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Keynote lecture 1

# Mass flow in the life cycle of buildings a topic and its context

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# Let us have a deeper look ...



# SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production



## Targets

## Indicators

### 12.2

By 2030, achieve the **sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources**

### 12.2.1

**Material footprint**, material footprint per capita, and material footprint per GDP

### 12.2.2

Domestic **material consumption**, domestic material consumption per capita, and domestic material consumption per GDP

### 12.5

By 2030, substantially **reduce waste generation** through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

### 12.5.1

National **recycling rate**, tons of material recycled

# SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities



## Targets

## Indicators

### 11.6

By 2030, **reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities**, including by paying special attention to air quality and **municipal and other waste management**.

### 11.6.1

Proportion of urban solid waste regularly collected and with adequate final discharge out of total urban solid waste generated, by cities.

### 11.c

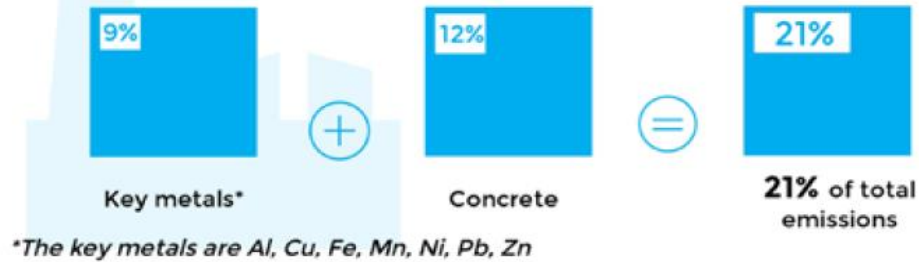
Support least developed countries in building sustainable and resilient buildings **utilizing local materials**.

### 11. c.1

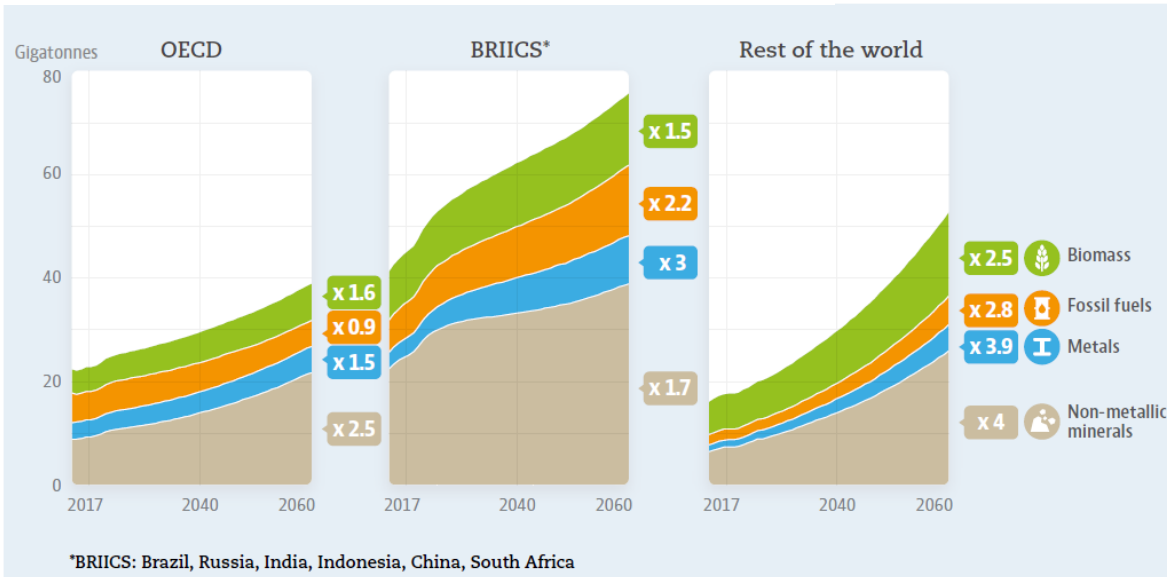
Proportion of financial support to the least developed countries that is allocated to the construction and retrofitting of sustainable, resilient and **resource-efficient buildings** utilizing **local materials**

# Information on international situation and trends available

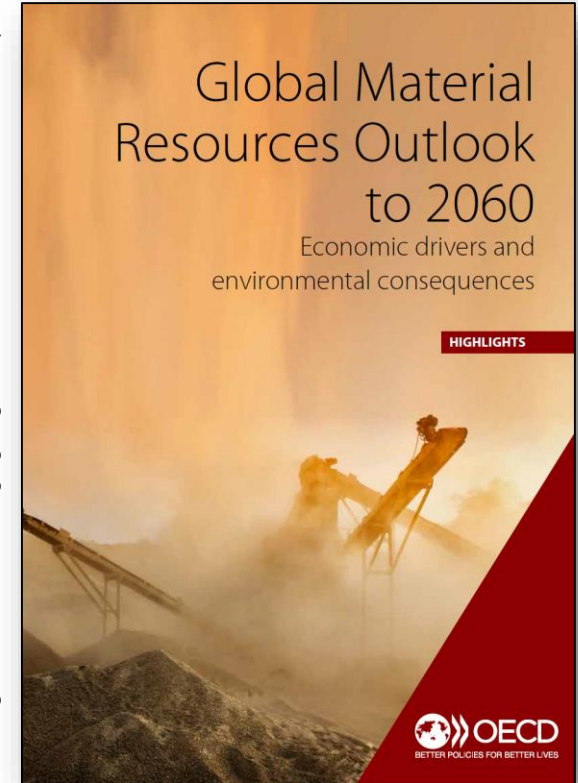
## Greenhouse gas emissions in 2060 from materials extraction and processing



## Material use rises for all material groups



https://www.oecd.org/environment/waste/highlights-global-material-resources-outlook-to-2060.pdf



# EC Strategies, Roadmaps, Frameworks ...

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## **Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe**

(COM(2011) 0571)

## **Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources**

(COM(2005) 0670)

## **Waste Framework Directive**

(2008/98/EC)

## **Thematic Strategy on the Prevention and Recycling of Waste**

(COM(2005) 0666)

## **Next steps for a sustainable European future - European action for sustainability**

(COM(2016) 739)



# Sustainable development on European level

## Sustainable cities and communities in the EU

### Quality of life in cities and communities



### Sustainable transport



### Adverse environmental impacts



## Responsible consumption and production in the EU

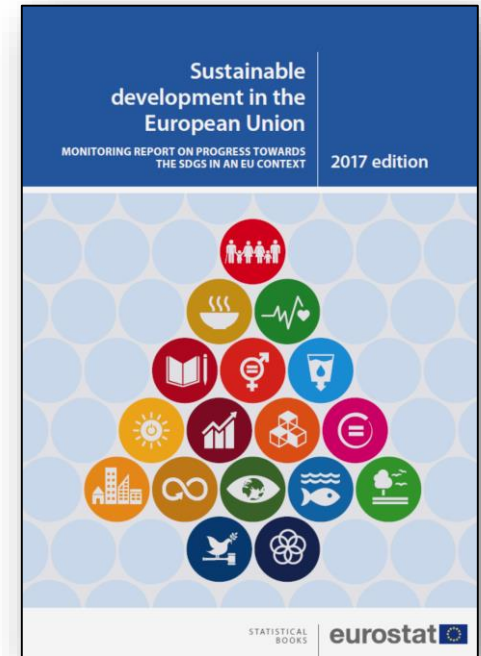
### Decoupling environmental impacts from economic growth



