
DG CONNECT Summer School

RESOURCE-EFFICIENT BATTERY LIFE CYCLES:

DRIVING ELECTRIC MOBILITY WITH THE DIGITAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY



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THE SETTING: WE NEED TO MOVE THE NEEDLE ON BOTH DECARBONIZATION AND WIDER RESOURCE IMPACTS TO KEEP AN ENVIRONMENT SAFE FOR HUMANS



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The Commission will also propose to revise the rules on end-of-life vehicles with a view to promoting **more circular business models** by linking **design issues to end-of-life treatment**, considering rules on **mandatory recycled content** for certain materials of components, and **improving recycling efficiency**.

*“A new Circular Economy Action Plan: For a cleaner and more competitive Europe”,
European Commission, March 11th, 2020*

What **happens in the next 10 years will likely determine the state of the planet** we hand over for future generations. We need to get serious about stabilizing our planet: First task, we **need to cut global emissions by half by 2030 (...)** This means **decarbonizing the big systems** that run our lives: energy, industry, transport, and buildings. (...) The good news is, we can do this.

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*“10 years to transform the future of humanity – or destabilize the planet”
Johan Rockström, Ted Talk (Countdown), October 10th 2020*

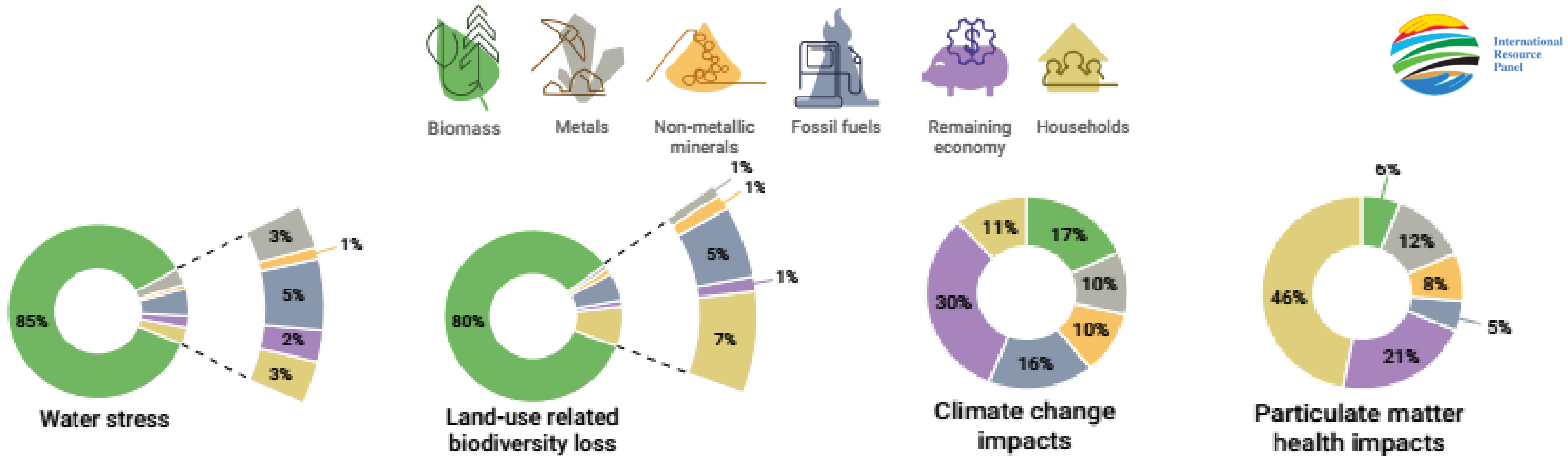
WHAT SCIENCE TELLS US ABOUT RESOURCE CONSUMPTION (1/2)

Resource extraction
and processing
cause

90% of global biodiversity loss and water stress

50% of global climate change impacts

1/3 of air pollution health impacts

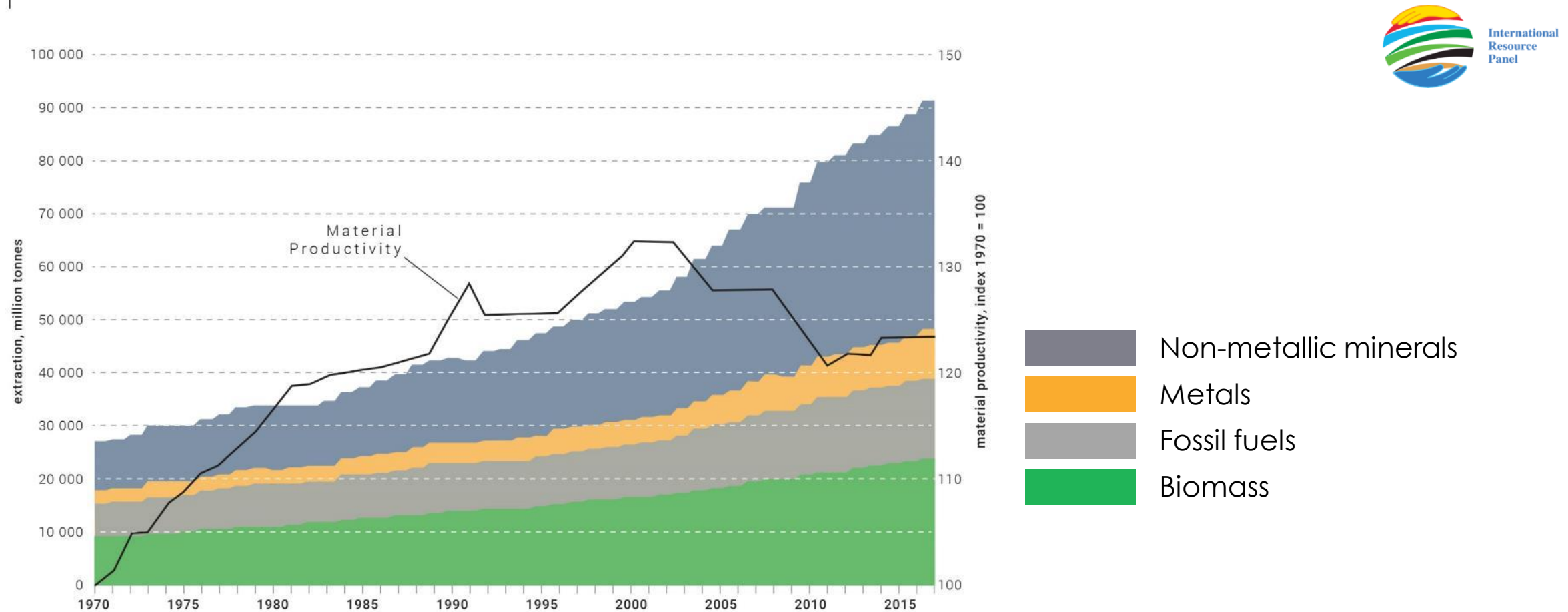


Source: UN International Resource Panel (2019). Global Resources Outlook

WHAT SCIENCE TELLS US ABOUT RESOURCE CONSUMPTION (2/2)

If trends continue, global resource extraction will double by 2060

Global material extraction and material productivity, 1970 - 2017



Source: UN International Resource Panel (2019). Global Resources Outlook

MOTORISED PRIVATE TRANSPORT IS THE MAIN DRIVER OF TRANSPORT-RELATED CO₂ EMISSIONS - BUT CO₂ IS ONLY PART OF THE PROBLEM

Transport is responsible for >1/3 of EU-28 CO₂ emissions, especially motorised private transport contributes to this with 15% of the total

But also indirect emissions and other environmental impacts from resource use are significant.

Direct emissions = emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels

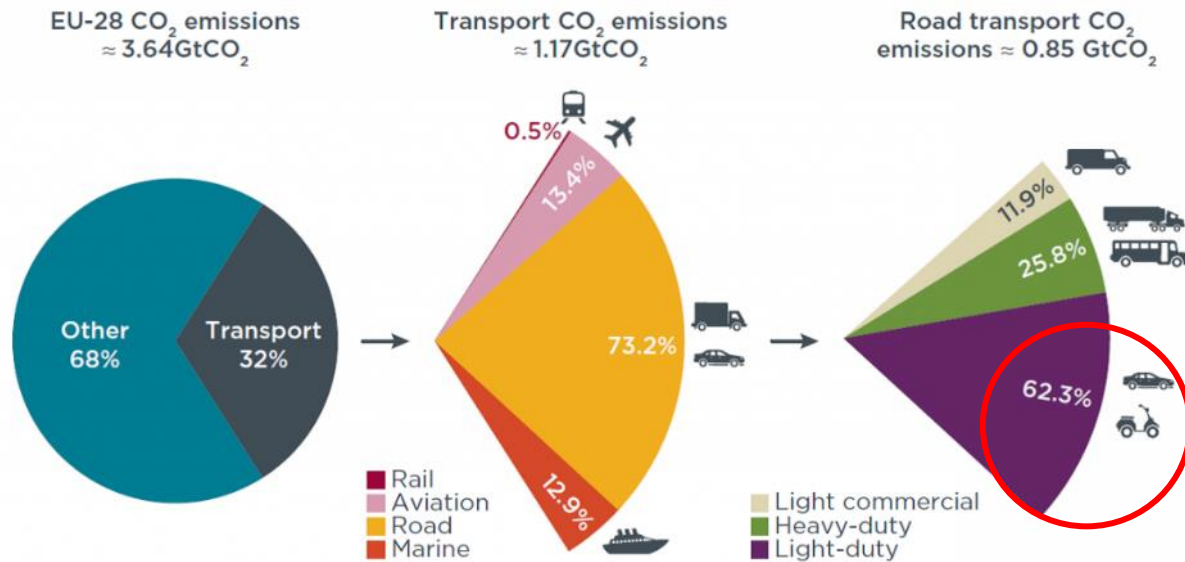
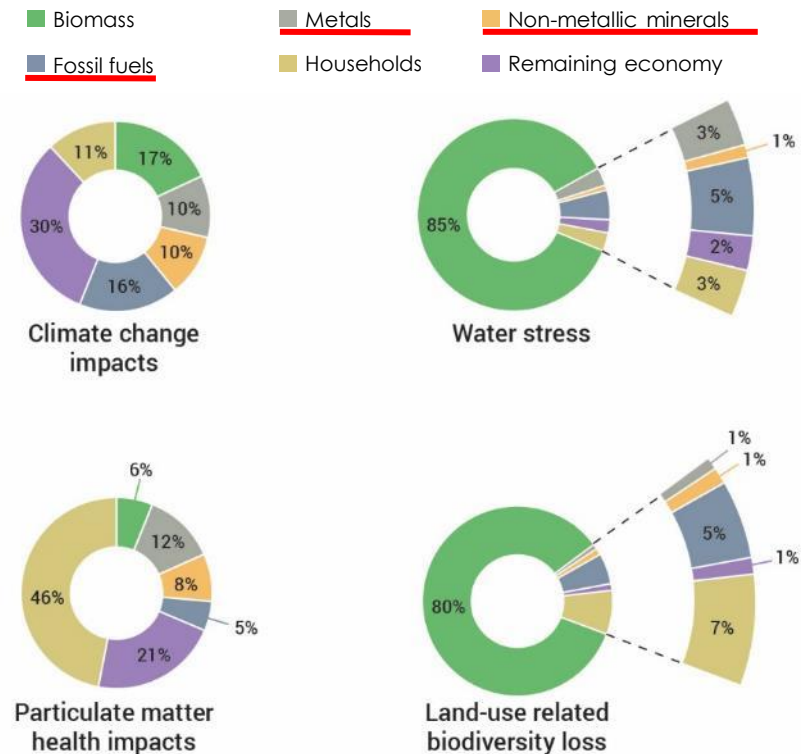


