosryhmistä?

### Työnt

Työ  
Työ

## Vastuullinen viestintä

Miten panostamme paikallisuuteen  
viestinnässämme?

### Strategia

Millaisen kuvan haluamme antaa yrityksestä?  
Millaista materiaalia ja  
sisältöä tarvitsemme  
viestintäänsä?  
Vastuullisuus teot,  
tavoitteet ja arvot

### Materiaalit

Millaista materiaalia ja  
sisältöä tarvitsemme  
viestintäänsä?  
Vastuullisuus teot,  
tavoitteet ja arvot

### Kanavat

Missä kanavissa  
viestimme?

### Oppukäyttäjät

Miten opimme  
toistemme  
virheistä?

Erota muista! Millainen on sinun yrityksesi maine ja  
vastuullisuusbrändi?

### Visio

Millaisen hyödyn haluamme viestinnästä?  
Miten saavutamme  
visiomme?

### Sidosryhmät

Kenelle kaikille  
viestimme?  
Sisäinen ja ulkoinen  
viestintä

### Kommunikointi

Miten keskustelemme  
sidosryhmien kanssa?  
Kommentointi, viestit, jne.

### Tavoitteet

Sidosryhmien saavuttaminen  
– millaisella kielellä, sisällöllä  
ja kanavilla heille viestimme?



# Vastuullisuudesta kilpailuetua

Opas pienyritykselle  
vastuullisuussuunnitelman  
laatimiseen

Oulun yliopiston Kerttu Saalasti Instituutin julkaisu 2/2023

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# Vastuullisuuden johtaminen ja viestintä pk-yrityksissä

## Sustainability management and communications in SME's

The purpose of the project is to help SMEs in the transition to sustainability by: developing and increasing their knowledge of the topic, enhancing their ability to lead in an efficient and responsible manner in change situations and give them tools to communicate about their sustainability related actions.

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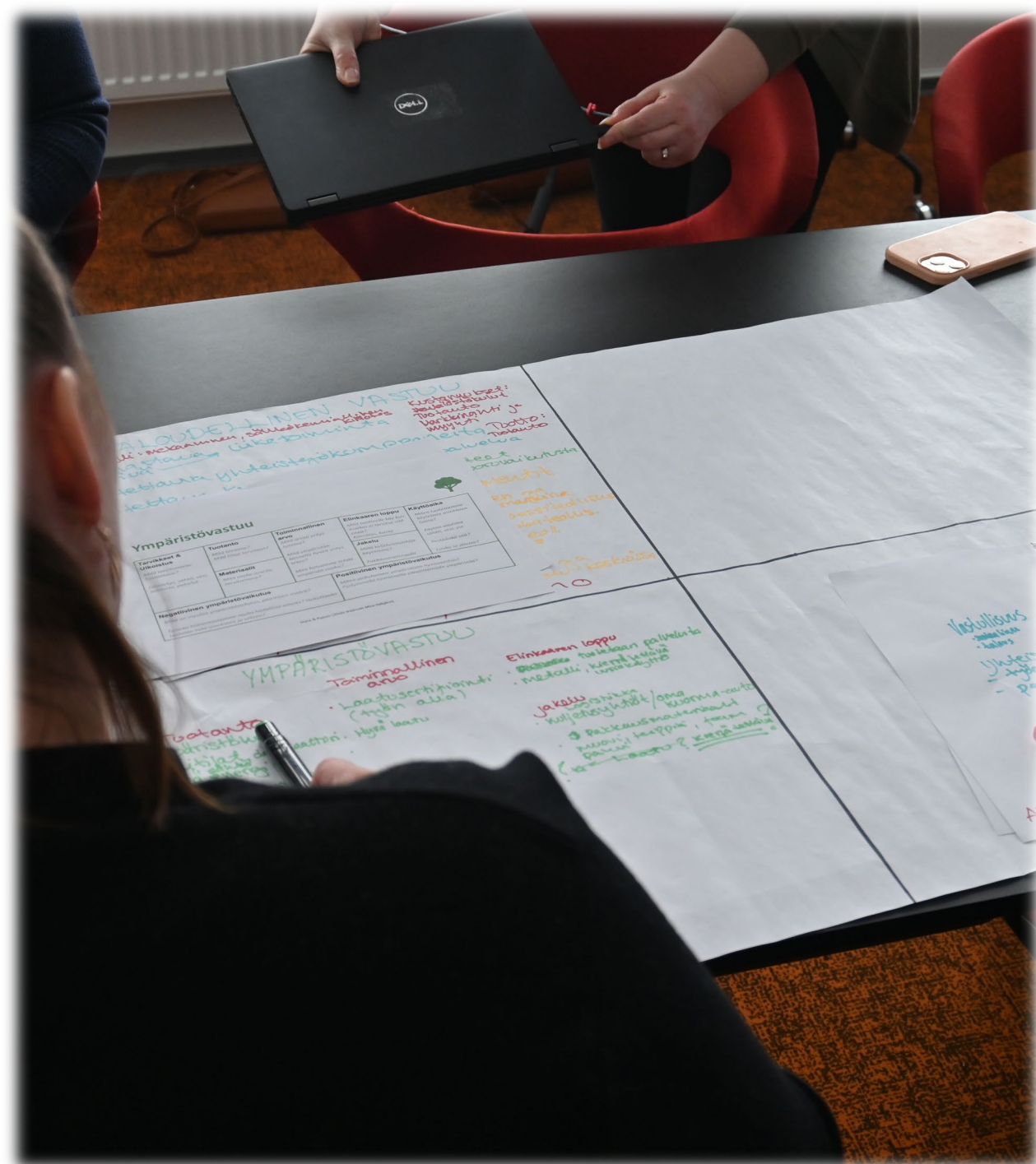
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# Benefits