### Energy consumption



### Waste generation and management



# CPR Construction Products Regulation

## Basic requirements for construction works

- Mechanical resistance and stability
- Safety in case of fire
- Hygiene, health and the environment
- Safety and accessibility in use
- Protection against noise
- Energy economy and heat retention
- **Sustainable use of natural resources**



*The construction works must be designed, built and demolished in such a way that the use of natural resources is sustainable and in particular ensure the following:*

- (a) **reuse or recyclability** of the construction works, their materials and parts after demolition;*
- (b) **durability** of the construction works;*
- (c) **use of environmentally compatible raw and secondary materials in the construction works.***

# Level(s) – EU framework of sustainability indicators

Information that can be reported:

- Bill of quantities – specifies the elements
- Bill of materials – describes the materials
- Reporting - mass of each type of material
- Reporting - main material types (EUROSTAT)

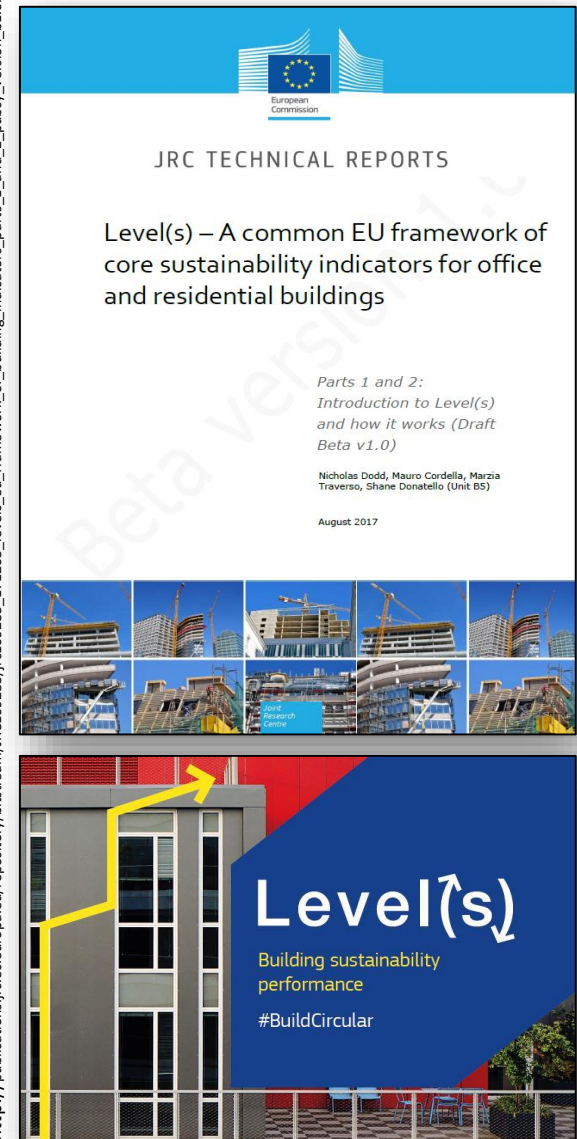
\* ***Metal materials***

\* ***Non-metallic mineral materials***

\* ***Fossil energy materials***

\* ***Biomass based materials***

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# Level(s) – EU framework of sustainability indicators

Macro objectives	Description
<b>Thematic area: Life cycle environmental performance</b>	
<b>1. Greenhouse gas emissions along a buildings life cycle</b>	Minimise the total greenhouse gas emissions along a buildings life cycle, from cradle to cradle, with a focus on emissions from building operational energy use and embodied energy.
<b>2. Resource efficient and circular material life cycles</b>	Optimise the building design, engineering and form in order to support lean and circular flows, extend long-term material utility and reduce significant environmental impacts.
<b>3. Efficient use of water resources</b>	Make efficient use of water resources, particularly in areas of identified long-term or projected water stress.
<b>Thematic area: Health and comfort</b>	
<b>4. Healthy and comfortable spaces</b>	Create buildings that are comfortable, attractive and productive to live and work in and which protect human health.
<b>Thematic area: Cost, value and risk</b>	
<b>5. Adaptation and resilience to climate change</b>	Futureproof building performance against projected future changes in the climate, in order to protect occupier health and comfort and to sustain and minimise risks to property values.
<b>6. Optimised life cycle cost and value</b>	Optimise the life cycle cost and value of buildings to reflect the potential for long term performance improvement, inclusive of acquisition, operation, maintenance, refurbishment, disposal and end of life.

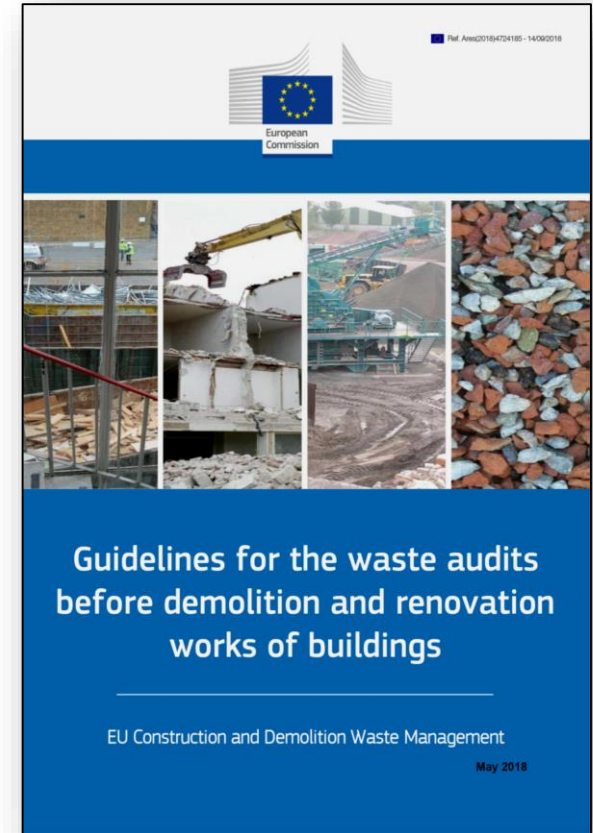
The image shows the cover of a technical report from the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). At the top, there is the European Union flag and the JRC logo. Below that, the text reads 'JRC TECHNICAL REPORTS' and 'Level(s) – A common EU framework of core sustainability indicators for office and residential buildings'. It specifies 'Parts 1 and 2: Introduction to Level(s) and how it works (Draft Beta v1.0)' and lists the authors: Nicholas Dodd, Mauro Cordella, Marzia Traverso, and Shane Donatello (Unit B5). The date is August 2017. The cover features a collage of modern buildings under construction and a large graphic at the bottom right with the text 'Level(s)' and 'Building sustainability performance #BuildCircular'.