Figure 2. Distribution of total ETS and non-ETS direct CO₂ emissions in the European Union in 2015.⁸ GtCO₂: gigatonnes of carbon dioxide

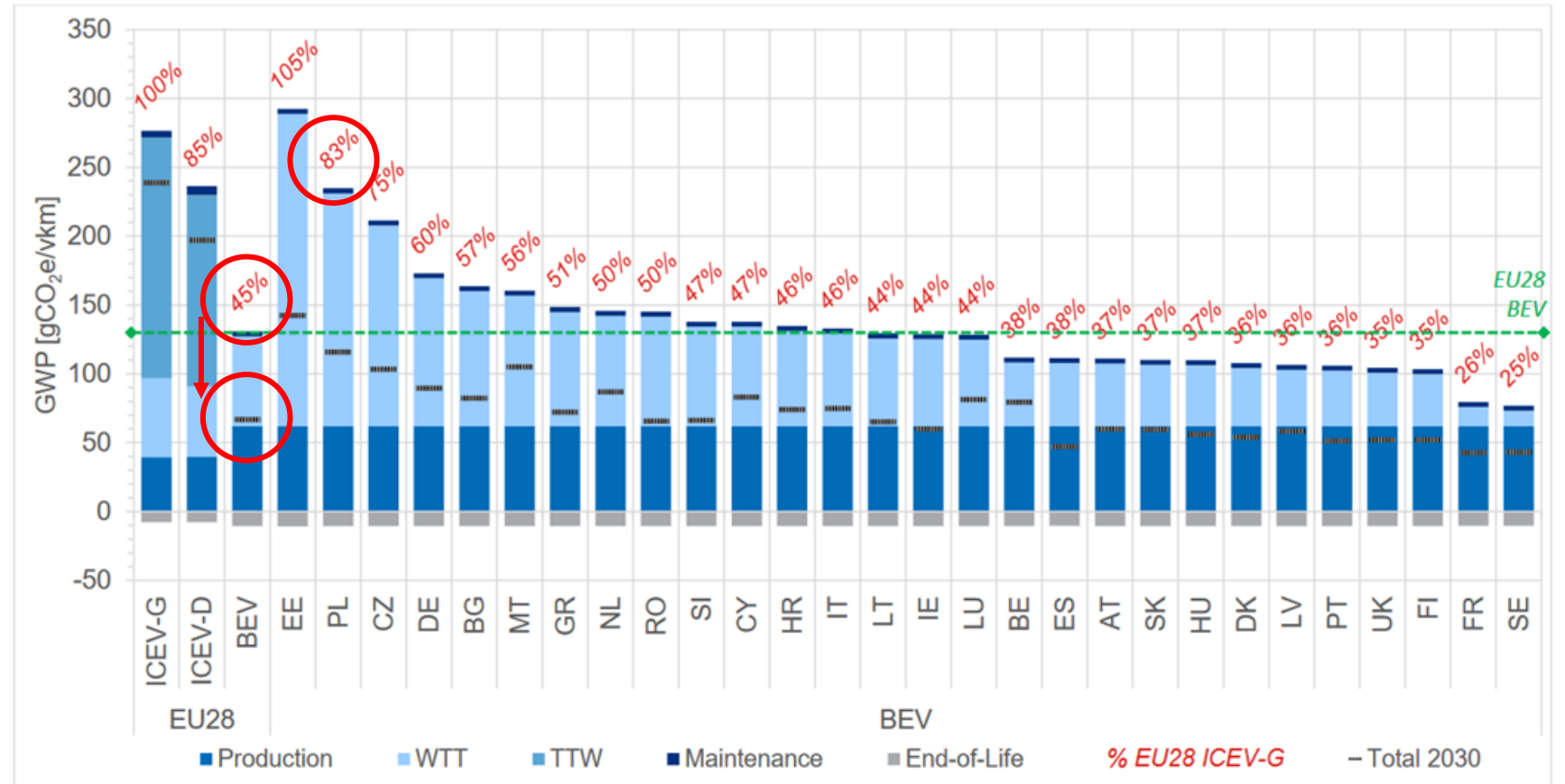


Sources: <https://www.cleanenergywire.org/factsheets/road-freight-emissions-germany>; UN IRP, Global Resources Outlook

ELECTRIC CARS: THE BEST OPTION ALREADY TODAY

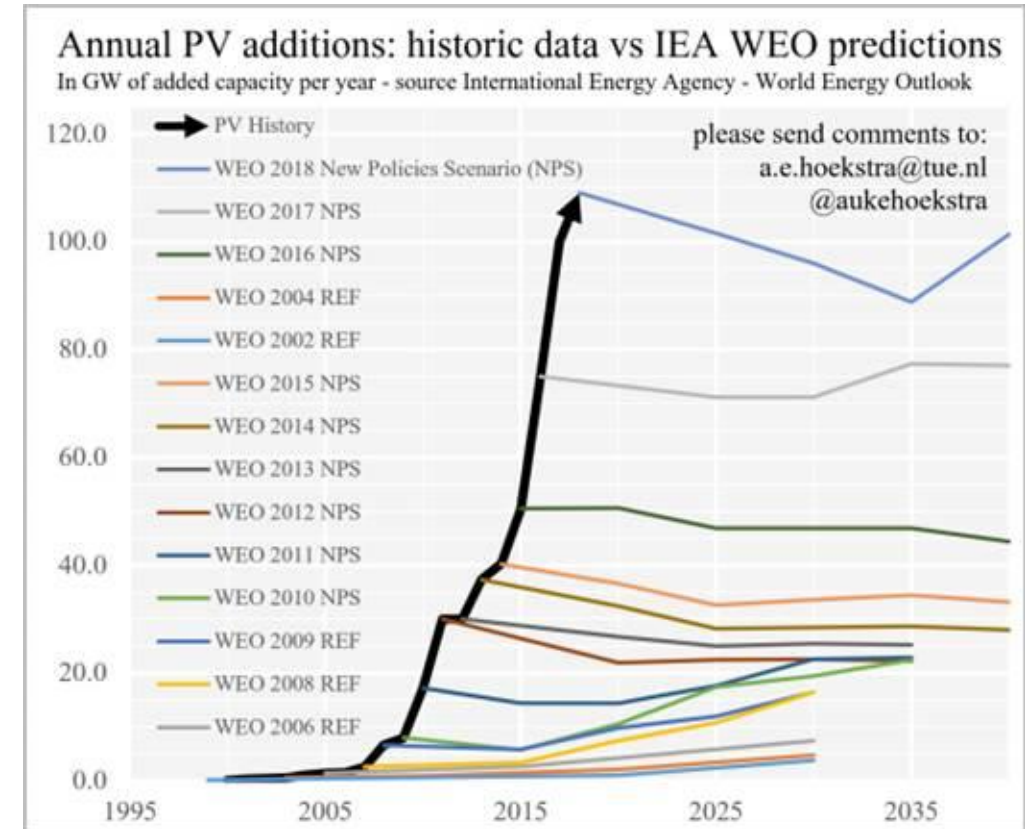
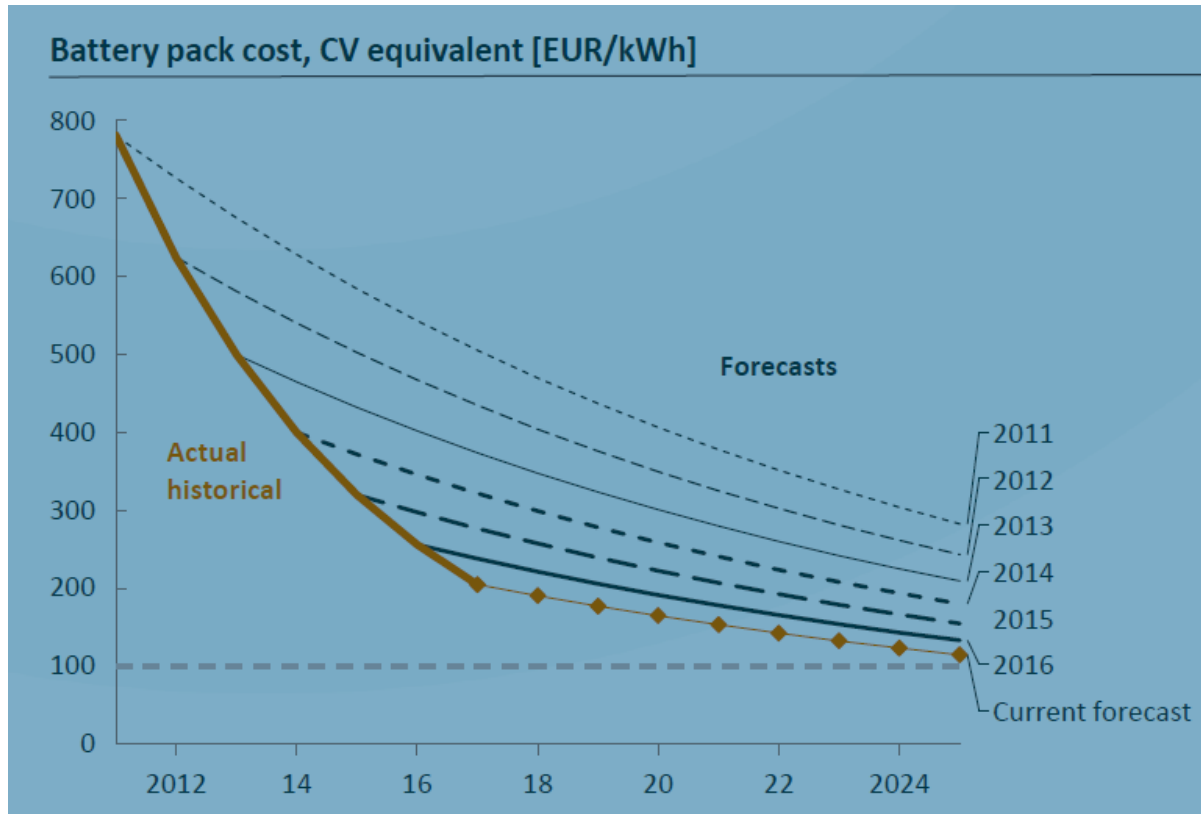
- “xEV powertrains have significantly lower environmental impacts across all vehicle types and most impact categories, with **BEVs consistently performing better than all other powertrains.**”
- For further improvements:
 - More renewables in use
 - More renewables in production
 - Responsible sourcing
 - Circular economy**

