

K4I Forum Dinner Debate in cooperation with RECREATE

### How can European R&I policy best support the Circular Economy and Nature-Based Solutions?

Hosted by Pavel Telička, MEP







**RE**search network for forward looking activities and assessment of research and innovation prospects in the fields of Climate, Resource Efficiency and raw mATErials

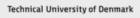
















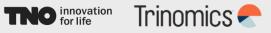




















- Support the European Commission in the definition of funding priorities for Horizon 2020
- Specific focus on "Societal Challenge 5: Climate Action, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials"

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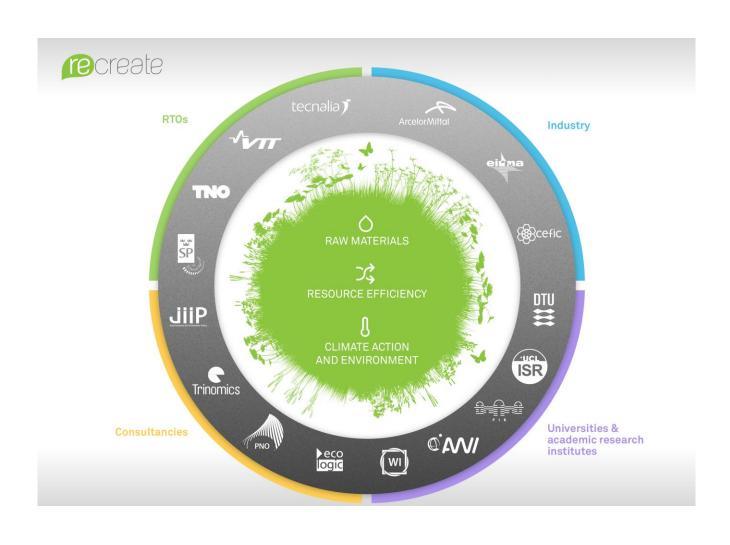
#### Key project data



- Funding source: FP7 Coordination and Support Action
- Budget: 3 million EUR
- Project duration: July 2013 June 2018
- Coordinating organisation: Joint Institute for Innovation Policy (JIIP), Brussels
- In total, 16 partners from a wide range disciplines and domains

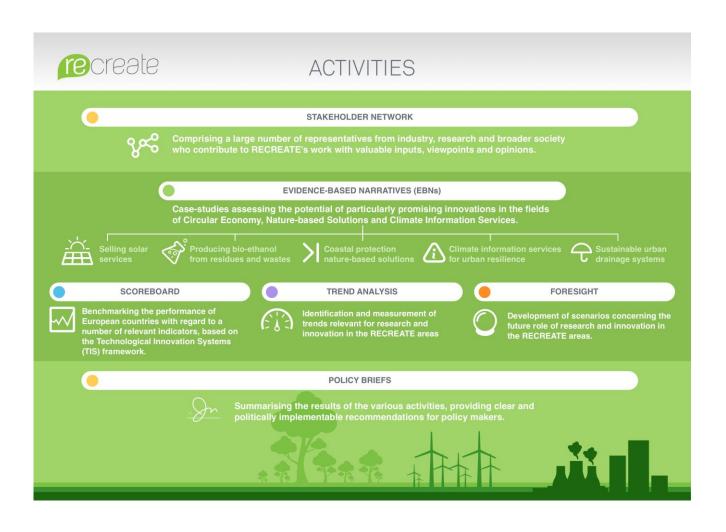
#### The consortium





#### **Activities**





### BIORIZON - WASTE TO CHEMICALS A POTENTIAL LARGE SCALE INITIATIVE

Peter Wolfs





#### **INTRODUCTION TNO**

#### **OUR MISSION**

TNO connects people and knowledge to create innovations that boost the sustainable competitive strength of industry and well-being of society.

'INNOVATION FOR LIFE'

staff establishment 3009

Consolidated Turnover 2014 526 Meuro



#### TNO VALUE PROPOSITION FOR THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

TNO helps to improve the competitiveness of the industry by reducing costs and time to market of new product and production development.