- > a comprehensive information package on sustainability
- > Learn how to lead and develop the competitive advantage of your business in times of change
- > You get to develop your own business and plan sustainability communication
- > Get a certificate and peer support to make the sustainability transition during and after the project
- > E-guide to sustainability communication
- > "Vastuullista muutosta" Podcasts on Spotify open to all



# Networking the best advantage

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# Composite Recycling and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

Rathish Rajan

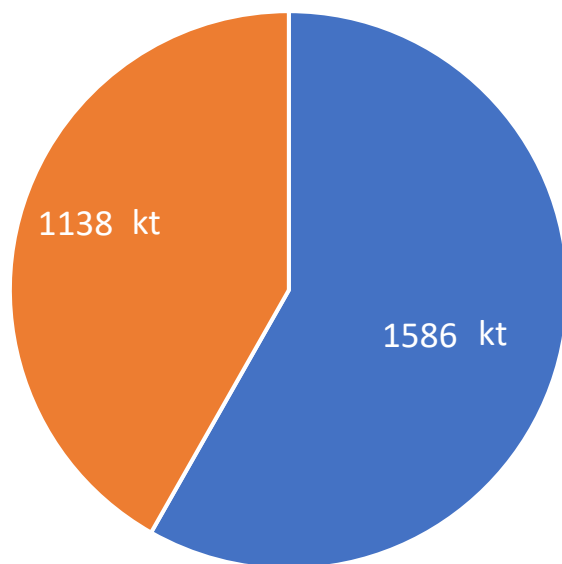
# Composite Recycling and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

- Composite facts 2022
- Driving factors
- Challenges
- Status of recycling
- 3D printing as manufacturing and recycling method
- Environmental impact of recycling methods