Figure ES5: Comparison of Lower Medium Car lifecycle GWP impacts for conventional gasoline/diesel ICEVs and BEVs for different EU countries, Baseline scenario. Breakdown shown for new 2020 vehicles, and the total only for new 2030 vehicles.



Source: EU Joint Research Centre, IFEU (2020). Determining the environmental impacts of conventional and alternatively fuelled vehicles through LCA. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/sites/clima/files/transport/vehicles/docs/2020_study_main_report_en.pdf

... AND WILL SCALE FAST – FASTER THAN MOST FOLKS TELL US

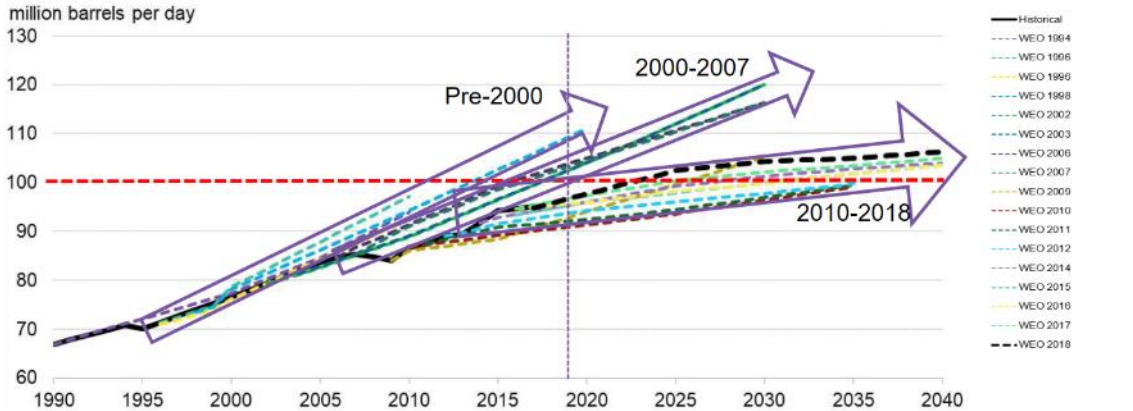


Sources: Hoekstra | team analysis

(MEANWHILE, BETTING ON LEGACY INDUSTRIES IS RISKY...)

IEA oil supply forecast

Liebreich Associates



Notes: 1996 Capacity Constraints and Energy Savings, 1998 BAU, 2002-2009 Reference, 2010-2018 New Policies Scenario Source: IEA WEO, BP

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US coal consumption

13 years
58%
reduction

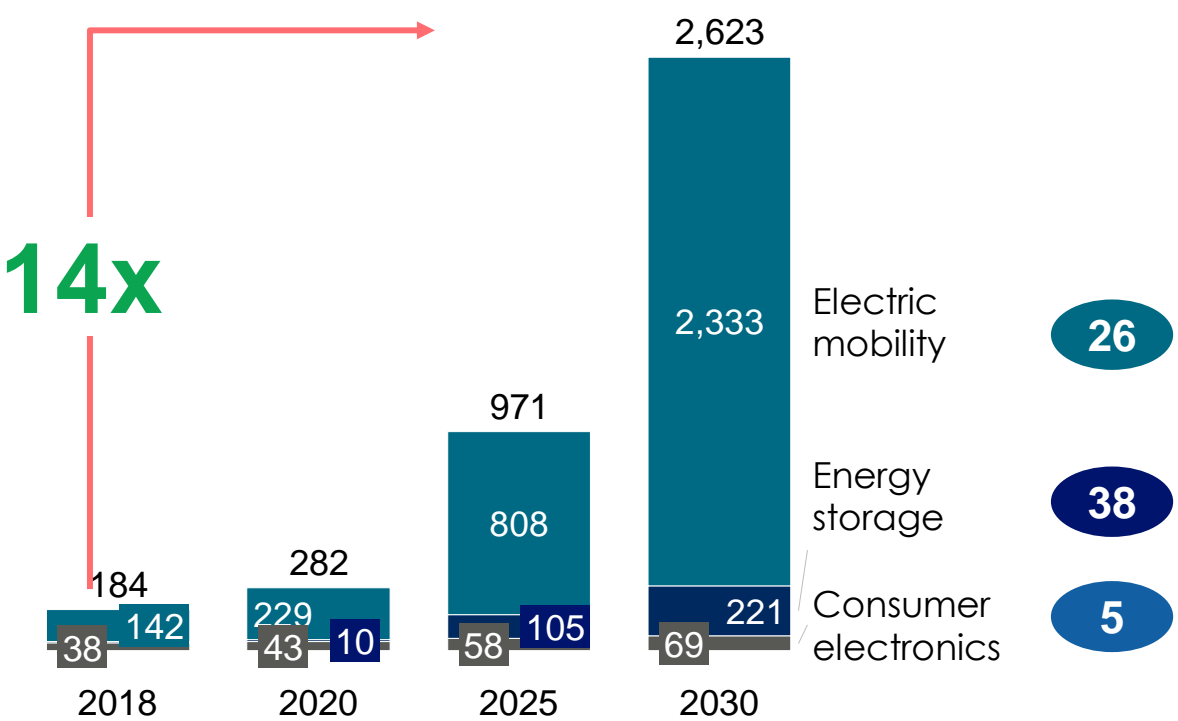


Source: US Census, PEW Research, EIA, Liebreich Associates

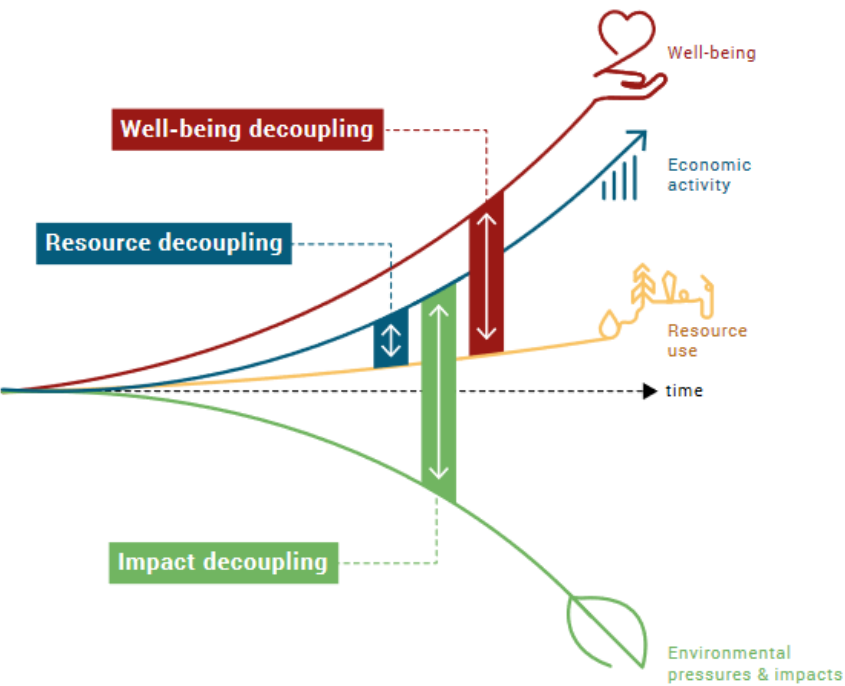
Source: Transport & Environment

LI-ION BATTERIES AS A NEW AREA OF GROWTH FOR THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY NEEDS ADEQUATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Global battery demand by application
GWh in 2030, base case



Decoupling environmental effects to secure planetary boundaries (safe operating space)