A **Shared Research Program** of TNO & VITO at the Green Chemistry Campus in the Netherlands

**Biorizon** 

The way to aromatics

Aromatics Technology
Our mission: To enable
commercial production
of bio-aromatics by 2025



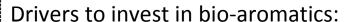
### Aromatics, basis of our daily life











- Growing market (+5%)
- Security of supply
- Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> footprint
- Cost reduction



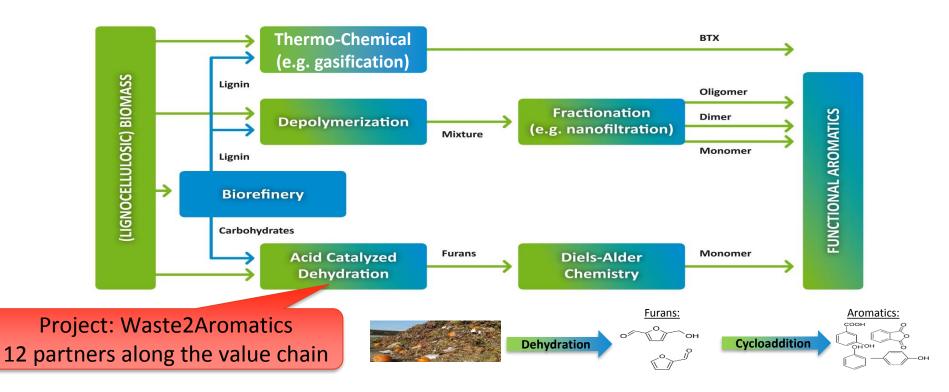








### Biorizon Value Chains

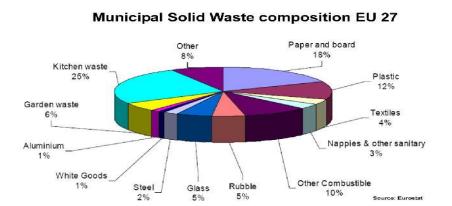






But you need to understand it because not all waste is the same

Eurostat database: 240 Mton MSW/year in EU-27



Biogenic fraction of MSW 25-50% 15-30 Mton sugars in MSW available

With the current yield of furans from waste (45%), EU-potential is 5-15 Mton/yr aromatics from MSW. Total market worldwide is ~80Mton/yr

Goal: Find best fit for the market objective and match with the best technology



### Next steps

2016/2017: Test continuous process on demo-bench scale (2-5kg/h) and deliver

a blue print for a pilot plant (1ton/day)

2018: Finance and build the pilot plant

2019-2020: Test continuous process at pilot plant

2021: finance and build a demo / semi commercial plant





### ADOPTION OF INNOVATIONS CAN TAKE LONG AND THE RISK CAN BE HIGH

The time required for commercialization can vary substantially.

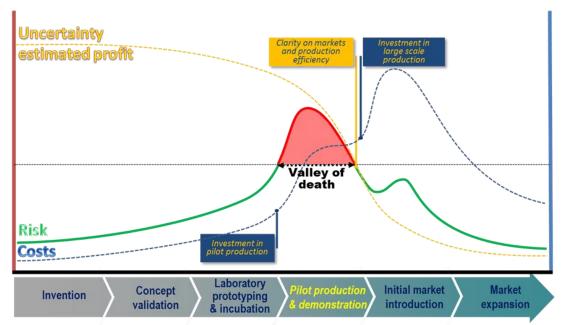


Degree of technology familiarity

Source: McKinsey



# UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION AND COST INCREASE OUT OF SYNC



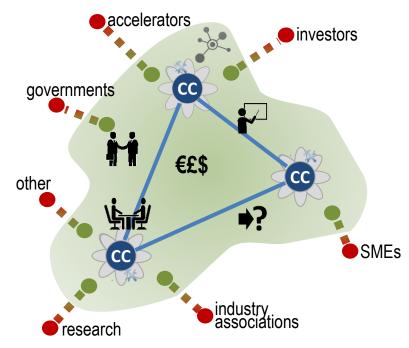






# THE IMPORTANCE OF LARGE-SCALE RDI INITIATIVES (PPP)

"Large-scale RDI initiatives (LSI) are industry and application driven, long-term, broad (open) access, multi-stakeholder partnerships strategically targeting large-scale research, development and innovation activities using a combination of different funds aiming at accelerating the commercialisation of technology, boosting competitiveness of companies and renewing industrial ecosystems towards sustainable economic growth and well-being of society."









# THE IMPORTANCE OF LARGE-SCALE RDI INITIATIVES (PPP)

accelerators investors "Large-scale RDI initiatives (ISI) are industry and ap Some characteristics: (open) Focusing on valorisation of research into business partne • Supporting TRL4-7 scale re Open to different customers activiti • Providing specific expertise funds a Sharing equipment and other infrastructure comme Tripartite cooperation (research, industry, government) SMEs compe • Combining many services industr associations research economic growth and well-being of society."