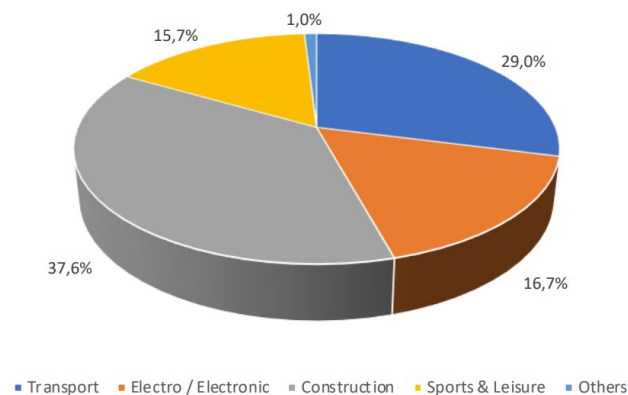
# Facts 2022

EU Production 2022

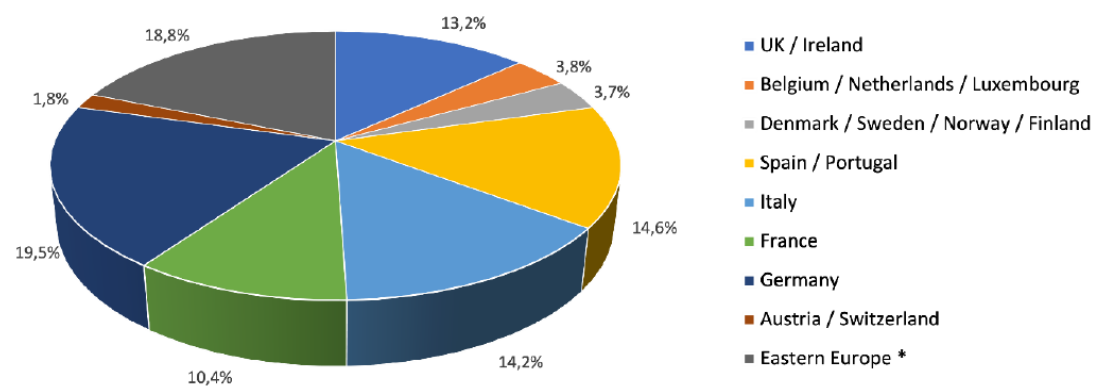
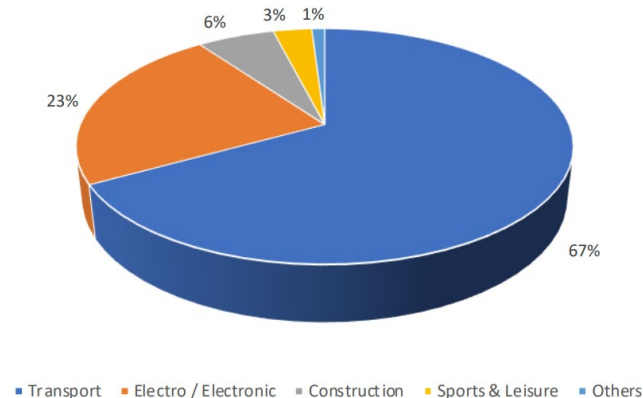


■ Thermoplastic composites ■ Thermoset composites

Thermoset composite market - 2022



Thermoplastic composite market - 2022



\* Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia

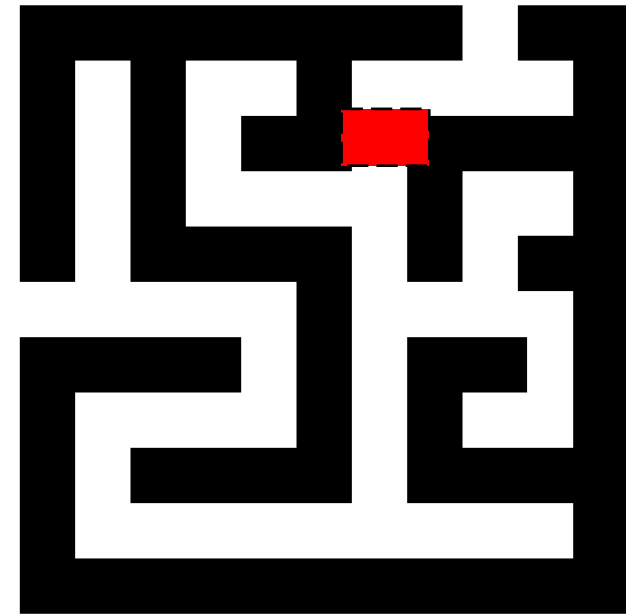
# Driving Factors for Recycling

- environmental concerns
- existing legislations
- resource conservation
- brand promotion



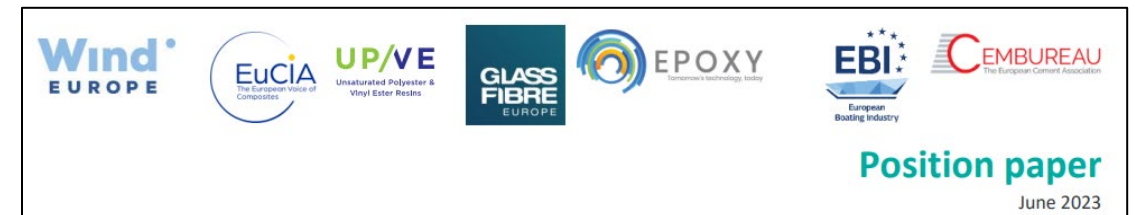
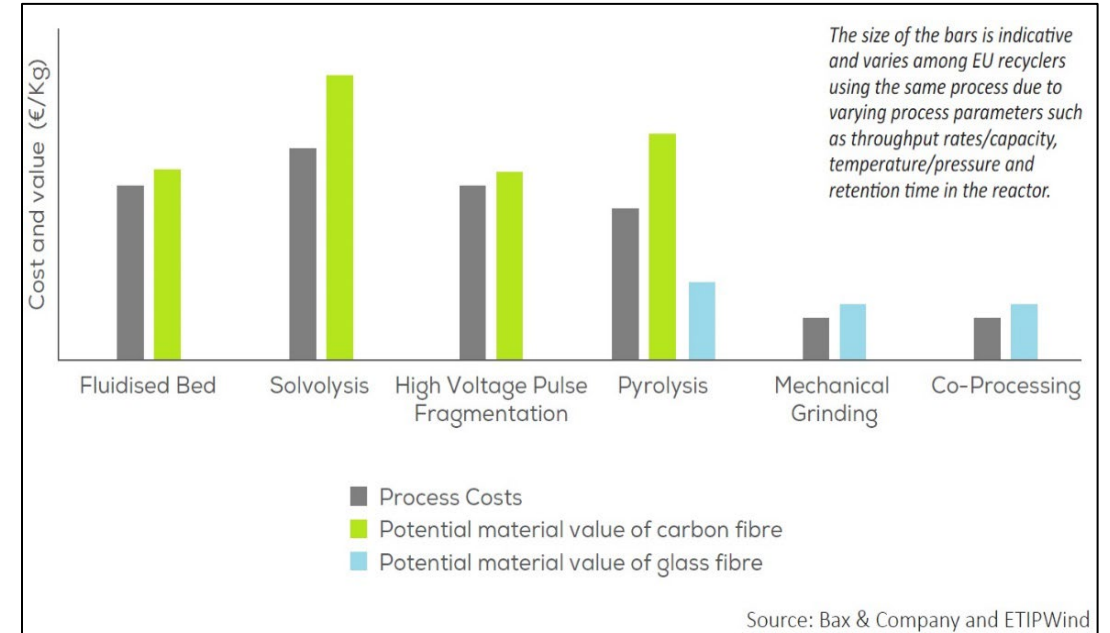
# Challenges