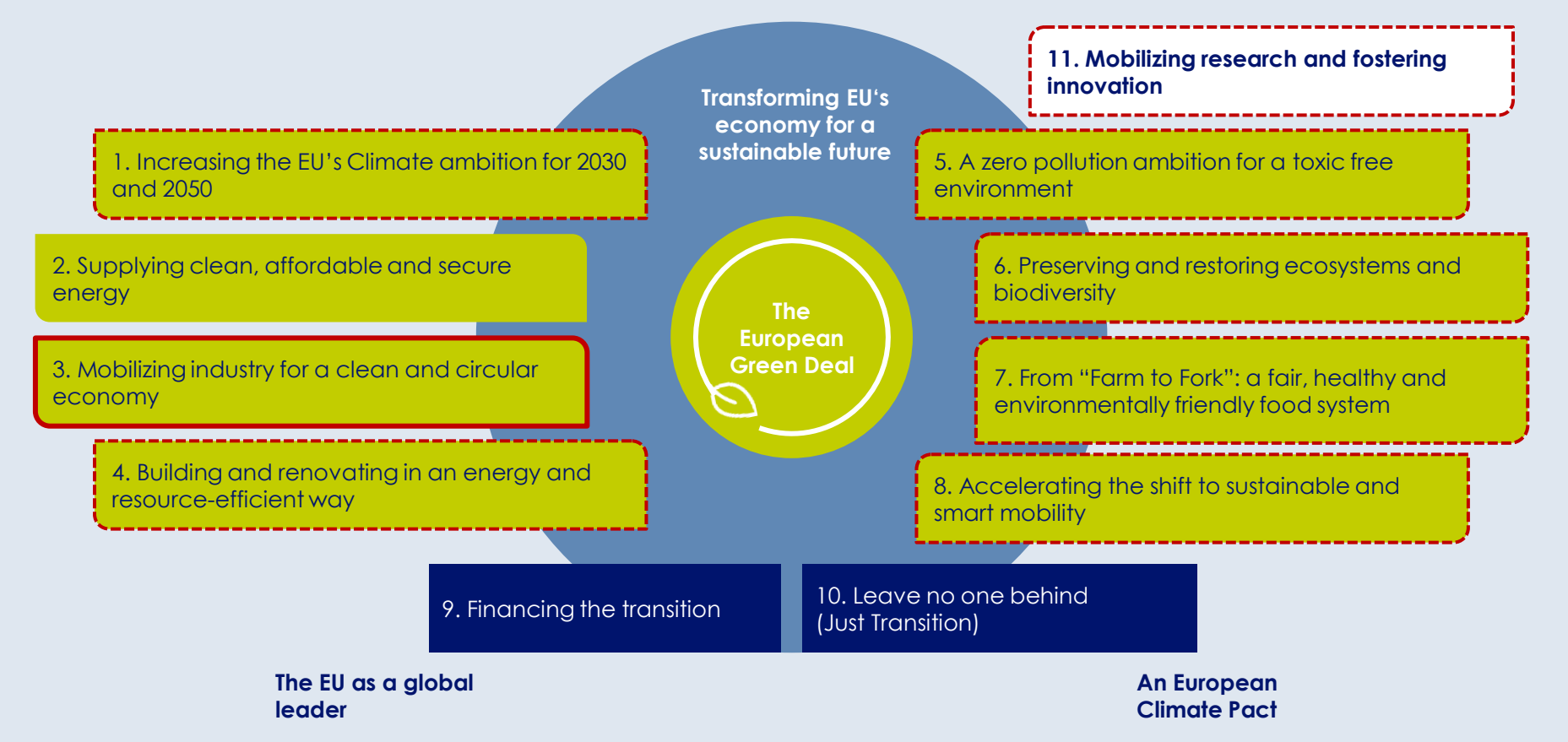


Source: This figure is re-drawn from IRP, 2017a by Zoi Environment Networks

Sources: World Economic Forum, McKinsey, and SYSTEMIQ (2019); UN International Resources Panel (2020)

CIRCULAR ECONOMY HAS ARRIVED IN EU POLICY AS AN EFFECTIVE MEASURE FOR CLIMATE AND RESOURCE PROTECTION

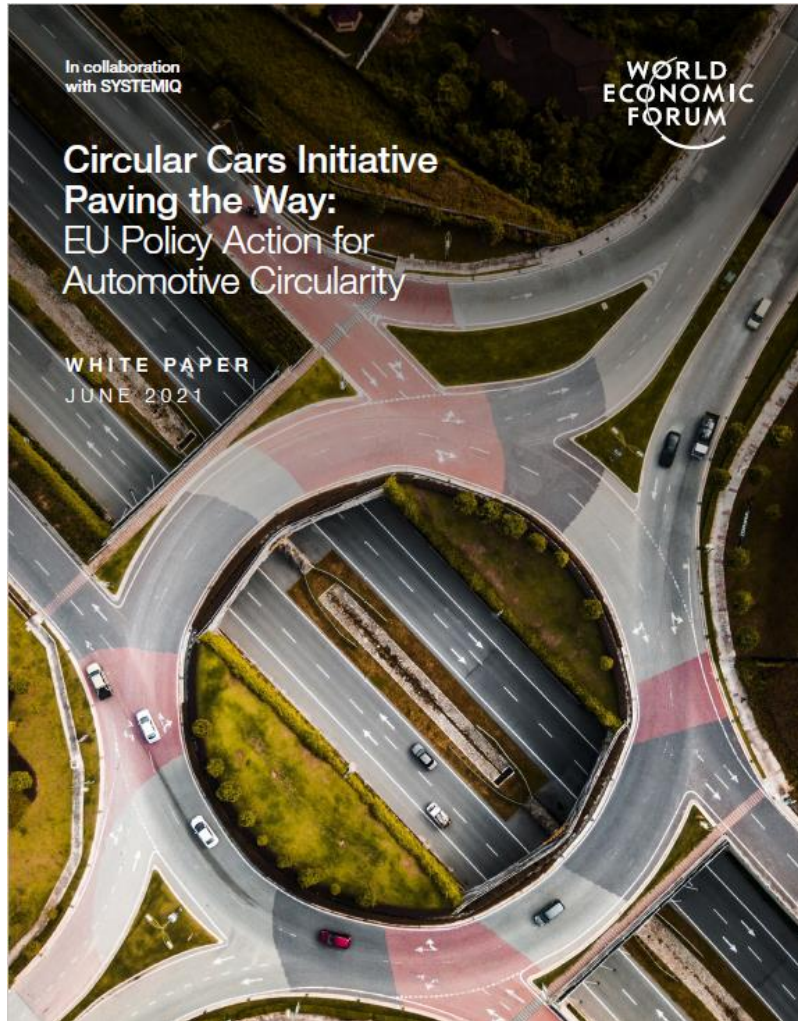
Overview of the European Green Deal (EGD)



CE in focus CE as enabler

Source: European Commission (2020)

CIRCULAR CARS INITIATIVE WORKS ON UNLOCKING CIRCULARITY FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR AT LARGE – REPORT JUST LAUNCHED

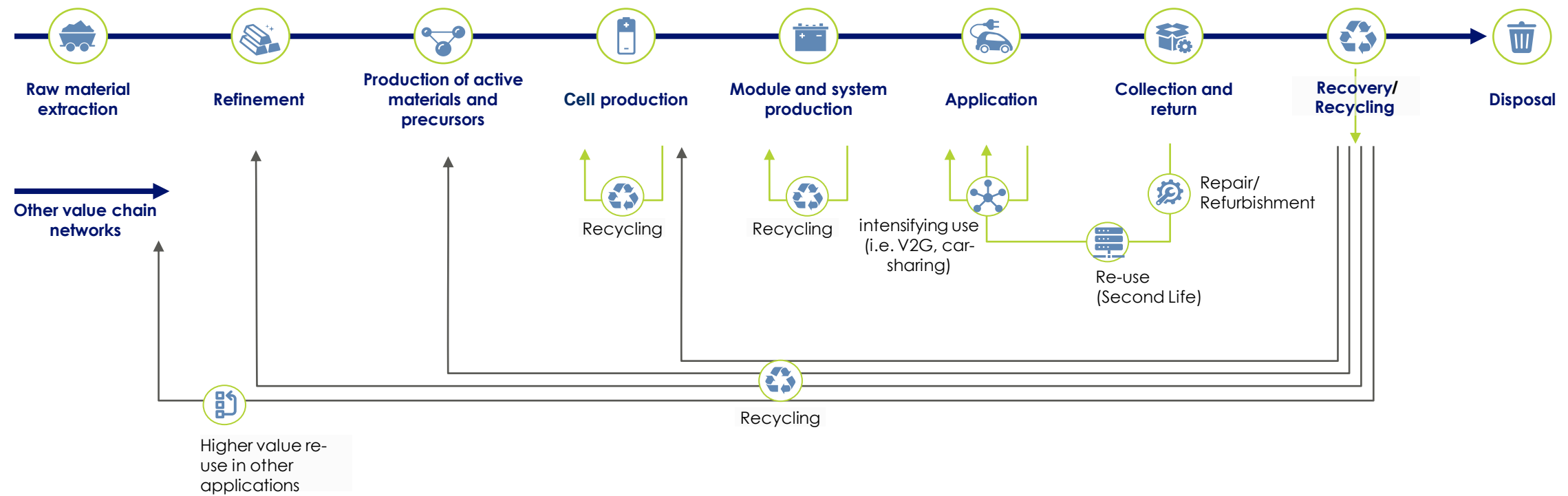


“The Circular Cars Initiative EU policy action roadmap provides a timely and compelling synthesis of the policy ideas that will inform and inspire EU-level policy-making”.