# ADDED VALUE LSI IN CROSSING THE VALLEY OF DEATH

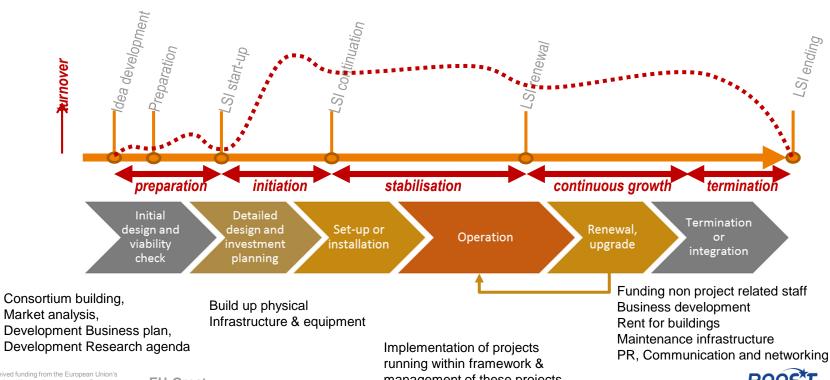
- They create a critical mass of activities, normally to small for individual companies
- Sharing infrastructure will reduce costs and lower economic risks
- Sharing research capacity will enhance the quality of researchers
- > Sharing expertise on scale-up/valorisation will create vast experience
  - Both technological and non-technological
- Creating/maintaining the innovation ecosystem will stimulate efficient cooperation
- More activities on the topic enables better awareness creation







#### **EVOLUTION OF LSI'S/PPP FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF FINANCING**





**EU-Great** 

management of these projects



## OVERVIEW OF ALL POTENTIAL SOURCES OF FINANCE







# Private





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- Private debt financing
- Own resources partners (human, financial, technical)
- Private equity
- Sponsoring (financial, technical)
- Third party in-kind HR contributions
- Memberships
- Public equity
- Public funding for infrastructure
- Public funding for projects
- Public loans and guarantees
- R&D and pilot production projects
- Commercial fees (infrastructure use, consultancy, testing/validation)
- Conference contributions
- IPR/licensing





## EU IS CRUCIAL FOR THE INITIATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LSI'S/PPP

- The preparation of LSIs is often very difficult and hardly funded by national and regional level
- Although LSIs often start at regional level, after 5 years also the international market is relevant => Smart specialisation is required
- > Transnational (even trans-regional) cooperation is secondary for LSIs
- A systematic approach to create a viable LSI is complex
- Focusing on valorisation of research requires high budgets, and cooperation on national/regional/EU level
- The combination of H2020 with ESIF and even EFSI is important
- Coordination is essential





# THANK YOU

THO innovation for life





K4I dinner event: How can European R&I policy best support the Circular Economy and Nature-Based Solutions



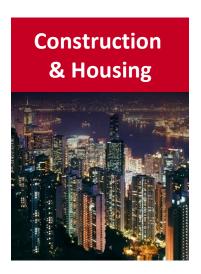
# Why chemicals trade is important for everyone!





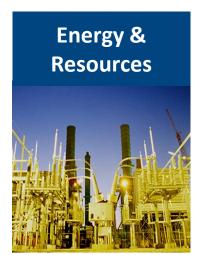
### 9 billion people will live on earth by 2050!

- How can we guarantee food and water supply for everyone?
- What are possible benefits and contributions of plant science?



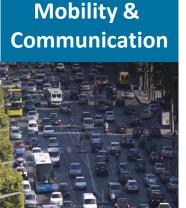
# 67% of the world population will live in cities by 2025!

- What does future architecture look like?
- Which materials are needed to make energy consumption more efficient?



### 50% more primary energy needed in 2030!

- What is the ideal energy mix of the future?
- How big is the stake of renewable energy?

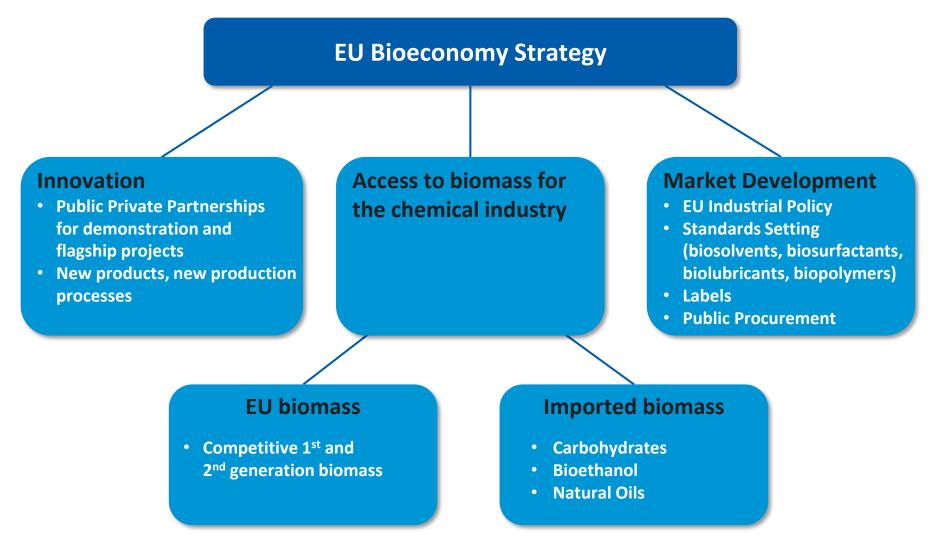


### 1.2 billion cars will drive on earth by 2020!

- How can we reduce emissions and fuel consumption?
- What will future cars be made off?