# Inventory of materials as part of waste audits

Assessment of materials aims to present reliable data about the **type and amount of demolition waste**. Materials assessment should be complemented with the consideration of the ease of **recovery** of these materials.

The materials assessment should include:

- **Type of material & waste code (Eural code)**
- **Quantification**
- **Inventory of elements for deconstruction & reuse**
- **Location of (waste) materials**
- **Quality of the materials**
- **Reusability**



# Activities of European Commission

The image is a screenshot of the European Commission's website, specifically the 'ENVIRONMENT' section. At the top left, there is the European Commission logo and the word 'ENVIRONMENT' in large blue letters. Below this is a blue navigation bar with the text 'European Commission > Environment'. A green navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'About us', 'Policies', 'Funding', 'Legal compliance', and 'News & outreach'. On the left side, there is a dark blue sidebar menu with the following items: 'Green growth and circular economy', 'Circular Economy Package', 'Resource efficiency', 'Eco-innovation', 'Raw materials', 'Production', 'Consumption', 'Waste prevention and management', and 'The Circular Economy tools and instruments'. The main content area features the heading 'Green growth and circular economy' and a large circular diagram. The diagram consists of four green arrows forming a circle, labeled 'Raw materials', 'production', 'Consumption', and 'Waste prevention and management'. In the center of the circle are two stacked green circles labeled 'Resource efficiency' and 'Eco-innovation'.

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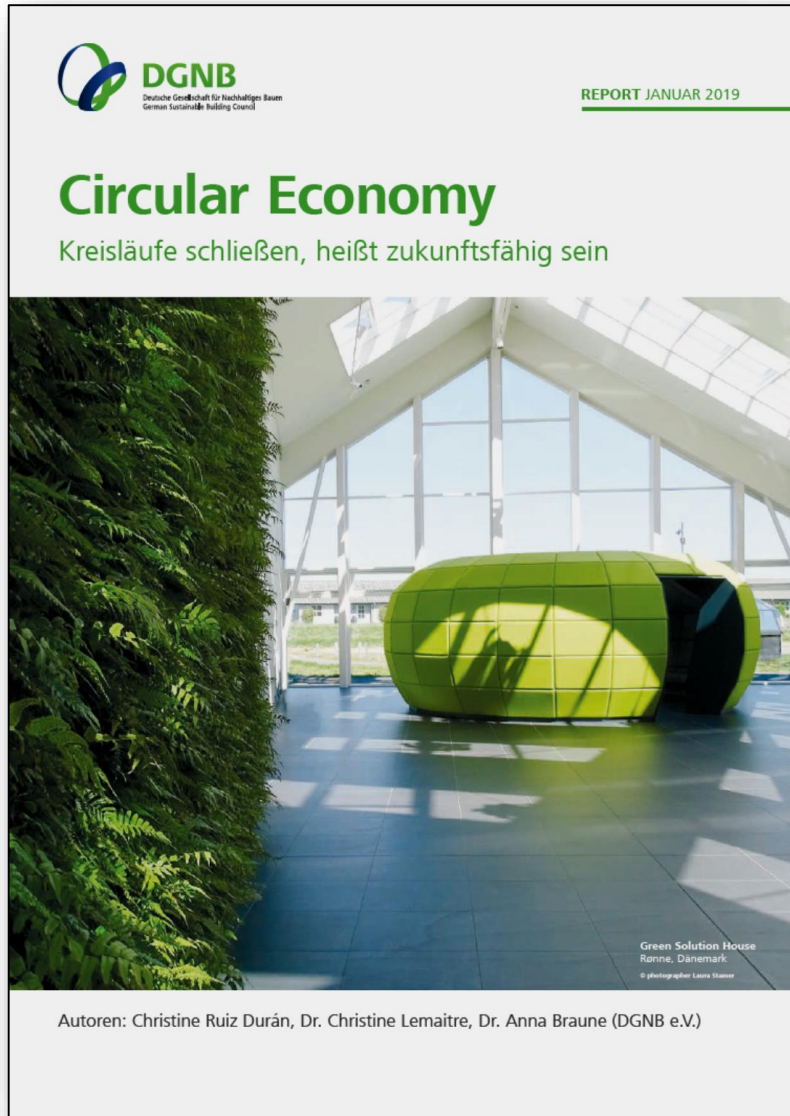
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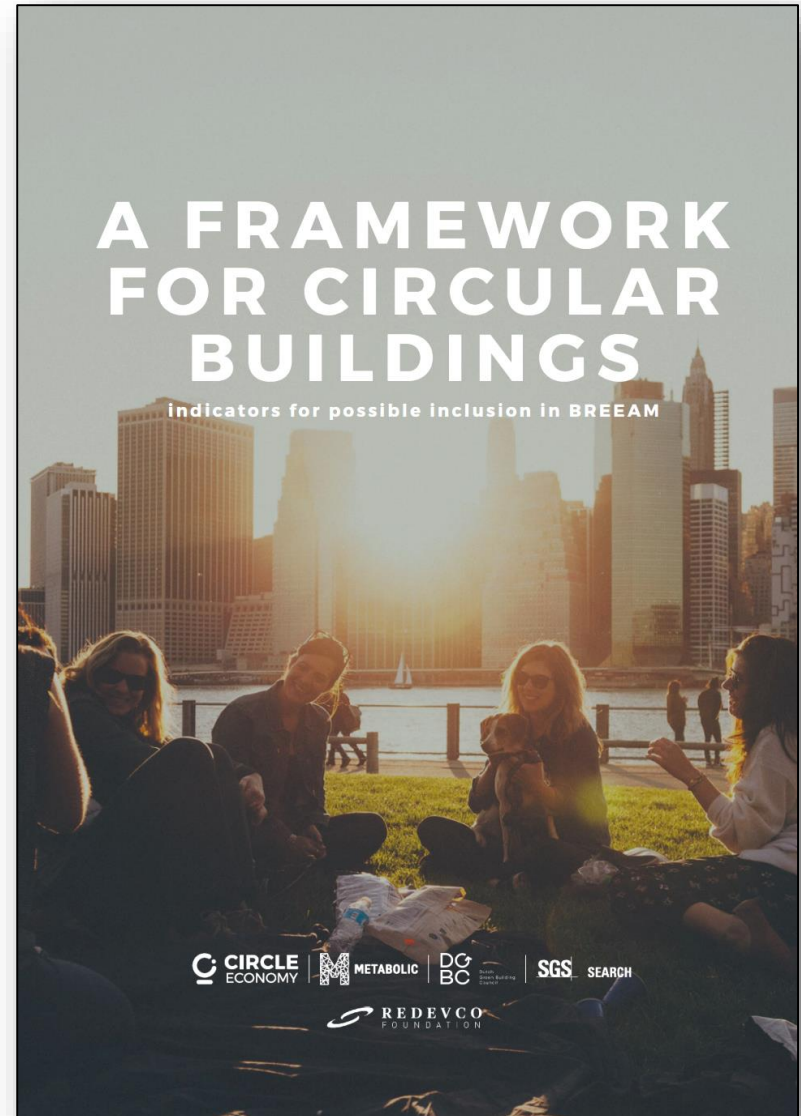
# Circular Economy – a hot topic in industry



# From Circular Economy to “Circular Buildings” ?



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<https://www.circle-economy.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/A-Framework-For-Circular-Buildings-BREEAM-report-20181007-1.pdf>





# Many terms and concepts – one target ?

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- Green buildings
- Smart buildings
- Resilient buildings
- Robust buildings
- Healthy buildings
- High performance buildings
- Low energy buildings
- Affordable buildings
- **Circular buildings**
- ....