- technological challenges
- limited recycling facilities
- economic viability
- difficulty in collection of waste



# Status of Recycling in Europe

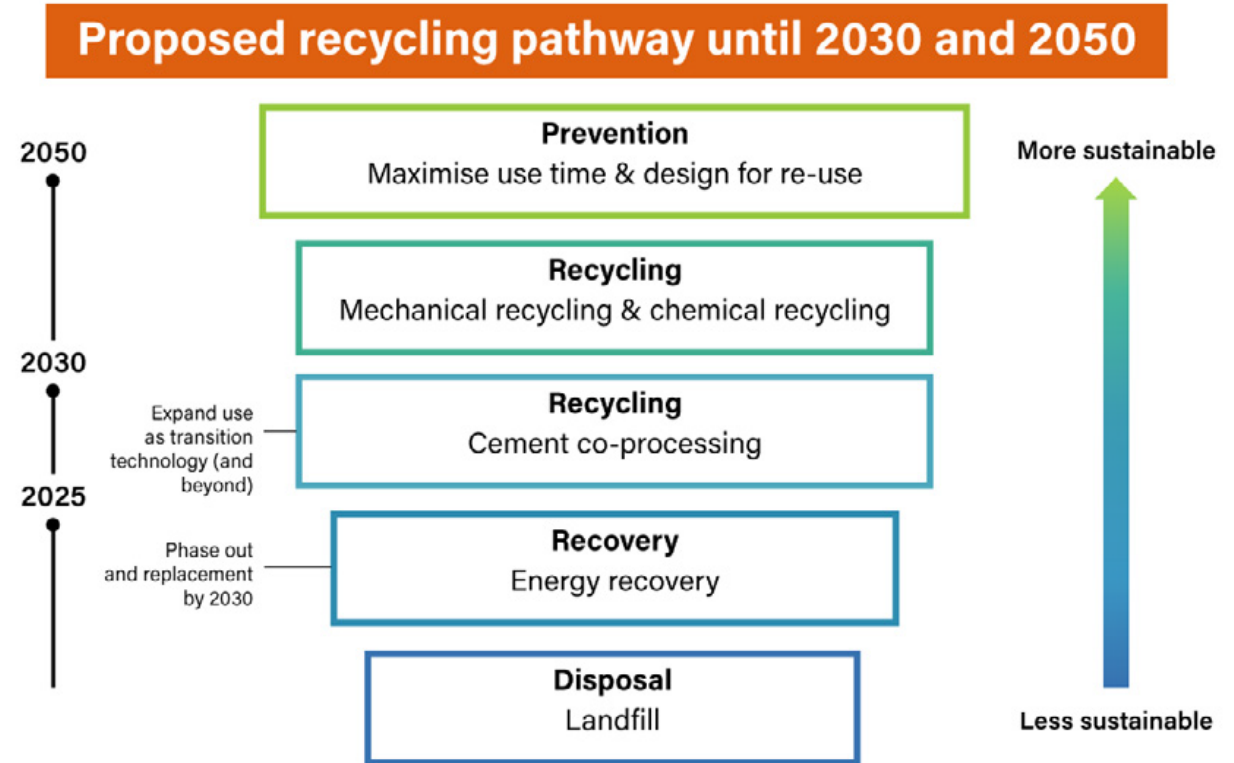
- cement kiln co-processing
- availability of stable composite waste stream?
- need cross-sector co-operation within composite industry