Adina Valean, European Commissioner for Transport

Source: <https://www.weforum.org/reports/paving-the-way-eu-policy-action-for-automotive-circularity>

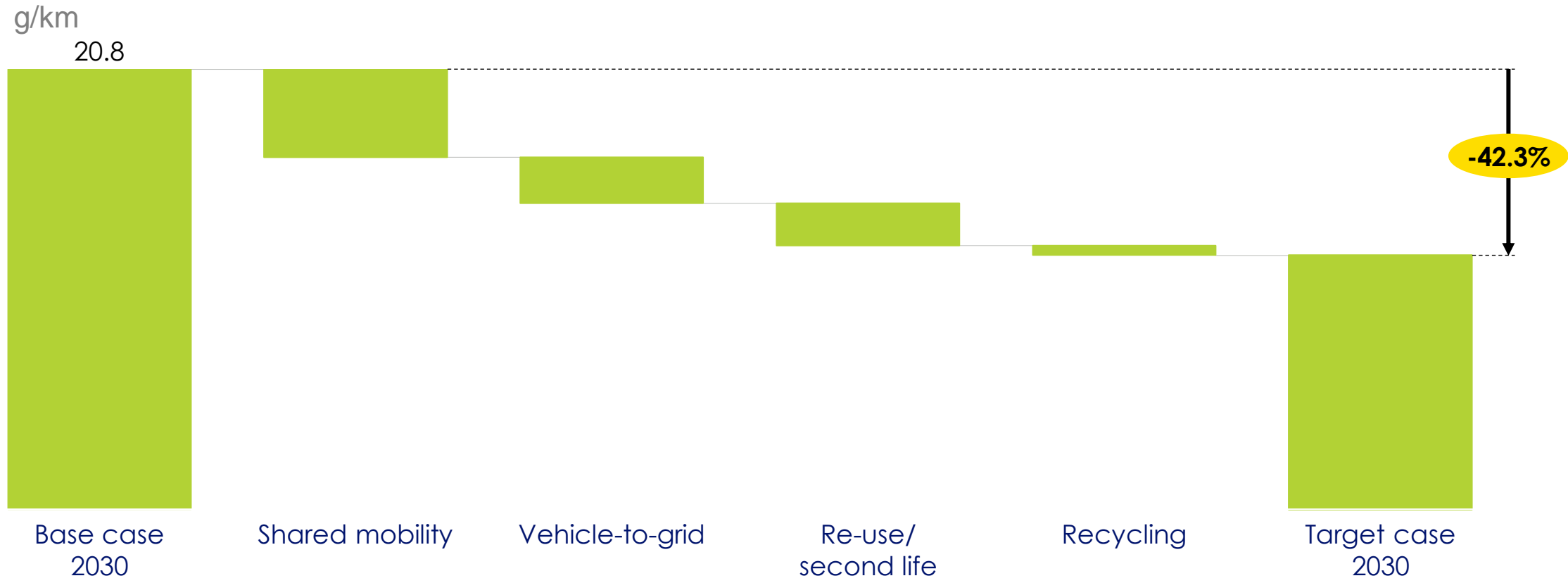
CIRCULAR ECONOMY AS A SOLUTION FOR DECARBONIZATION AND RESOURCE DECOUPLING IN THE BATTERY VALUE CHAIN



Source: Circular Economy Initiative Germany, based on figure from World Economic Forum (2019)

BACK TO BATTERIES: CIRCULAR ECONOMY ENABLES A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF THE LIFE CYCLE FOOTPRINT

2030 Lifecycle GHG emissions for medium size (C/D) vehicles in China



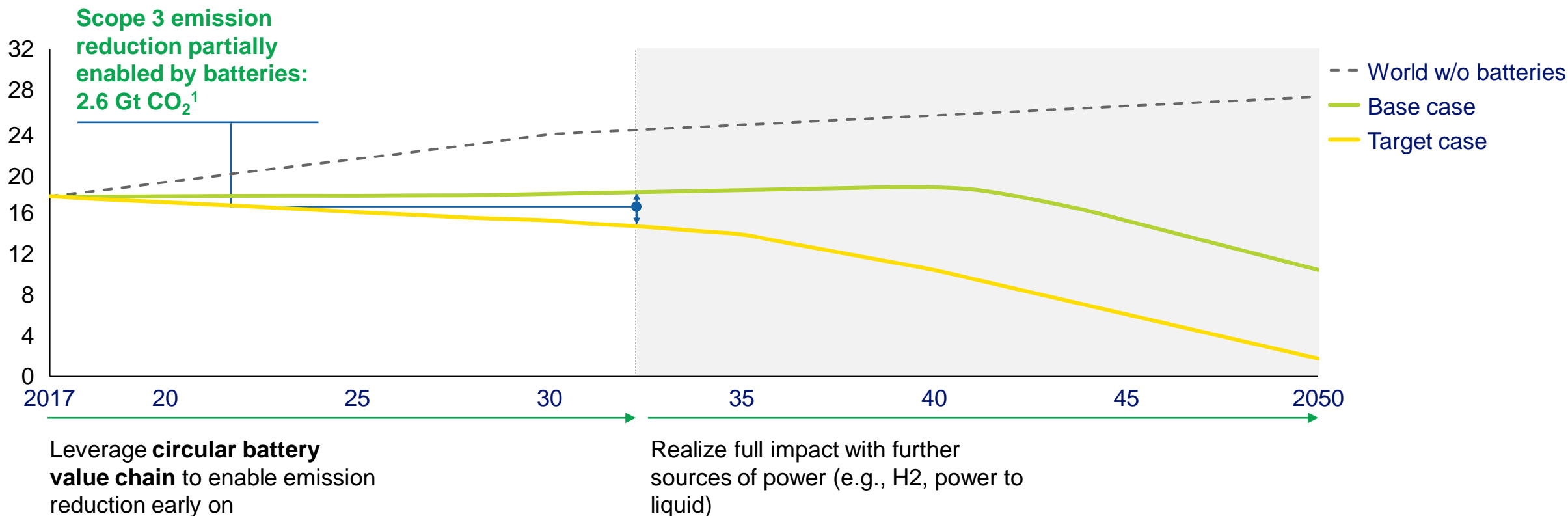
Source: World Economic Forum, McKinsey, and SYSTEMIQ (2019)



CIRCULARLY MANAGED BATTERIES ENABLE SUBSTANTIAL CO₂ SAVINGS IN TRANSPORT AND ALSO ENERGY SYSTEMS

Global annual emissions from transport and power

Gt CO₂ p.a.