**Buildings, able to contribute  
to a more sustainable  
development  
&  
Actors, able to overtake  
responsibility for  
environment and society**

# Circular Building – a re-translation to characteristics

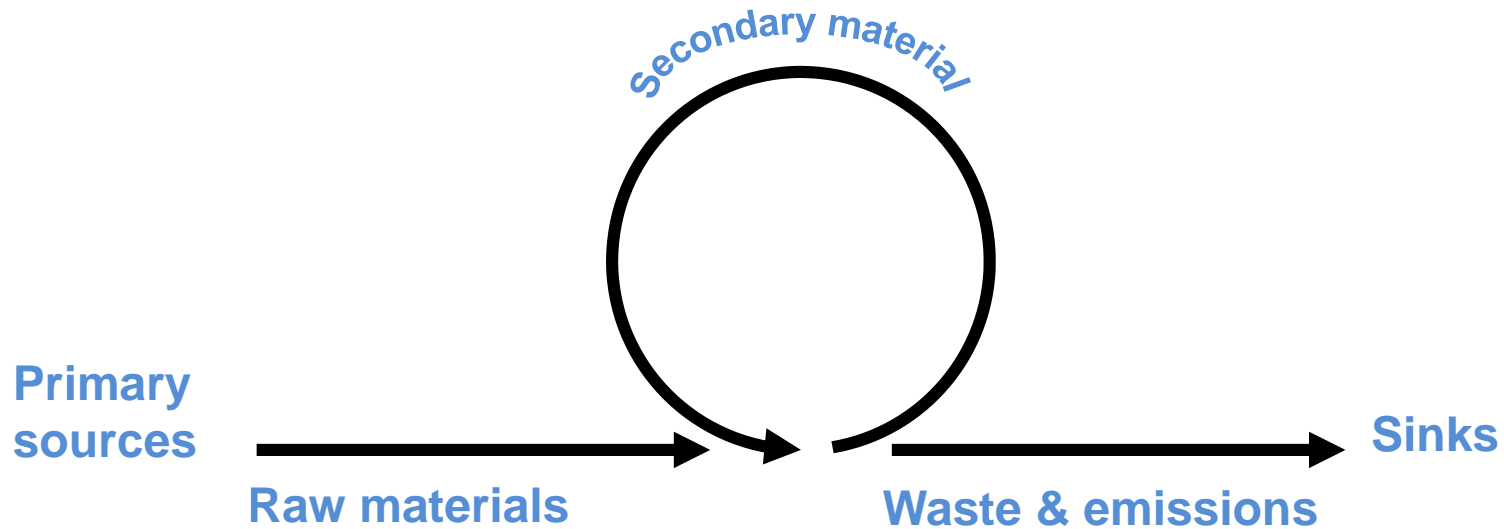
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“Circular building”- related characteristics as parts of a technical performance:

- **Functionality**
- **Flexibility**
- **Adaptability**
- **Maintainability**
- **Durability**
- **De-constructability**
- **Re-usability**
- **Recycleability**

# Close and slow down the cycles ...

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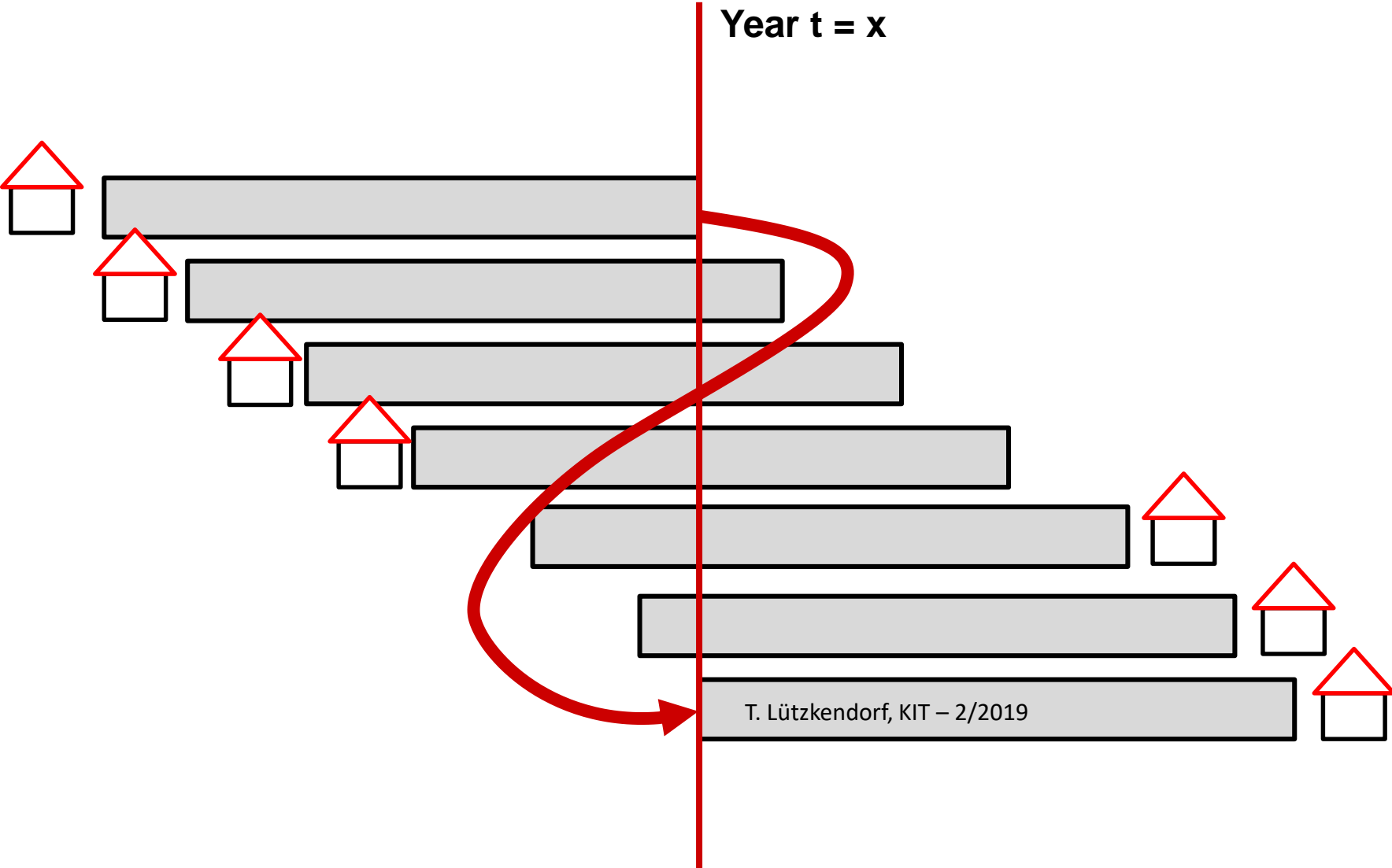
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**macro-economic level**