# European boat industry - Roadmap

- phase out landfilling and energy recovery by 2030
- expand use of cement kiln route from 2025 and beyond
- adoption of additional recycling solutions from 2030

A circular approach in recycling

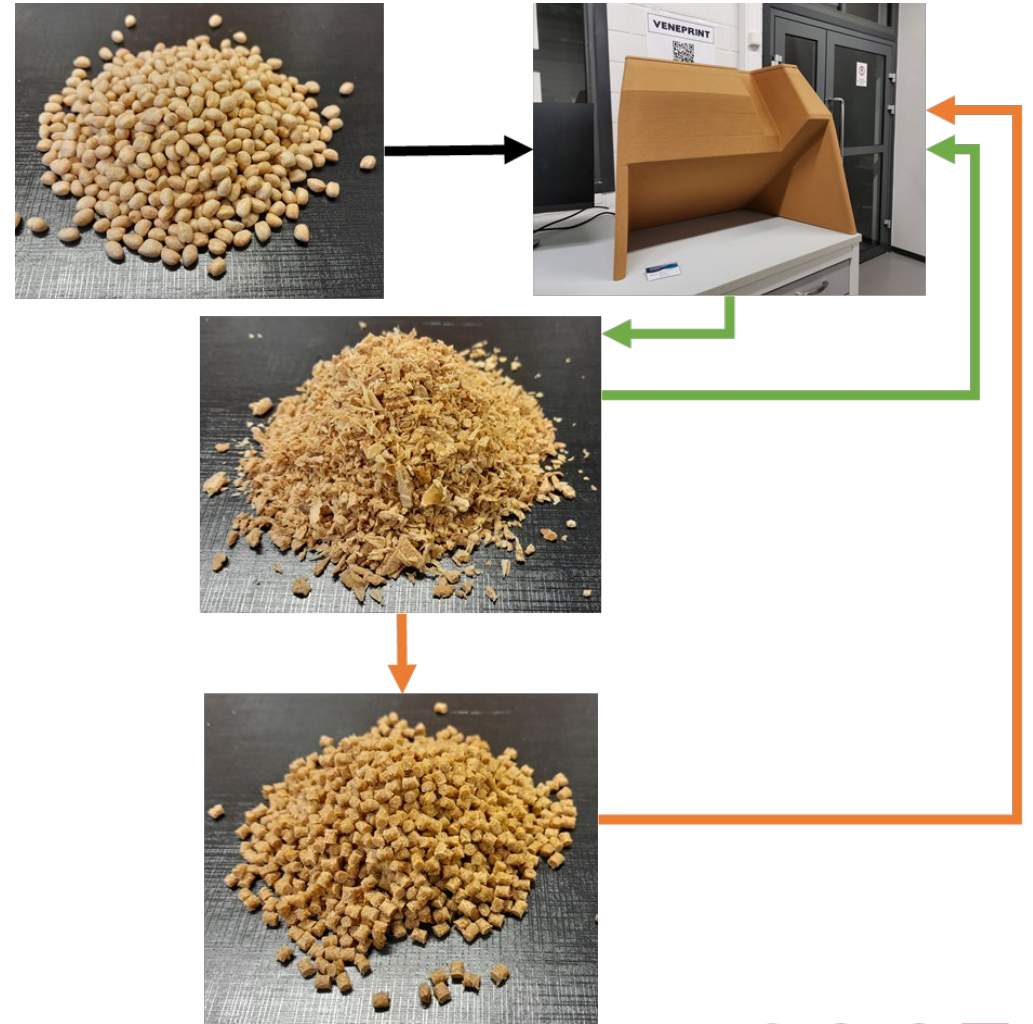


Source: A roadmap on the implementation of the circular economy for end-of-life recreational boats

<https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/sites/default/files/2023-07/Roadmap%20on%20the%20implementation%20of%20circular%20economy%20-%20EOL%20recreational%20boats.pdf>

# 3D Printing as a manufacturing and recycling method

- suitable for manufacturing large boat components
- experimentally proven to be suitable for making new components from regrinds without loss in material property
- material property loss can be compensated by using appropriate additives through compounding