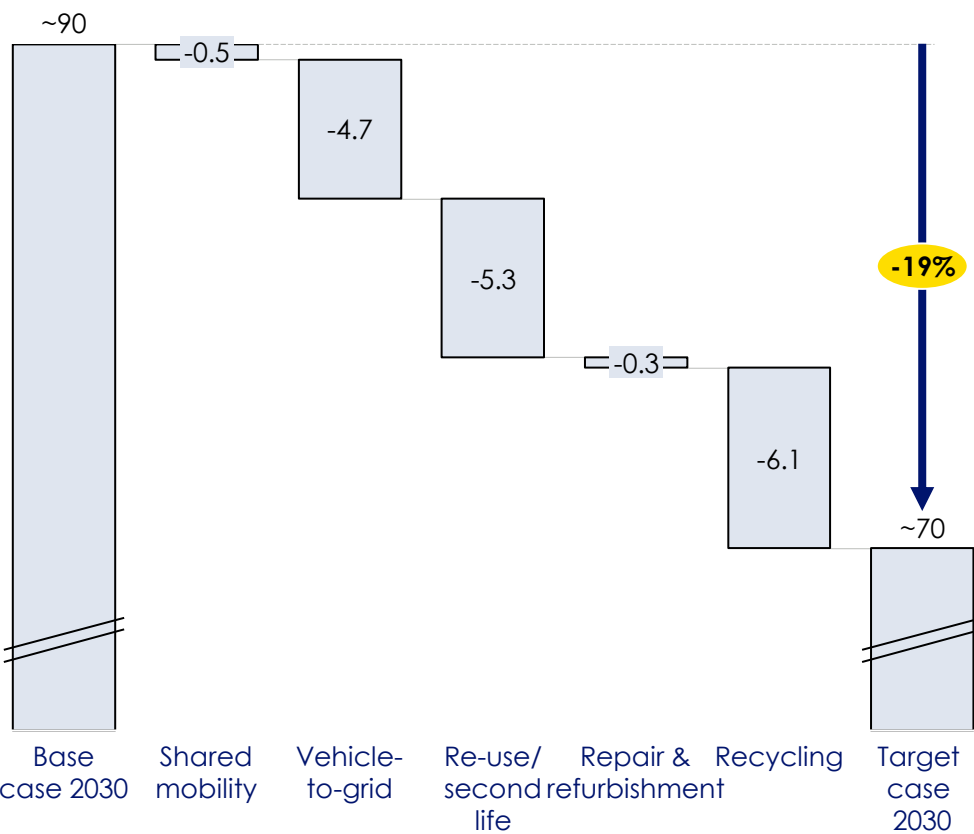


¹ 1.0 Gt out of 2.6 Gt of reduction directly or indirectly enabled by batteries

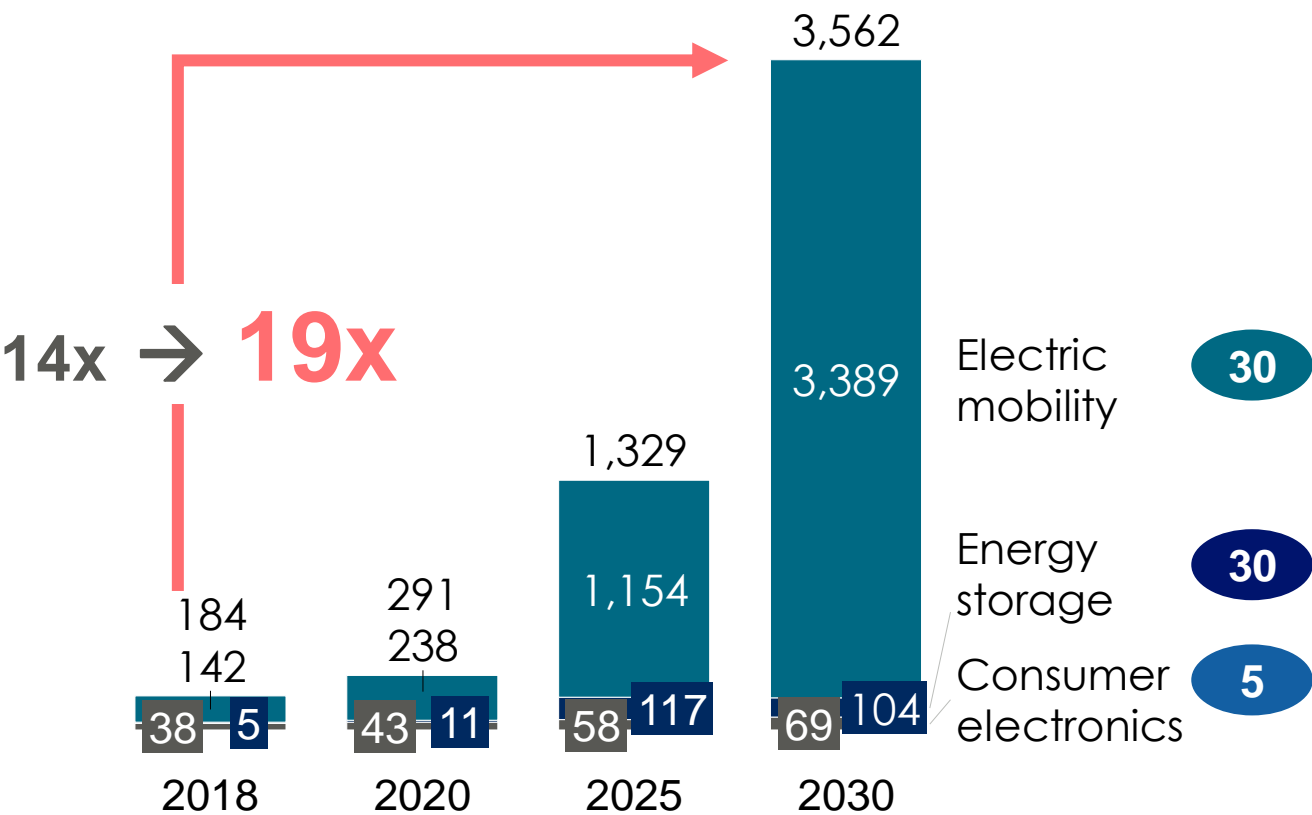
Source: World Economic Forum, McKinsey, and SYSTEMIQ (2019)

LIFE CYCLE COST REDUCTION FROM CIRCULARITY COULD IMPROVE PROFITABILITY AND LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN MARKET RAMP-UP

2030 Ex. passenger car, average battery cost USD/kWh



Global battery demand by application GWh in 2030, target case



Source: World Economic Forum, McKinsey, and SYSTEMIQ (2019)

DIGITAL IS KEY: BATTERY REGULATION WILL COMPREHENSIVELY PROMOTE AND REQUIRE CIRCULAR BATTERY MANAGEMENT



1 Assessment of hazardous substances



2 Mandatory CO2 footprint



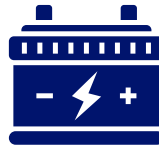
3 Minimum quotas of recycled materials



4 Mandatory human rights due diligence



5 Recycling efficiencies and material recovery targets



6 Support of second life applications



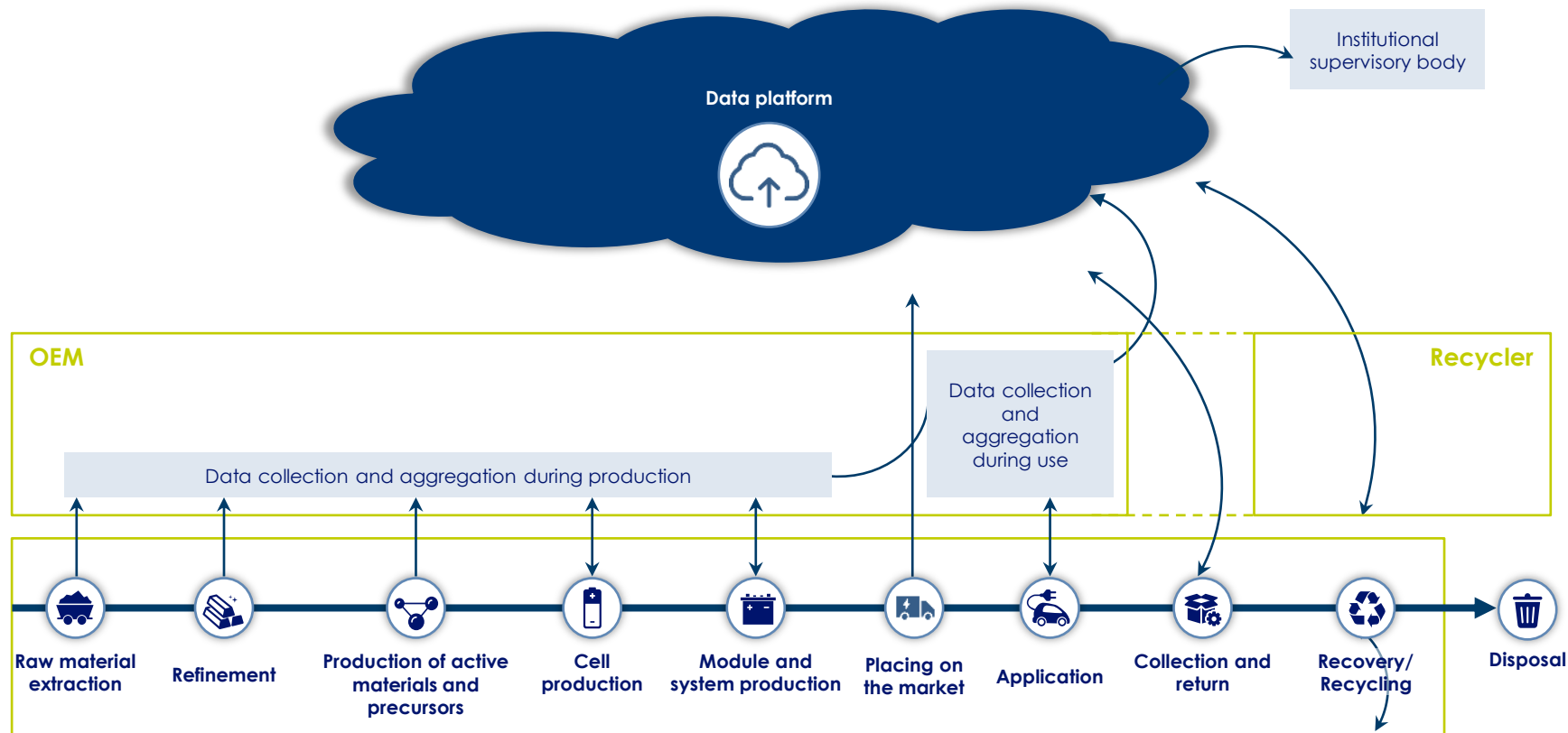
7 Improvement of data availability (incl. battery passport)



8 Green public procurement

Source: European Commission (2020)

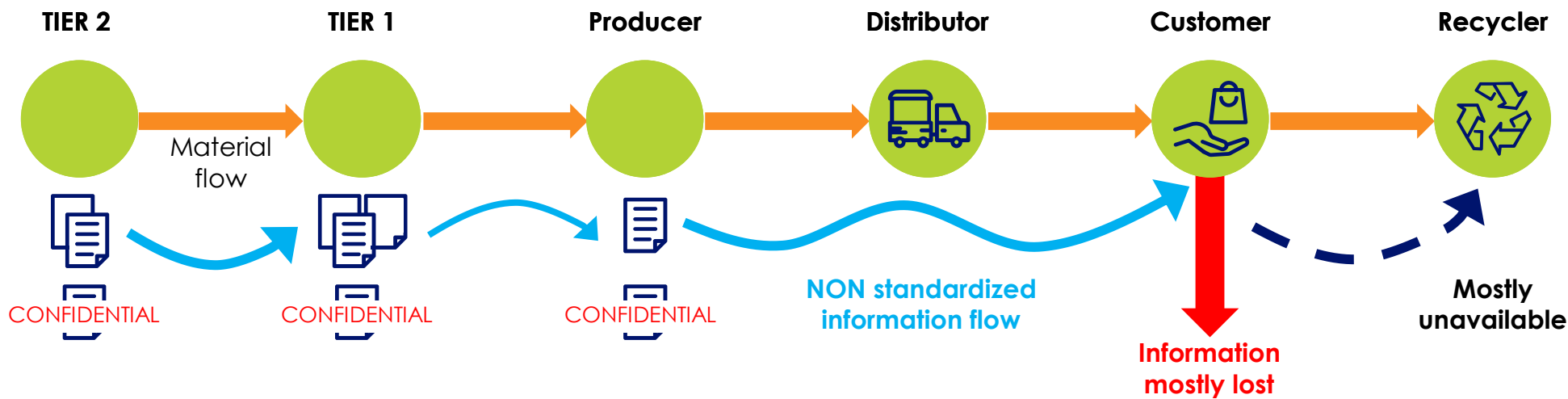
THE AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND DIGITAL TOOLS IS CRITICAL TO ENABLE THE SMART CIRCULAR ECONOMY – ESPECIALLY FOR LARGE BATTERIES