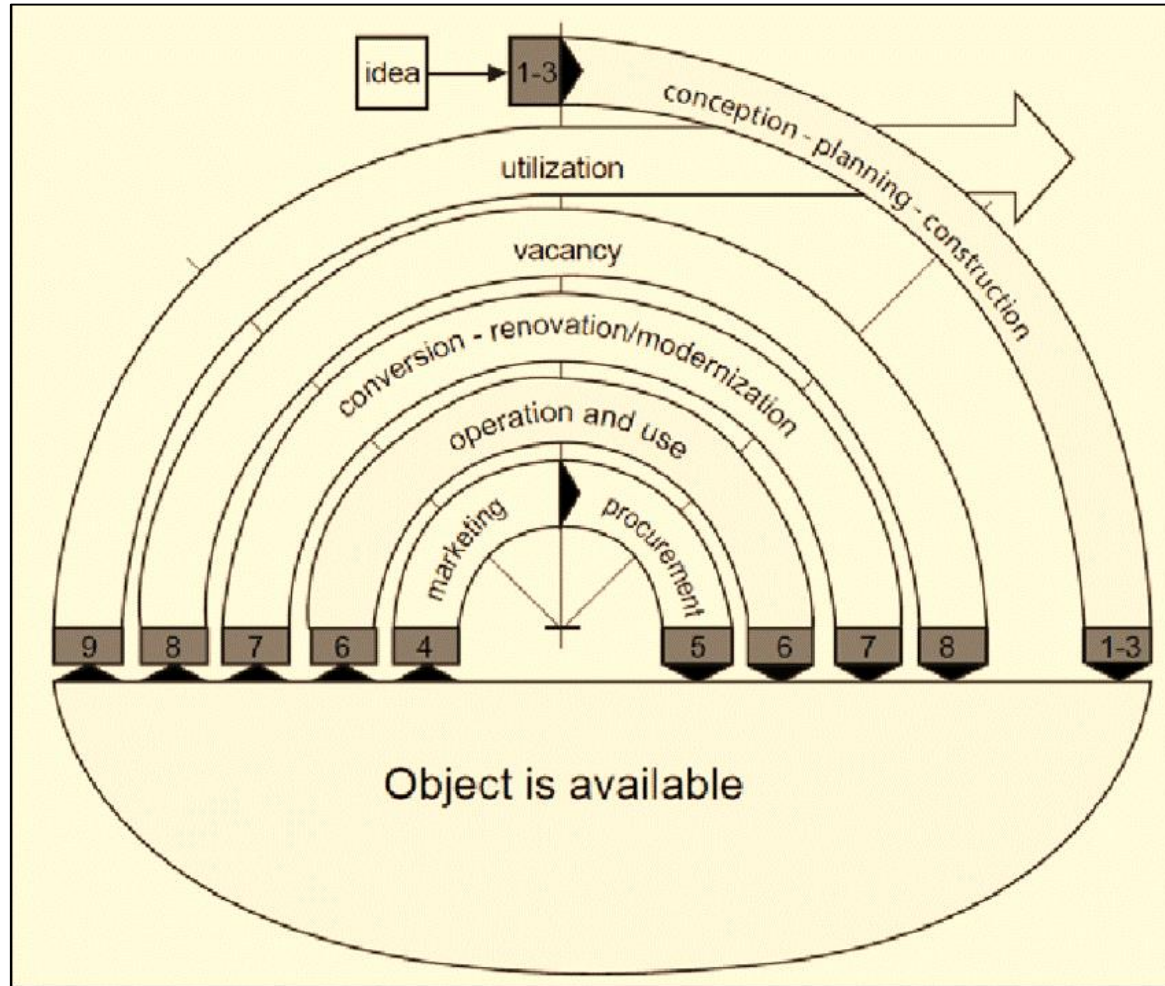
**national building stock level**

**regional building stock level**

# Building stock level



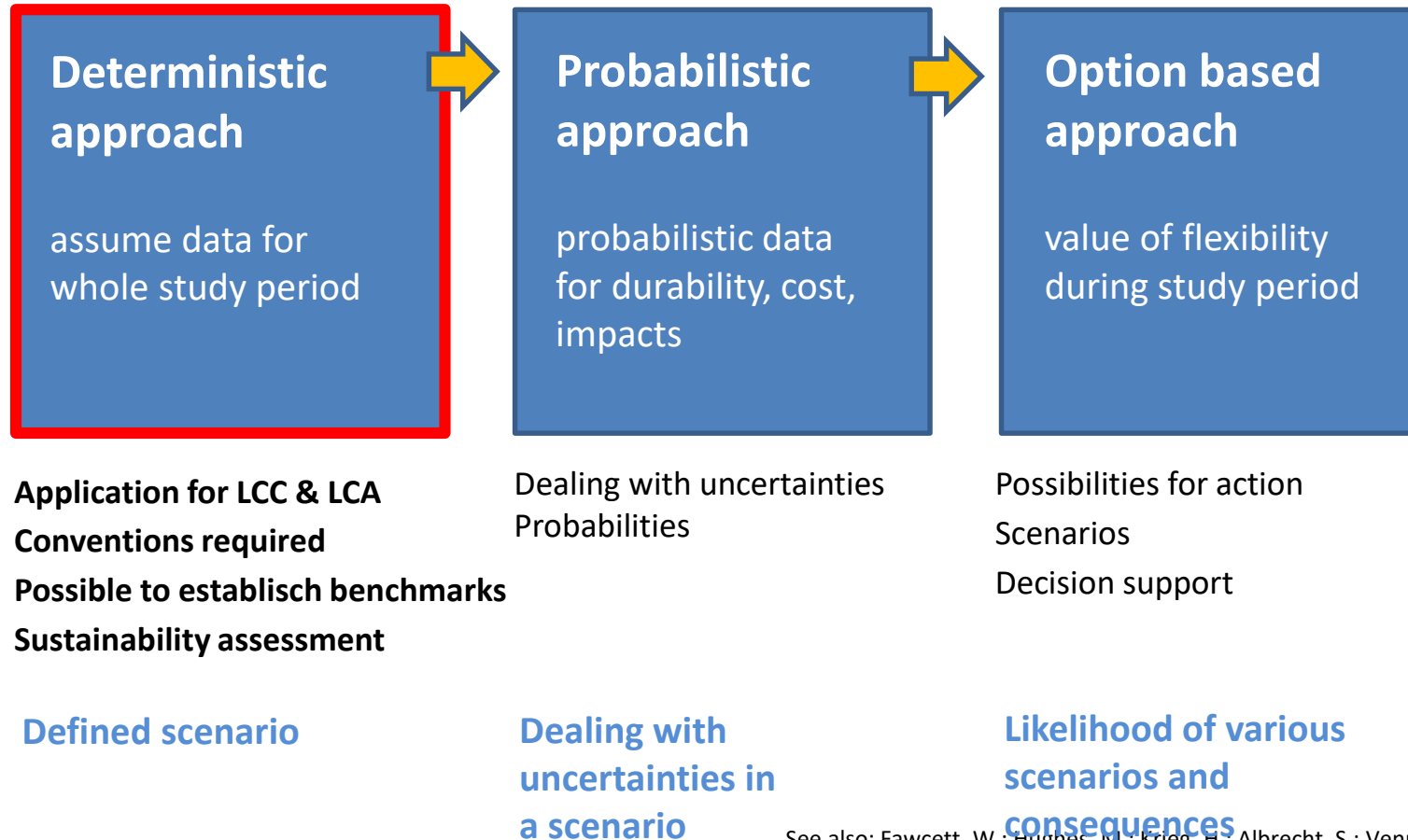
# How to define a life cycle of a building?