Pictures: Simo Huhtanen

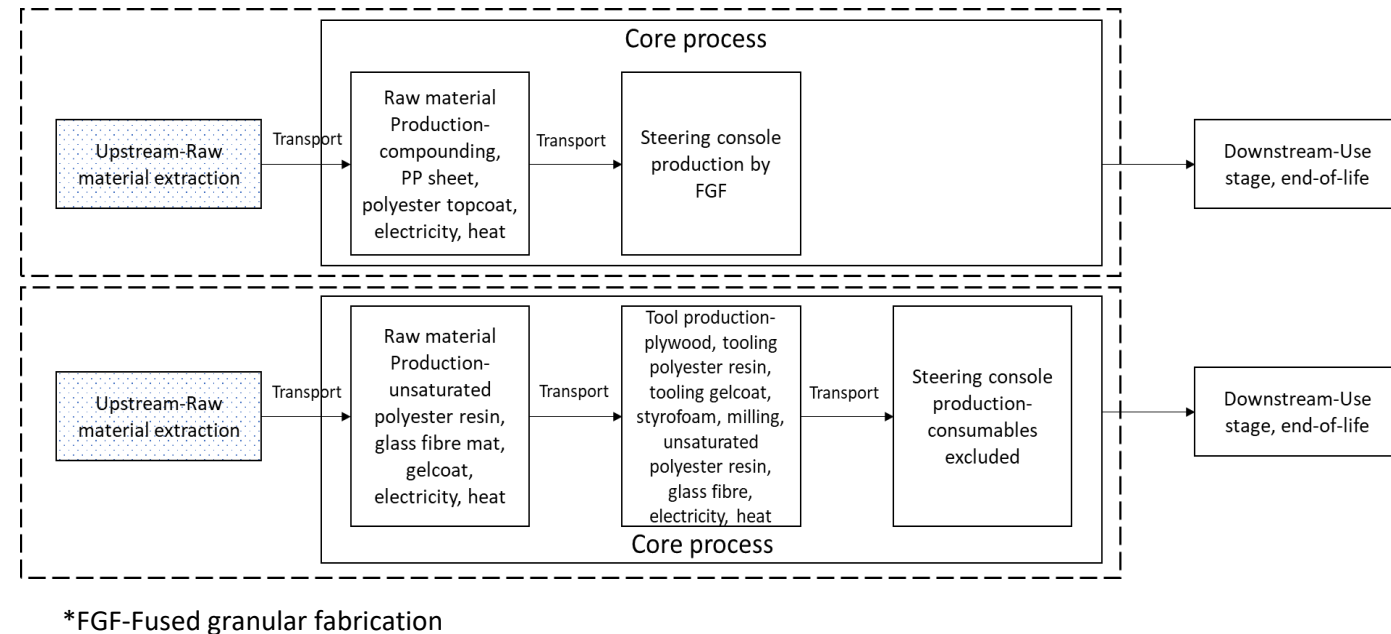
# Environmental impact – steering console case study

## Goal

The study aims to compare two manufacturing methods used for producing steering consoles to select the one based on overall environmental performance.

## Functional unit

"steering console with a total area of 1.85 m<sup>2</sup> for a boat with a lifetime of 20 years."

