

5 GOOD REASONS...

...why **end-of-life tyres** should be selected as the **chosen waste stream**

for the development of new, EU-wide **end-of-waste criteria**

- High-value rubber products and steel from end-of-life tyres (ELT) are produced and sold in existing markets
- Considerable potential for climate change mitigation
- National criteria already exist in some member states
- Waste stream is well documented with very reliable data
- Support for EoW criteria in the entire ELT supply chain



HIGH-VALUE RUBBER & STEEL FROM ELT PRODUCED AND SOLD IN EXISTING MARKETS

- Markets for recycled rubber and steel from ELT have existed since the 1990s
- Prices from EUR 160/tonne and upwards – yet these high-value Raw Materials from Recycling (RMR) are classified as waste
- Current customer groups include the rubber industry, the sports turf industry, the road construction industry and the building industry – with many new applications in the pipeline



CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

- Comprehensive and peer-reviewed LCA studies document considerable environmental benefits from material recycling of end-of life tyres.
- In comparison with the second most common disposal route – co-incineration in cement kilns – the carbon footprint is **700 kg of CO₂ equivalents more beneficial** per tonne of end-of-life tyres.
- Still more than 1 million tonnes of ELT are used for energy recovery in the EU.
A switch to mechanical recycling would enhance climate change mitigation.



NATIONAL CRITERIA ALREADY EXIST IN SOME MEMBER STATES

- Italy, Portugal and Spain have already implemented national EoW criteria for end-of-life tyres
- Valuable experience can be obtained from these member states in order to develop EU-wide criteria



WASTE STREAM WELL DOCUMENTED WITH RELIABLE DATA



Annex: End of Life Tyres Management – Europe – 2019

National figures (tonnes)	ELT Arising (A)	ELT recovery			Unknown/Stocks (F)	ELT treated (H)=(G)/(A)
		Material		Energy		
		Civil engineering, public works & backfilling (B)	Recycling* (C)	Total Material recovery (D)=(B+C)		
Austria	74.000		46.000	46.000	28.000	100%
Belgium	81.325		75.163	75.163	2.153	95%
Bulgaria	40.800		26.000	26.000	1.500	67%
Croatia	26.307		19.909	19.909	1.374	81%
Cyprus	6.900		2.500	2.500	7.500	145%
Czech Rep.	93.037		34.194	34.194	32.849	72%
Denmark	49.900		47.800	47.800	0	96%
Estonia	13.107	1.485	9.106	10.591	3.216	105%
Finland	61.060	56.802	10.733	67.535	5.958	120%
France (est.)	320.018	7.699	139.479	147.178	167.053	98%
Germany	434.000		295.000	295.000	137.250	100%
Greece	45.200		29.988	29.988	13.851	97%
Hungary (est.)	44.000		30.000	30.000	9.500	90%
Ireland	32.601		31.573	31.573	1.028	100%
Italy	384.000	842	170.000	170.842	170.000	89%
Latvia	12.500		8.000	8.000	3.500	92%
Lithuania	21.533		14.413	14.413	3.752	84%
Luxembourg	0	-	-	-	-	-
Malta	2.300		2.300	2.300		100%
Netherlands ***	87.746		79.933	79.933	7.813	100%
Poland (est.)	268.500		127.000	127.000	84.000	79%
Portugal	72.421	744	46.499	47.243	30.915	108%
Romania	51.413		544	544	50.869	100%
Slovak Rep. ELTMA only	27.475		22.675	22.675	632	85%
Slovenia	24.310		7.575	7.575	14.267	90%
Spain	238.080	202	158.125	158.327	79.753	100%
Sweden	93.532	3.013	24.623	27.636	65.896	100%
UK (estimated by UTWG)	452.659	11.065	148.643	159.708	277.283	97%
EU27	3.058.724	81.852	1.607.774	1.689.625	1.199.912	94%
Norway	66.620	447	19.763	20.210	47.410	102%
Serbia (est.)	50.000		39.000	39.000	11.000	100%
Switzerland	47.200		600	600	46.600	100%
Turkey	227.509		129.619	129.619	69.009	87%
Europe 28 EU27+NO+CH+RS+TR+UK	3.450.053	82.299	1.796.756	1.879.054	1.373.931	94%
2018	3.573.900	96.120	1.920.100	2.016.220	1.248.880	91%
2019 vs 2018	-3%	-14%	-6%	-7%	10%	3%

in 2019 23 countries with EPR legislation

* Recycling : includes ELTs sent to granulation (1.338.799t) and the incorporation of the inorganic content of ELTs in cement manufacturing (μ 25% by weight of ELTs sent to cement kilns i.e. 457.977t)

** Energy recovery : includes 75% by weight of ELTs sent to cement kilns (1.831.908x75%) as the energy fraction of co-processing ELTs in cement kilns

***The Netherlands: full market, beyond EPR obligation (2019)

SUPPORT FOR END-OF-WASTE CRITERIA IN THE ENTIRE ELT SUPPLY CHAIN

- Support from tyre manufacturers (represented by ETRMA)
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- Support from the tyre recycling industry (represented by EuRIC)
- Alignment throughout the entire ELT supply chain gives a very high probability of EoW criteria becoming a success story