GEFMA 100-1, 2004

*Different possibilities for a life cycle of a building in real life.*

# What are the use cases ..... ?



See also: Fawcett, W.; Hughes, M.; Krieg, H.; Albrecht, S.; Vennström, A.: Flexible strategies for LCA under uncertainty.

Building Research & Information (2012), 40(5). 545-557 & CILECCRA project

*A deterministic approach is a pre-condition for LCA-benchmarks.*

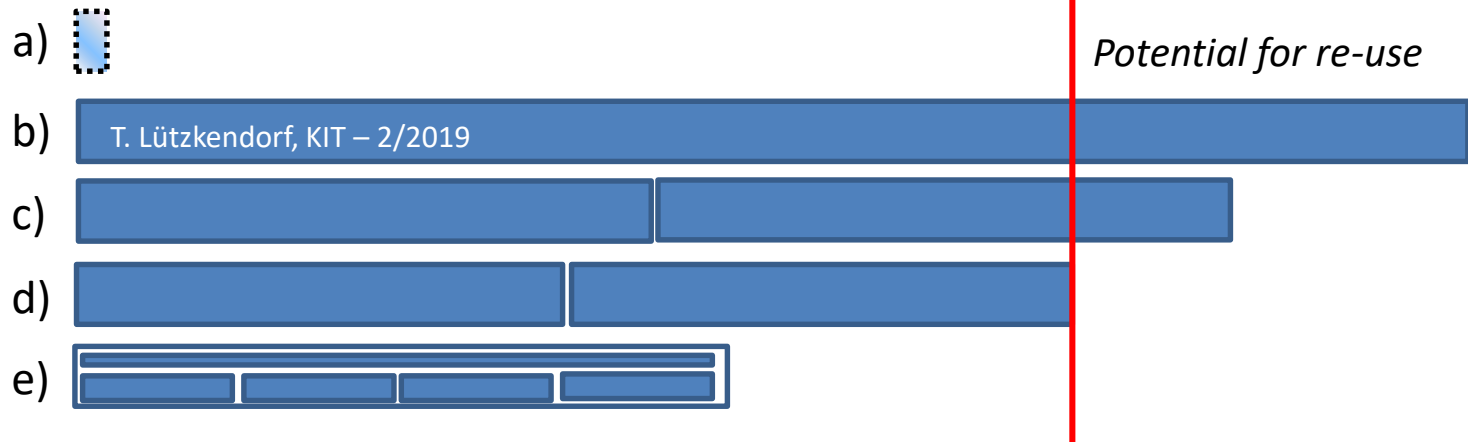
# Life cycle of buildings vs. life cycle of products

## Building level

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*Design life, reference service life, estimated life, reference study period*