# The dimensions of the Bio-economy for the EU Chemical Industry





### The Chemical Industry: key player



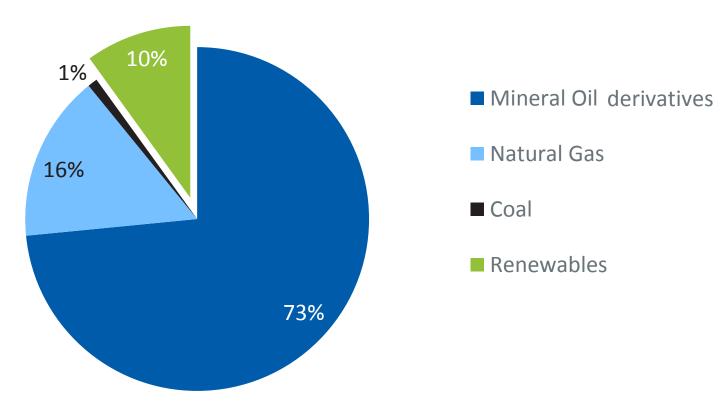
Mix of traditional and new applications:

- Carbohydrates used in specialties like enzymes, vitamins, organic acids, polymers
- Animal fats/vegetable oils used in surfactants/emulsifiers for detergents, cosmetics, coatings
- Natural extracts for cosmetics and fragrances
- Bio-based plastics, eg. PLA (polylactic acid), starch based or bio polyethylene, bio PET (polyethylene-terephthalate), PEF (polyester polyethylene-furanoate)

# Renewables hold a 10% share of our carbon-containing Raw Materials



Shares in total organic raw materials – material (feedstock) use only EU chemical industry, **2014** 



### Why bio-based?

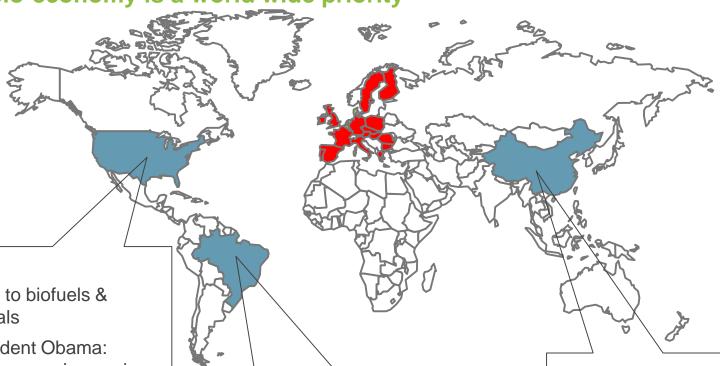


- Awareness for intrinsically sustainable products
- Increased political support
- Europe's highly sophisticated chemical industry
- Expansion of our raw material base
- Development of new, differentiated & sustainable products
  - new or drop-in
- Integration of fermentation into chemical processes



#### What Europe is up against

The bio-economy is a world wide priority



#### US

- ~\$50 billion to biofuels & bio-chemicals
- 2012, President Obama:
   "The bio-economy is a major engine for American innovation and economic growth"



#### **BRAZIL**

- Aims to be N°1 Global Bio-economy
- R\$ 3,3 billion for 2<sup>nd</sup> generation bioethanol, bio-chemicals and biomass gasification technologies



#### **CHINA**

- > \$300 billion in Science & Technology with biotech as a major priority over 2011-2015
- Substitute 20% of crude oil imports by 2020



### Challenges



- Free and fair access to (renewable) raw materials
  - Competition for resources (food vs energy vs materials);
  - Discrimination fossil vs 'green' feedstock;
  - Discrimination vs 3rd countries having (free) RM access, Brazil, US;
  - Discrimination between agricultural products for chemical use (palm oil vs bio ethanol);
  - Tariff anomaly (duties on RMs vs finished goods)
- Stable, coherent and predictable policy framework to foster innovation and competitiveness