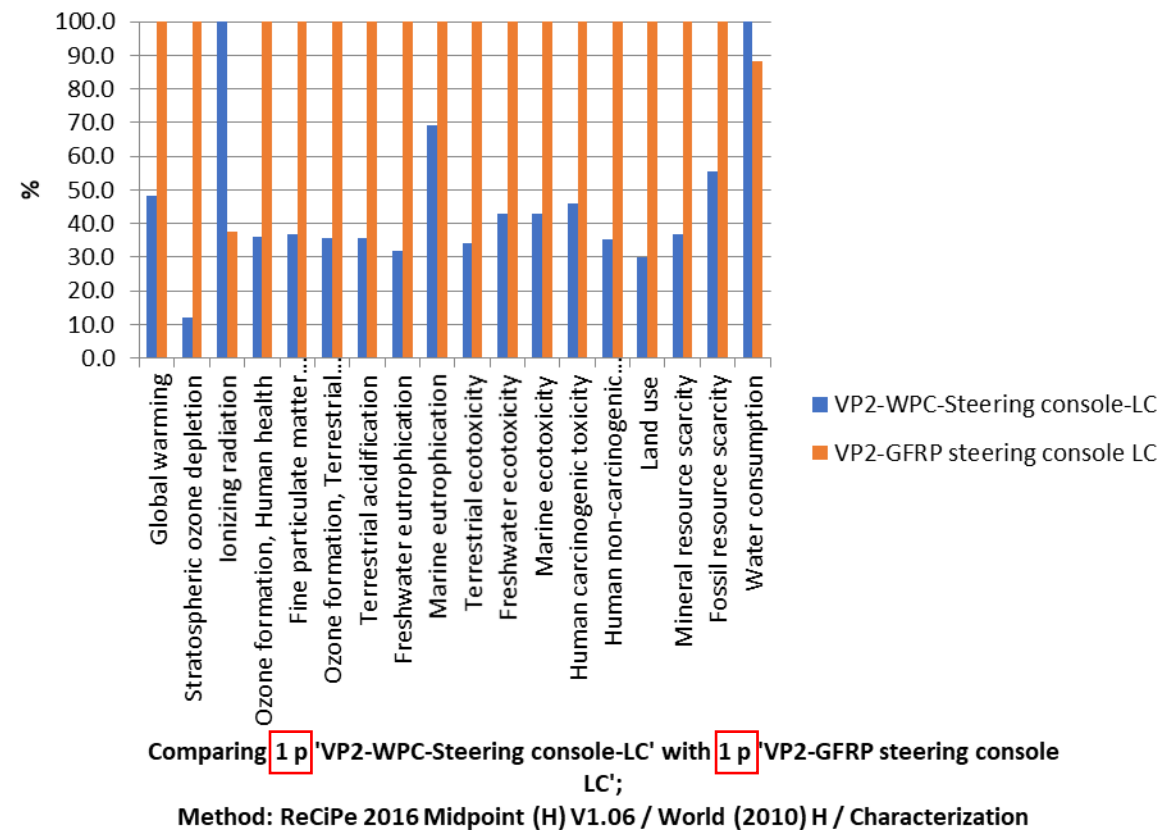


# LCIA Results

3D printing with WPC shows lower impacts in 16 out of 18 categories.

Electricity consumption and the source of electricity has high impact on 3D printed product.

The higher impact in the water use category for 3D-printing is attributed to both the wood plastic composites and the share of nuclear power in electricity



*The comparison of life cycle impact results calculated with the Recipe 2016 midpoint method for the steering console produced in two different manufacturing methods*

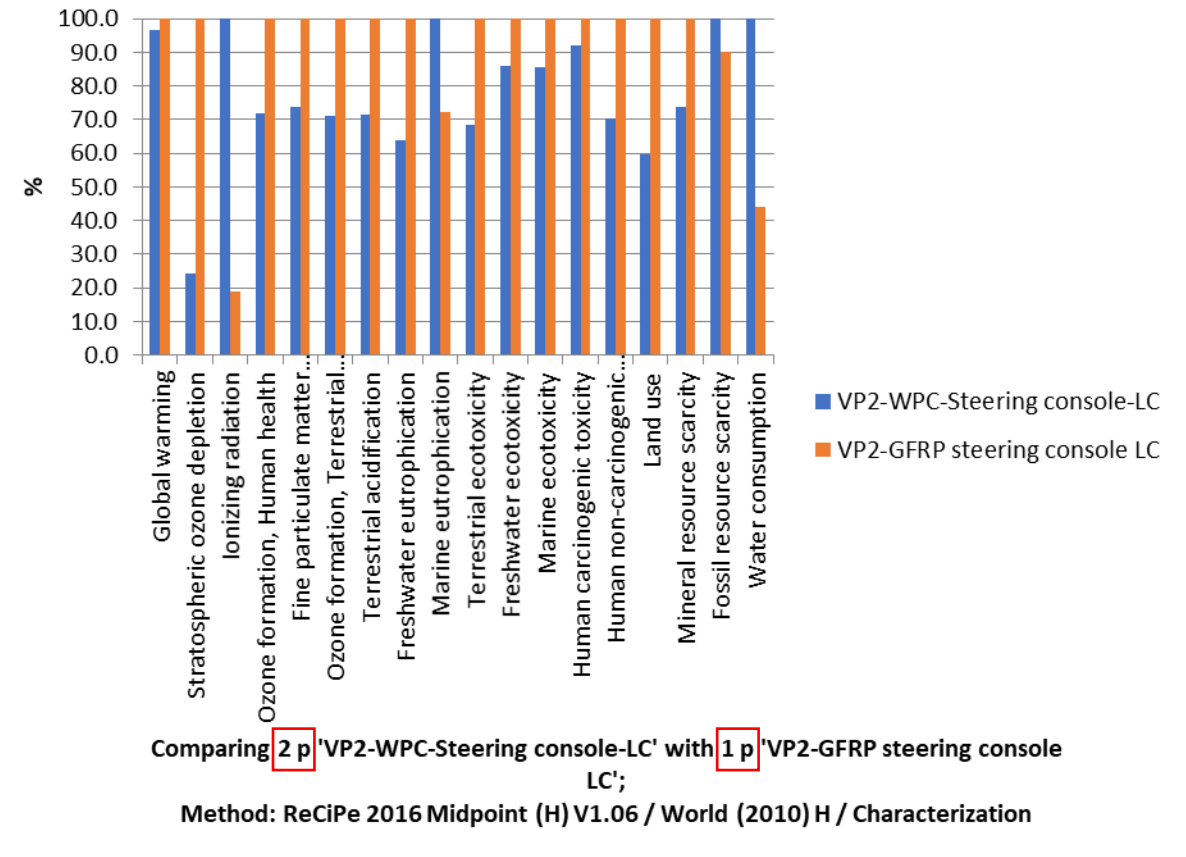
# LCIA Results

## Boat lifetime 40 years

3D printing with WPC shows lower impacts in 14 out of 18 categories.