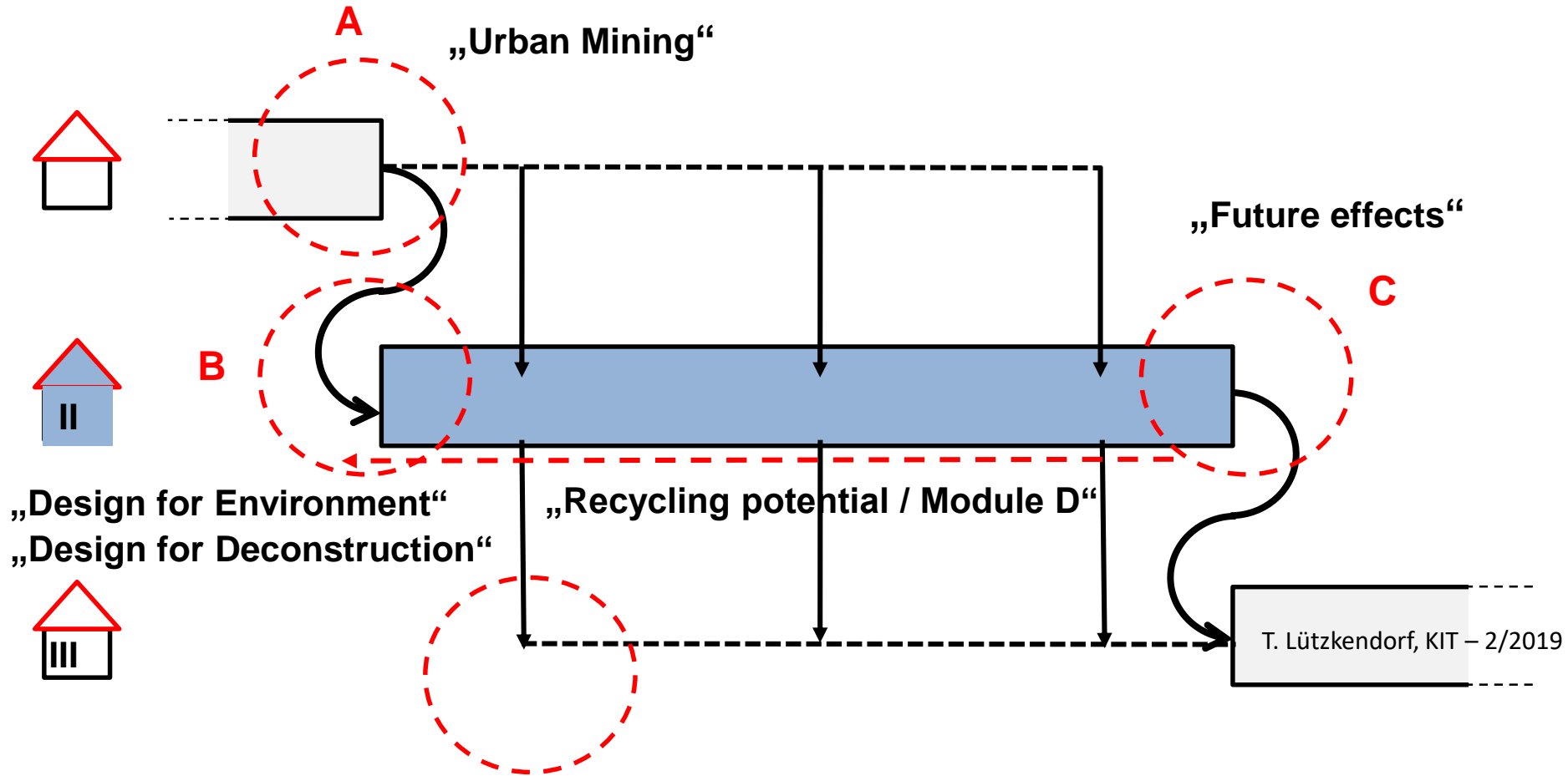
## Construction product level

*Reference service life, estimated service life*



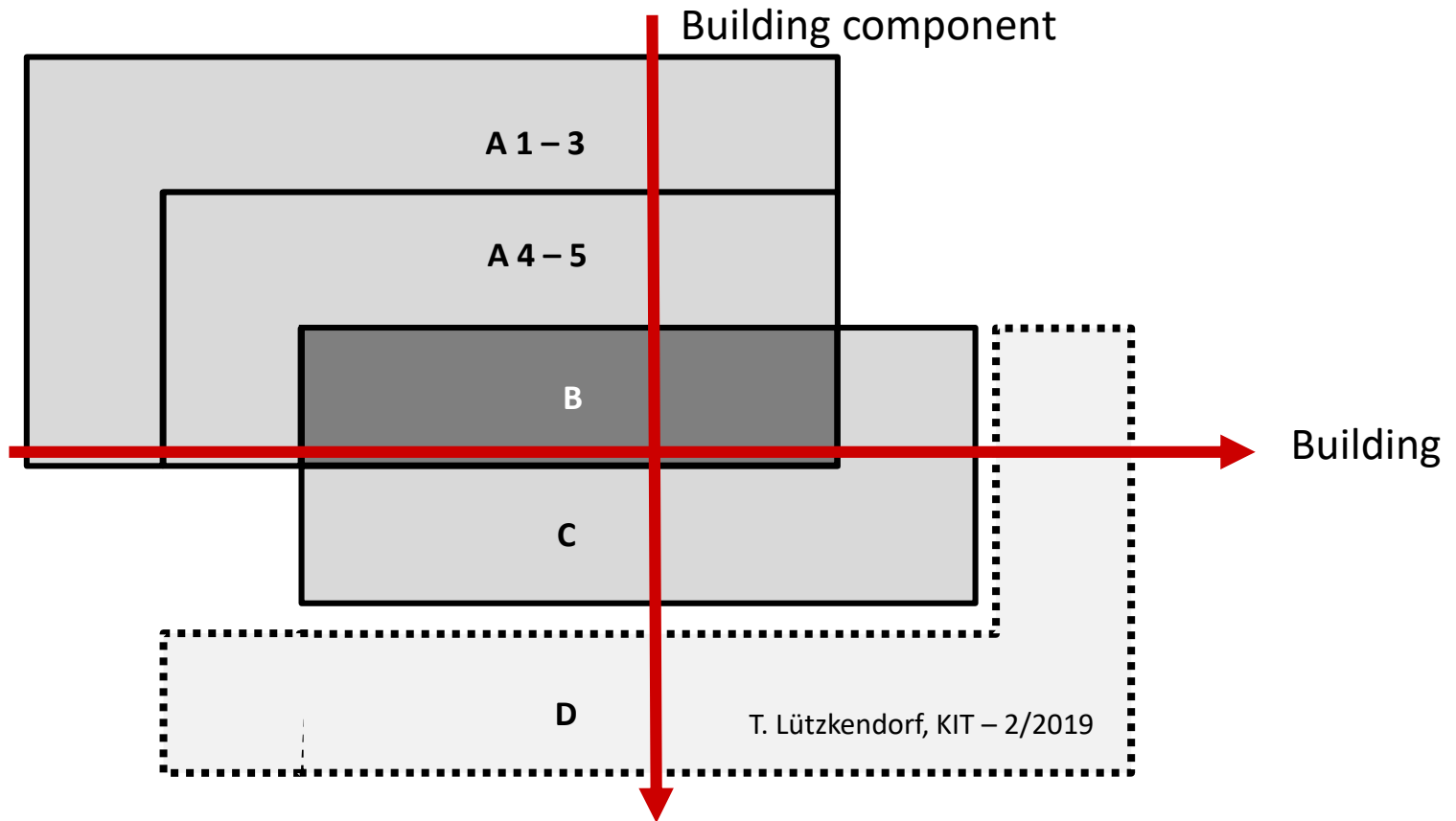
- a) Construction products and auxiliary materials that lose their physical identity
- b) Construction products with long service life and re-use potential
- c) Products that need to be replaced - with re-use potential
- d) Products that need to be replaced - with no re-use potential
- e) (complex) products whose components must be replaced

# What can we do and when?





# Is there a need to adopt the model of a life cycle ?



# Who likes to know something about materials ?

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## Actor group

## Information need

Facility manager

Point in time of replacement

Valuation professional

Risks to the environment/health

LCA specialist

Quantities & types of materials

Building authority

Main building materials

Demolition company

Material quantities/waste code

Policy maker

Material flows/ national balance

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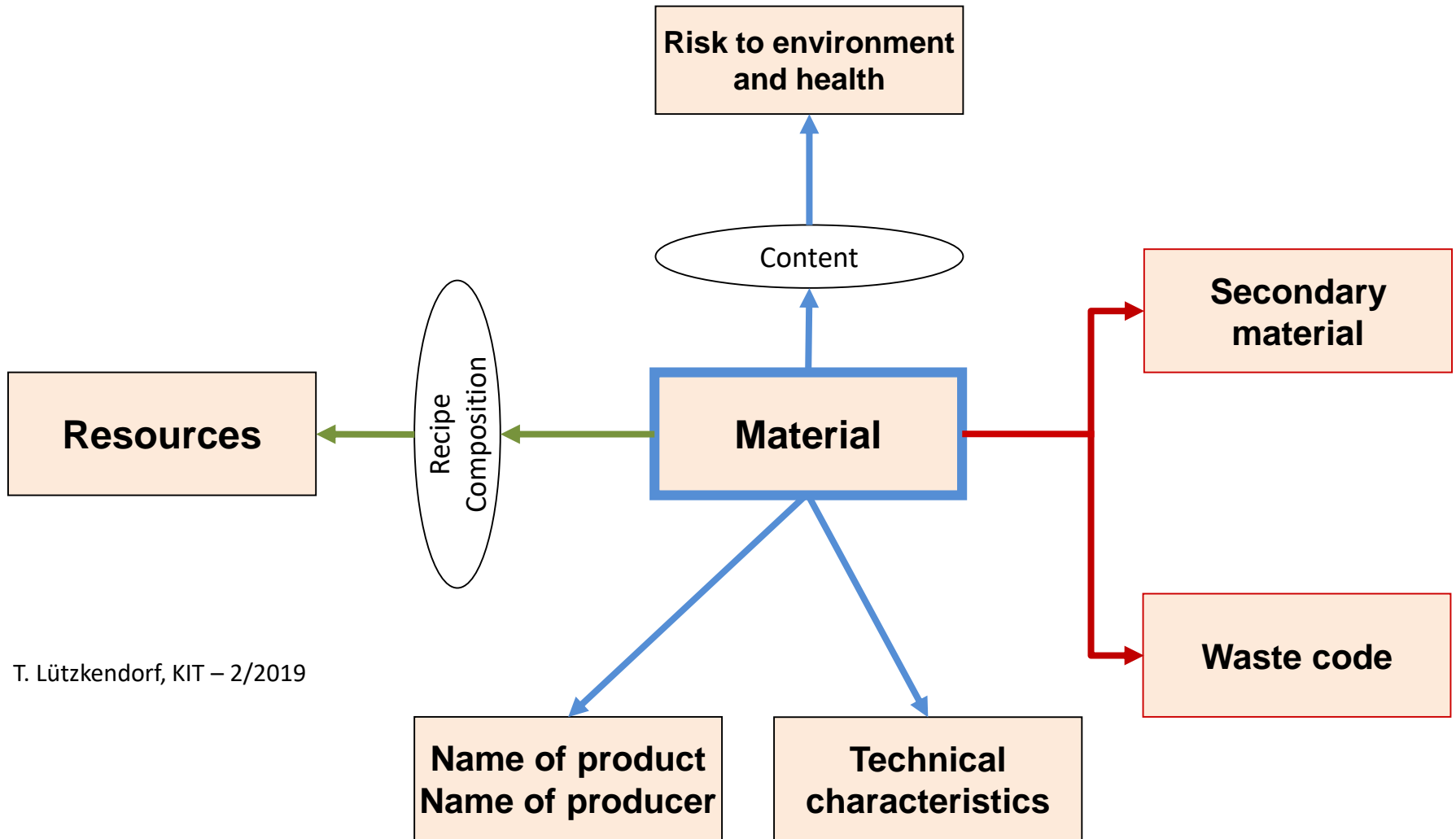
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# What do we like to know about materials?