# Win-Win situation chemical and rural sector

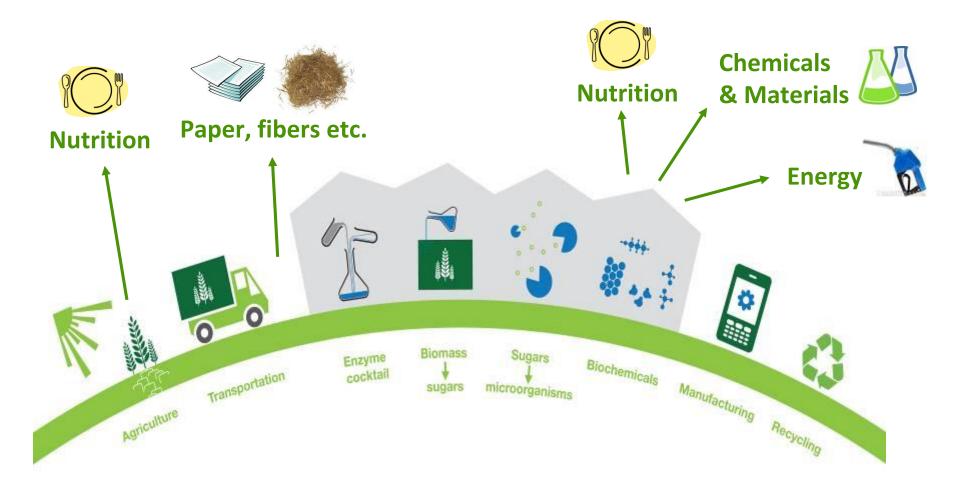


Development of bio-based production is creating a great opportunity for both the European chemical industry as well as for the rural sector, promoting the much desired investment and job creation. Common denominators for both chemical and rural sector are:

- Promoting bio-based economy will allow to develop new markets to which the agricultural sector can feed into, but most importantly, help boosting economic growth;
- The EU is (relatively) not well positioned with regards to resources and developing bio-based economy will help extending our feedstock range;
- Developing bio-based economy will help meet the (growing) consumer demand for bio, that is predominantly concentrated in the EU (automotive, construction, cosmetics, packaging materials).
- → This requires a holistic policy approach across the Commission DGs that removes discrimination and market distorting practices and stimulates innovation. Key success factor is collaboration throughout the entire value chain, from agriculture to bio chemicals.

# Value chain: Agro meets Chemicals to form one key pillar of the circular economy





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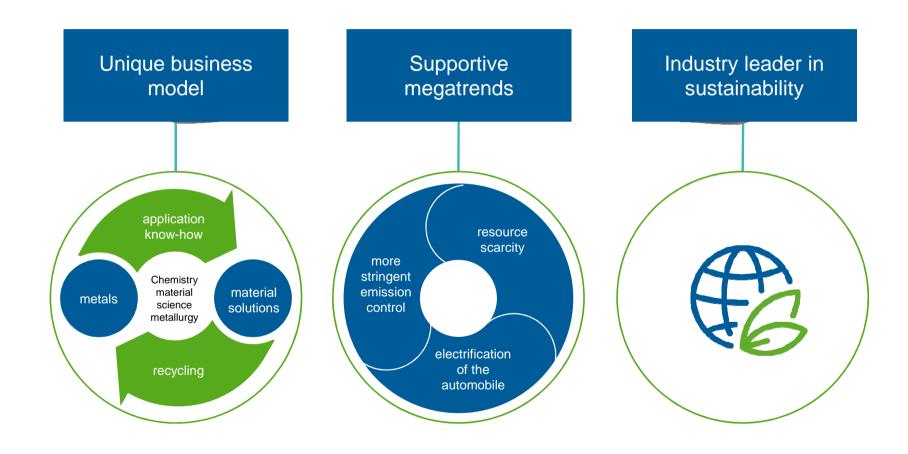
# Lithium Ion Battery Materials & Recycling @ Umicore

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Senior Vice President Government Affairs
Umicore