The fossil resource scarcity is assigned mainly to using fossil-based raw material to produce wood plastic composite-based-steering console.

The impacts on water systems from nuclear power include discharge of warm cooling water.



Comparing steering console made from 3D-printing and conventional method by ReCiPe 2016 Midpoint (H) method considering doubled lifetime of boat

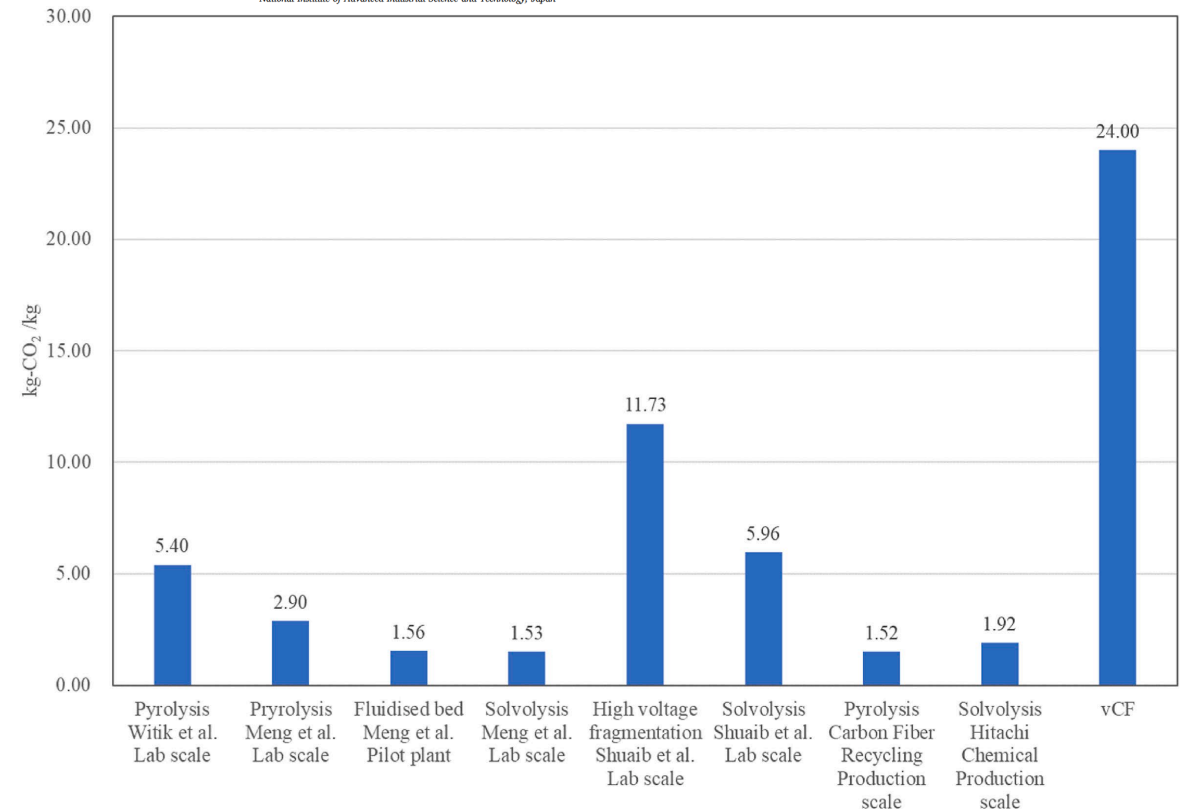
# Environmental impact of recycling methods

- high voltage fragmentation method consumes significant electricity
- GHG emissions owing to pyrolysis ranged from 1.52 to 5.40 kg-CO<sub>2</sub> eq/kg
- GHG emissions from solvolysis ranged from 1.53 to 5.96 kg-CO<sub>2</sub> eq/kg while that of the Hitachi Chemical was 1.92 kg-CO<sub>2</sub>eq/kg.

Cradle-to-Gate life cycle assessment of recycling processes for carbon fibers:  
A case study of ex-ante life cycle assessment for commercially feasible  
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