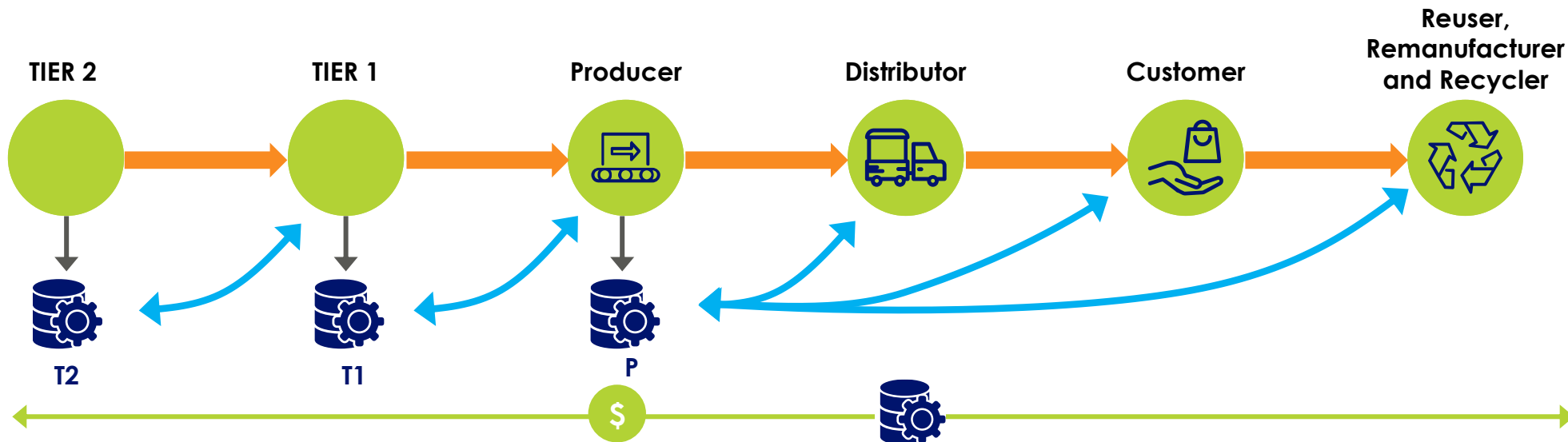
Source: Circular Economy Initiative Germany, based on figure from Global Battery Alliance (2019)

WHY DIGITAL PRODUCT PASSPORTS, SUCH AS BATTERY PASSPORT?

Information flow in a linear economy








Information flow in a circular economy, enabled by digital product passports



Source: European Commission (2020)

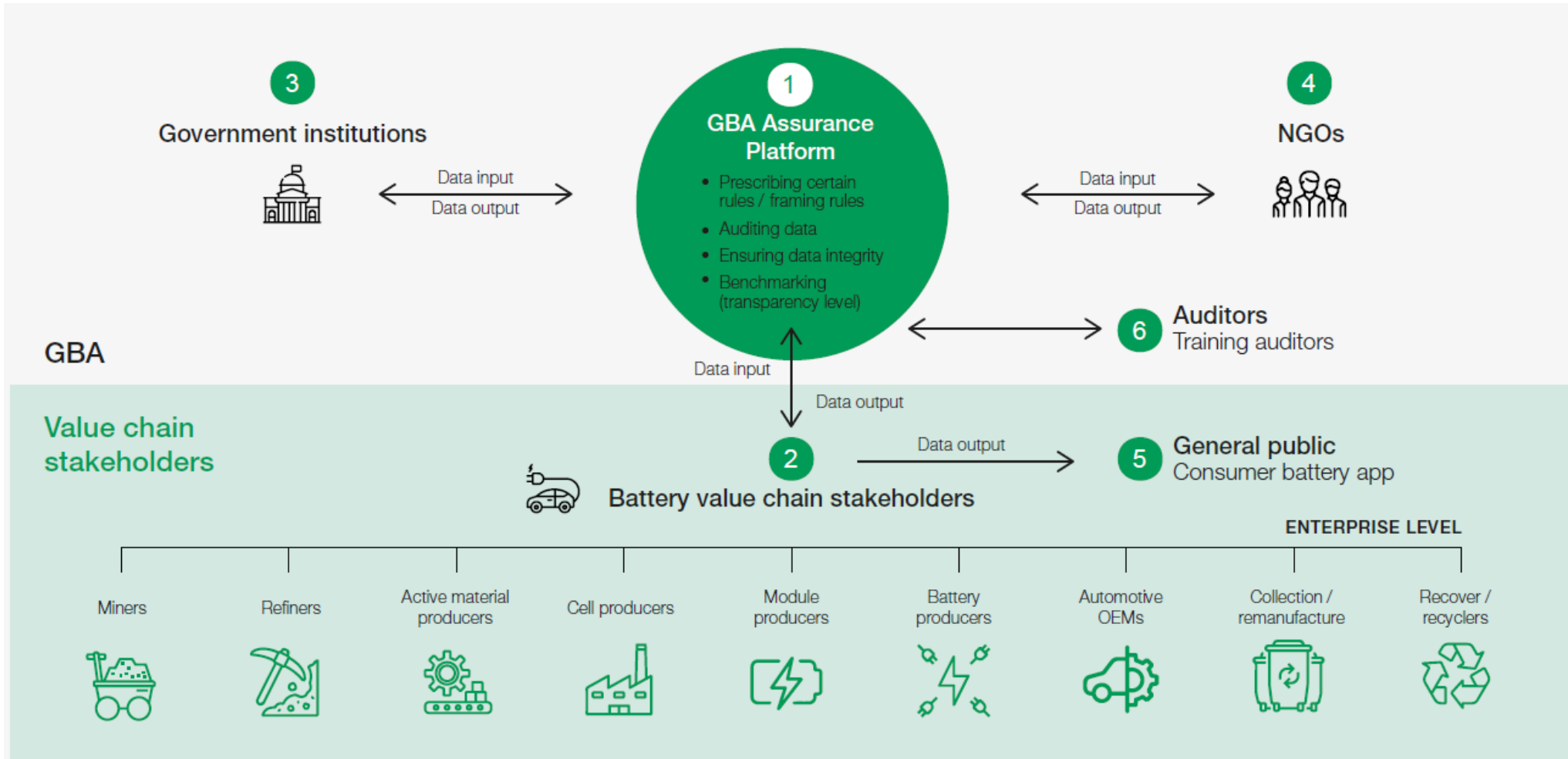
BATTERY PASSPORT: VALUE AT STAKE FOR INDUSTRY AND SOCIETY

 Manufacturers	 Logistics providers	 Second hand users	 Recyclers	 Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cost reduction of EoL safe handling▪ Clarification of transfer of liability▪ Tracking of raw material flows & responsibility▪ Potential for monetization of battery data▪ Improvement of secondary market for batteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cost reduction through safety-relevant information ("green labeling")▪ Planning security through market transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Safety and value assessment through State of Health Report▪ Reliable CO2 measurement for further use and, if necessary, accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Facilitate investments and plant design through information on expected and current material flows▪ Cost reduction in handling of batteries through safety protocols and technical information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Increase of raw material independence and transparency over the whole system for key industries▪ Data basis for efficient activities including market creation▪ Cost reduction for (de-) registration (digital/harmonized)

Non-exhaustive; see CEID report for further details

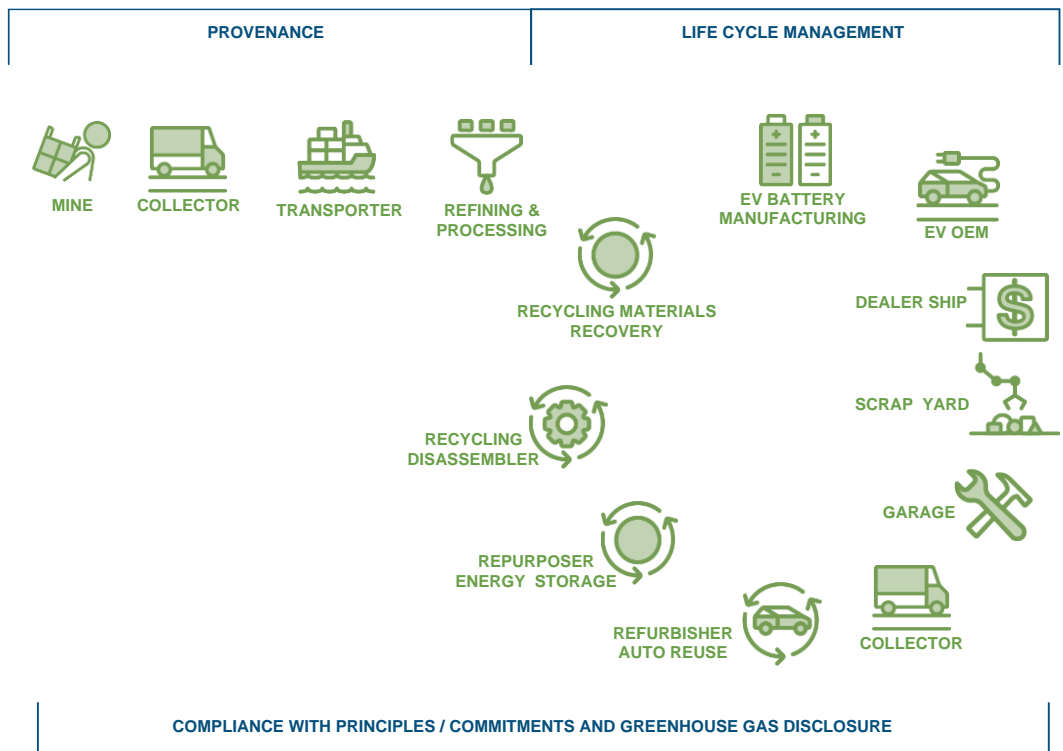
Source: Circular Economy Initiative Germany (2020). Resource-Efficient Battery Lifecycles: Driving Electric Mobility with the Circular Economy

THE GLOBAL BATTERY ALLIANCE HAS PRESENTED A CONCEPT FOR A BATTERY PASSPORT; NEXT STEP IS COOPERATIVELY IMPLEMENTING IT



Source: Global Battery Alliance (2020)