K4I/JIIP/CEFIC/EIRMA Meeting European Parliament Brussels June 28th, 2016

#### Our foundations





# Global presence: 10,429 people, 66 manufacturing sites





### Strong commitment to innovation





R&D spend € 145 m



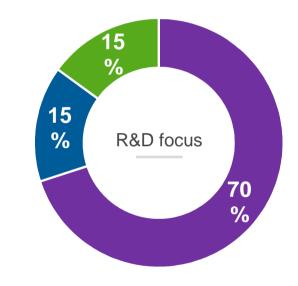
**5.5% of revenues** invested in R&D



Focus on clean mobility and recycling



**520 patent families,** 46 patents filed in 2015







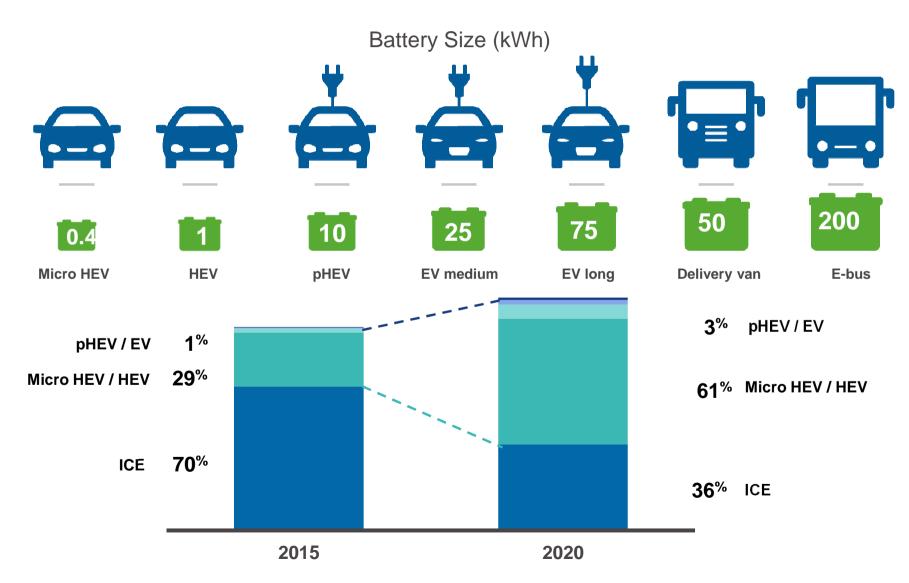


PhD graduate Stefan Knoppe wins Umicore Materials Technology Award

### Market development electrified powertrains

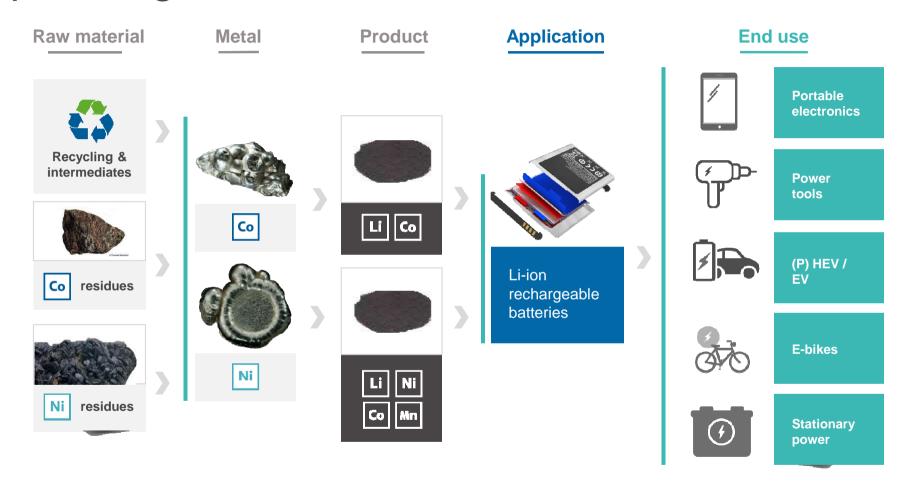


#### **Segments**



### Unique integration in the value chain





Umicore occupies a unique position in the value chain guaranteeing high speed to market, supply security, and responsiveness to customer needs

## Product portfolio cathode materials



### LCO

lithium cobaltite LiCoO<sub>2</sub>

#### NCA

lithium nickel aluminium cobalt oxide LiNi<sub>0.8</sub>Co<sub>0.15</sub>Al<sub>0.05</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

#### **LMO**

lithium manganese oxide LiMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

#### **NMC**

nickel manganese cobalt Li(Ni<sub>x</sub>Mn<sub>y</sub>Co<sub>1-x-y</sub>)O<sub>2</sub>

Energy	Power	Safety	Life	Cost
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#### **Example application**