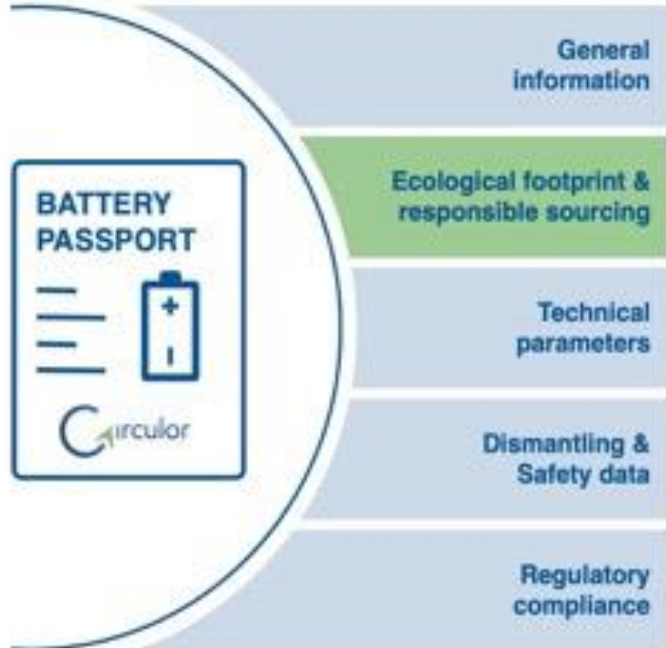
THERE ARE COMPONENTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT – E.G. CIRCULOR



**Secure Data collection, provision, and analysis
from mine to recycler**

Full transparency through

- **Permission-based access to relevant battery information** for economic operators
- Possibility to **add further lifecycle data** over lifetime
- Proof of **adherence to principles and standards**



- **Full transparency into the ecological footprint and responsible sourcing** of every battery through data from different value chain participants
- **Easy merging with further parameters** like technical battery parameters, dismantling and safety data and regulatory compliance checks

Source: Circulor

GS1 HAS JOINED COALITIONS THAT DEVELOP A HARMONIZED DATA STANDARD FOR BATTERY PASSPORTS

GS1 involvements

1. Business need for unique identification
2. Business need for QR code or similar that can be engraved on metal
3. Business need to link unique identity to multiple data sources
4. Business need to define the data needed



Existing GS1 Standard: GS1 Digital Link



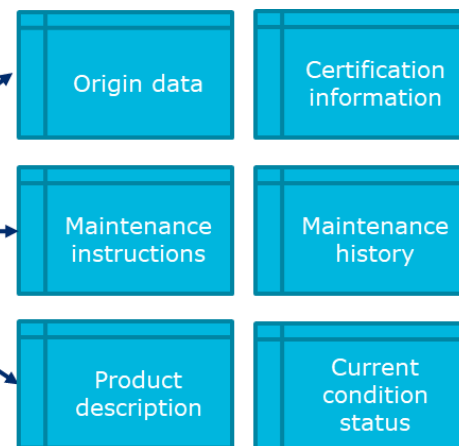
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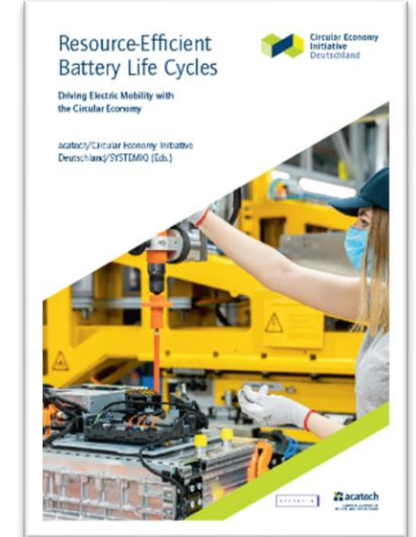
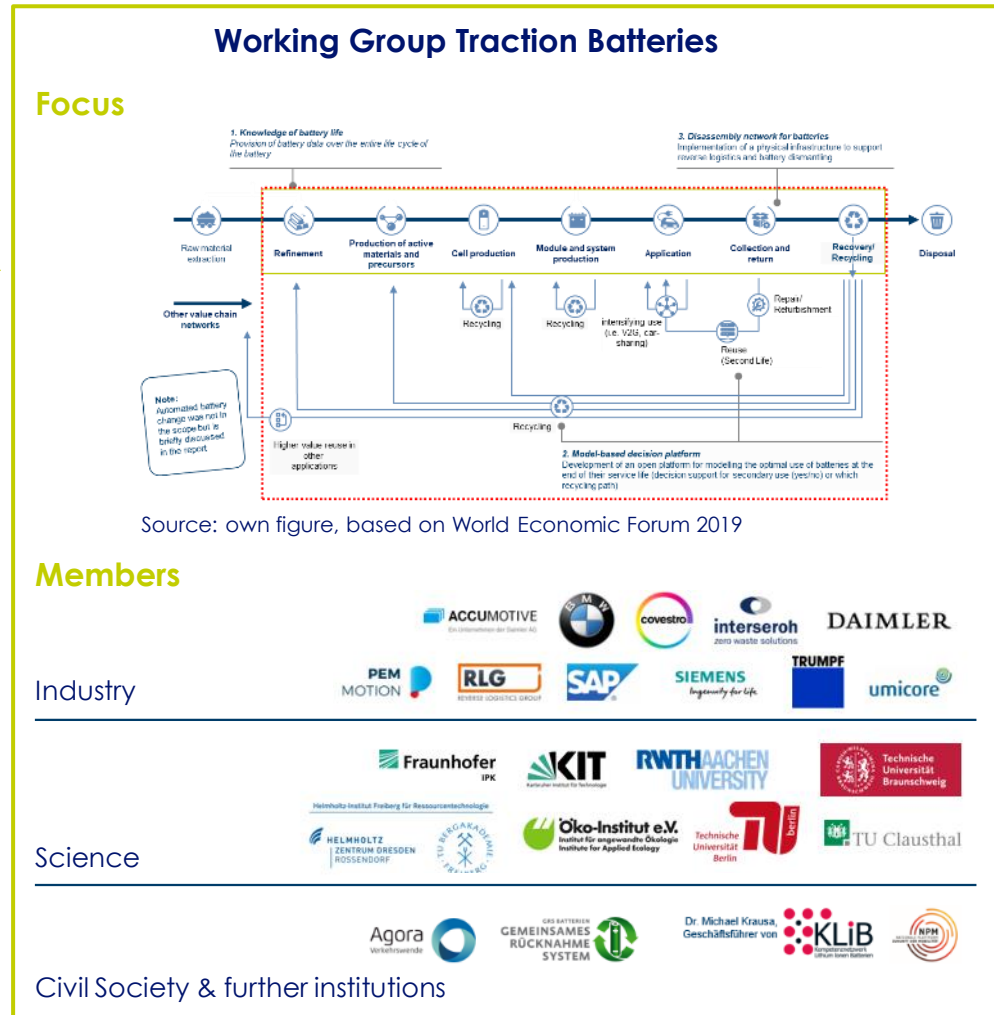
Existing GS1 Standard: GS1 Web Vocabulary



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Source: GS1

WITH THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY INITIATIVE GERMANY, WE HAVE SET THE GROUND FOR THE BATTERY PASSPORT. NEXT: IMPLEMENTATION



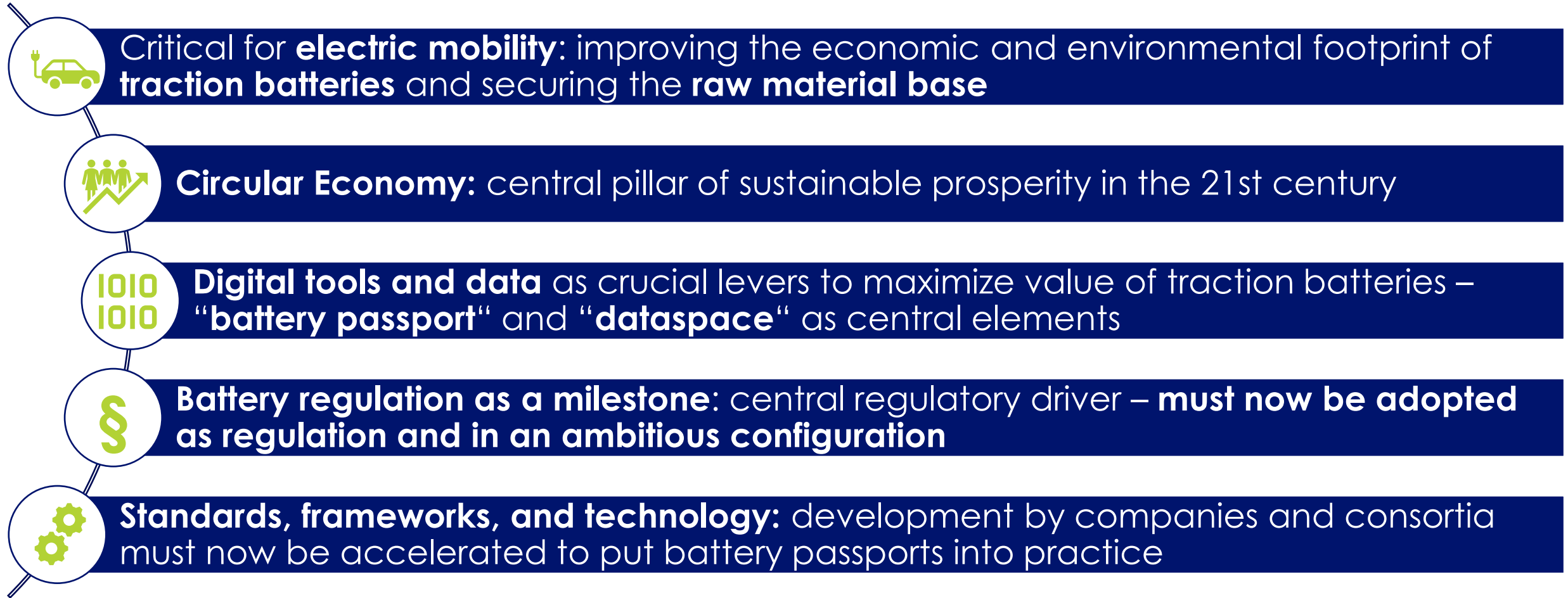
EU Battery Passport

Made with Germany

Made together

Source: Circular Economy Initiative Germany (2020). Resource-Efficient Battery Lifecycles: Driving Electric Mobility with the Circular Economy

SUMMARY: CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR A SUSTAINABLE, COMPETITIVE BATTERY INDUSTRY



THANK YOU!

LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSION

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