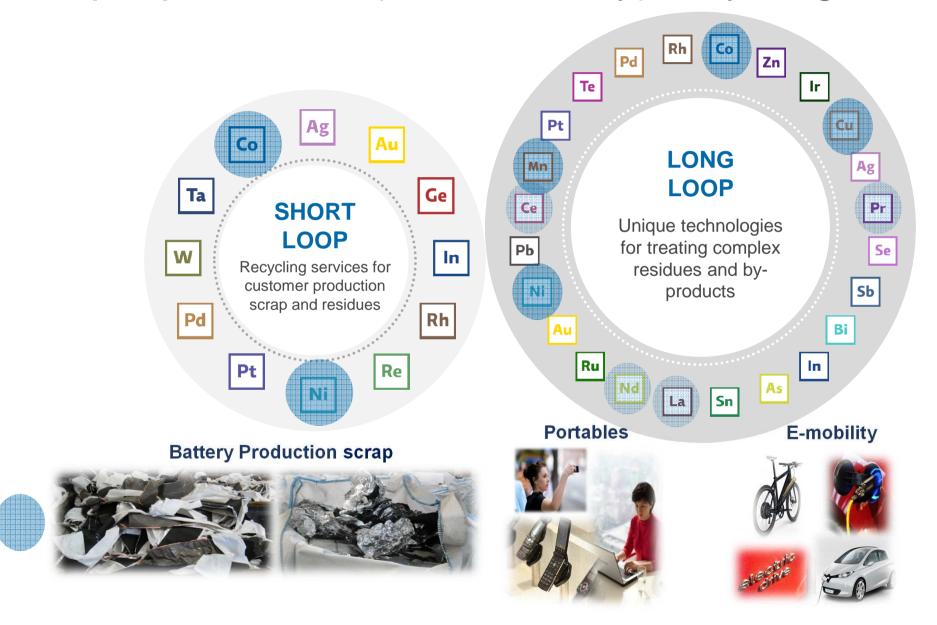






## Unique position in (Li-ion battery) recycling





#### **Energy storage**







### No pre-treatment necessary

= direct feed into Umicore UHT furnace in Hoboken (Belgium)

### **Pre-treatment necessary**

= dismantling to module/cell level

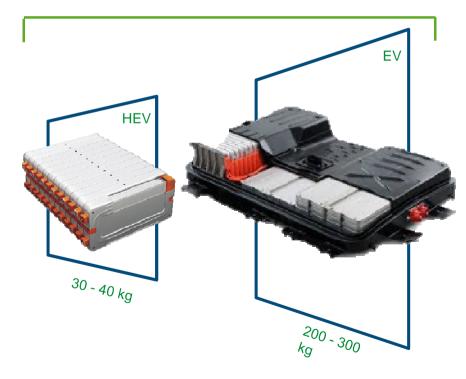
**Umicore Dismantling facility, Hanau (Germany)** 







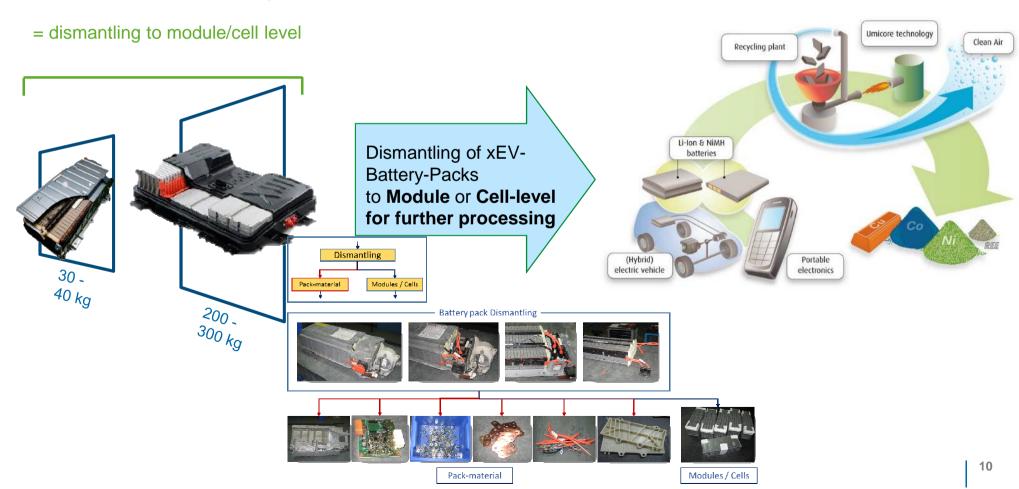




## (H)EV Battery Drop-Off-Point & Dismantling-Service in Hanau (Germany)



#### **Pre-treatment necessary**



# Umicore UHT furnace technology in operation in Hoboken (Belgium)



### Capacity: 7,000 mt/yr of NiMH or Li-ion Batteries

± 250 mio mobile phone batteries

± 200,000 HEV's

± 35,000 EV's

#### **Recycling:**

Alloy: Cu - Co - Ni

Slag: for Li-lon: used in construction

for NiMH: rare earth concentrate (REE)

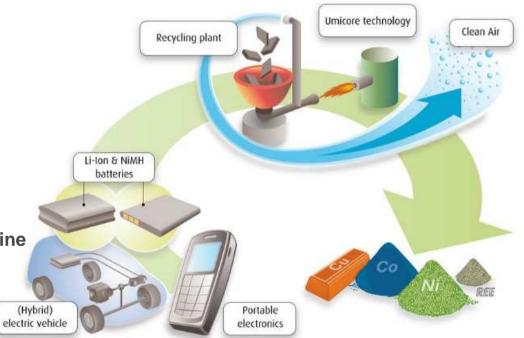
Flue dust: controlled separation of Fluorine

### **Eco-efficient:**

Close-to-zero waste

Advanced gas cleaning

Energy of battery used to obtain high temperature (electrolyte, metals, plastics)



Umicore Battery Recycling Technology

# Umicore UHT furnace technology in operation in Hoboken (Belgium)











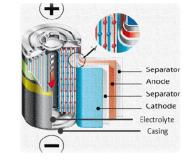




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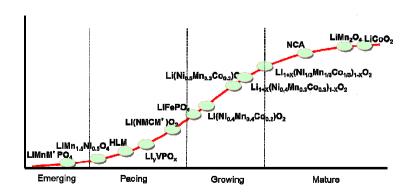
# Umicore UHT furnace technology: able to treat all types of Li-ion batteries

 Li-ion battery = complex mix of materials containing metals, organics, halogens.



 Strong variation in cathode chemistries with more variation to come.

 Umicore has knowledge on battery chemistry evolution through its Rechargeable Battery Materials division

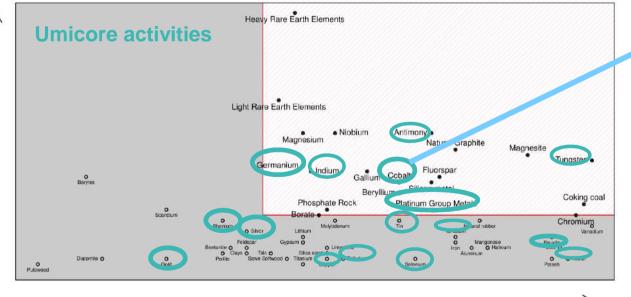


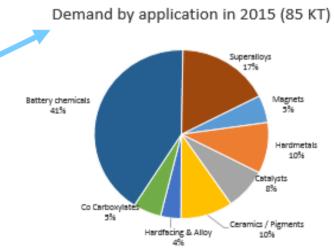
→ Umicore's UHT-process is designed to handle this complexity and variability

## Umicore activities and Critical materials according to the EU assessment









Economic importance



### Cobalt sourcing by Umicore

### Challenging environment in DRC (>60% of WW Co production)...

#### Given the

- Health issues related to cobalt;
- Safety and health issues related to artisanal mining;
- Child labor issues in DRC;
- Social and environmental issues related to cobalt sourcing worldwide

the "Sustainable Procurement Framework for Cobalt" was created to ensure Umicore and its downstream partners that its cobalt comes from sustainable sources.



## Sustainable procurement framework for Cobalt umicore



Sustainable procurement of cobalt means to Umicore taking into account economic, environmental and social impact of its suppliers in the decision process of buying materials.

- **Dedicated purchasing framework was** created to asses the performance of **Umicore's suppliers and eventually** select or reject suppliers
- **Decision tree includes background** check, red flag check, plant visit, orange flag check, risk assessment and risk mitigation plan
- Plant visit an essential step!
- Umicore has visited all mines that contribute >1% of Co volumes

### Red Flags:

- any form of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment;
- any form of forced or compulsory labor;
- any form of child labor;
- any form of bribery and corruption;
- hand-picking and/or artisanal mining (as primary source)

# EMIRI works for the future of Advanced Materials for Low Carbon Energy in EU (1/2)







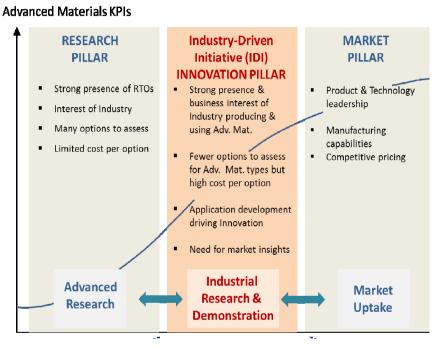




Presence in 19 EU countries, over 80 innovation centers, over 50 manufacturing sites







- To reduce innovation risks & accelerate innovation in Advanced Materials, EMIRI calls for the creation of an Innovation Pillar, based on reinforced public private interactions and aligned with priorities of Industry & Integrated SET Plan
- EMIRI works with EU Commission DG R&I to launch the Industry-Driven Initiative (IDI) called EMERIT (Energy Materials for Europe – Research & Industry innovating Together) which lays the foundations & innovation priorities of the Innovation Pillar
- In Horizon 2020 and beyond, implementation of EMERIT via a cPPP or other tools (beyond business as usual) is key to stimulate investments in R&I to reinforce presence in Europe of a competitive industry impacting growth and jobs (+50% beyond 2025) and creating strong innovation systems to collaborate & compete globally