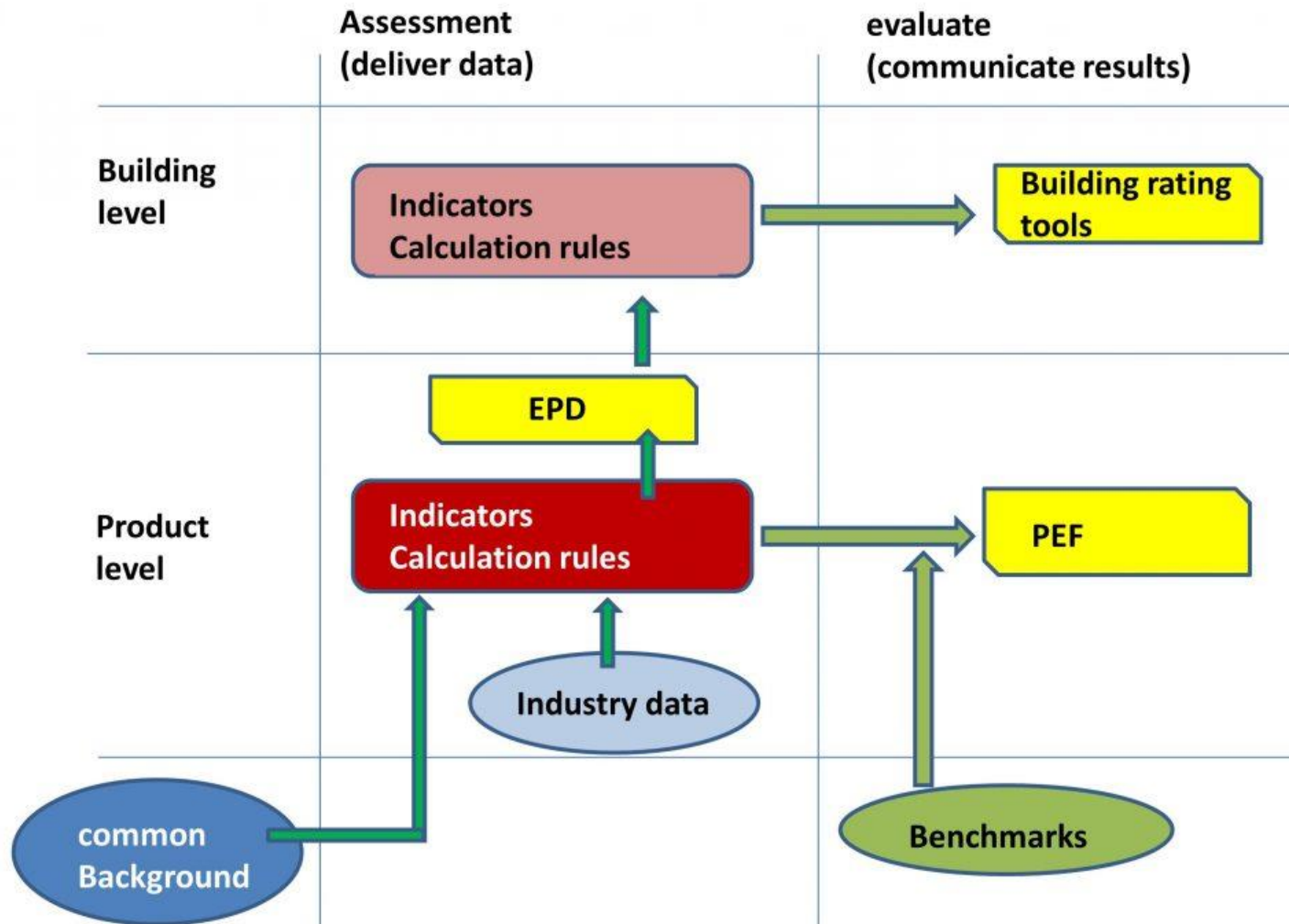


# Passports, passports, passports ....

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# EPD versus / and PEF



# PEF & EPD – selected core indicators in addition to GWP

Indicator		CF neu	CF alt
Depletion of abiotic resources-mineral elements <sup>a</sup>	Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources (ADP-elements)	kg Sb eq.	
Depletion of abiotic resources-fossil fuels <sup>a</sup>	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP-fossil fuels)	MJ, net calorific value	
Acidification	Accumulated Exceedance, Acidification potential (AP)	mol H+ eq.	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
Ozone Depletion	Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer, (ODP)	kg CFC 11 eq.	
Eutrophication terrestrial	Accumulated Exceedance, Eutrophication potential, (EP terrestrial)	mol N eq.	
Eutrophication aquatic freshwater	Fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment Eutrophication potential, (EP freshwater)	kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3-</sup> eq.	kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3-</sup> eq
Eutrophication aquatic marine	Fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment Eutrophication potential, (EP marine)	kg N eq.	
Photochemical ozone creation	Formation potential of tropospheric ozone, (POCP);	kg Ethene eq.	
Water scarcity	User deprivation potential (deprivation-weighted water consumption)	m <sup>3</sup> world eq. deprived	

# ADP versus EUROSTAT-typology for materials

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## Abiotic Resource Depletion

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- ***ADP fossil fuels***
- ***ADP elements***

- Sustainability assessment
- B2B communication
- Scarcity-approach

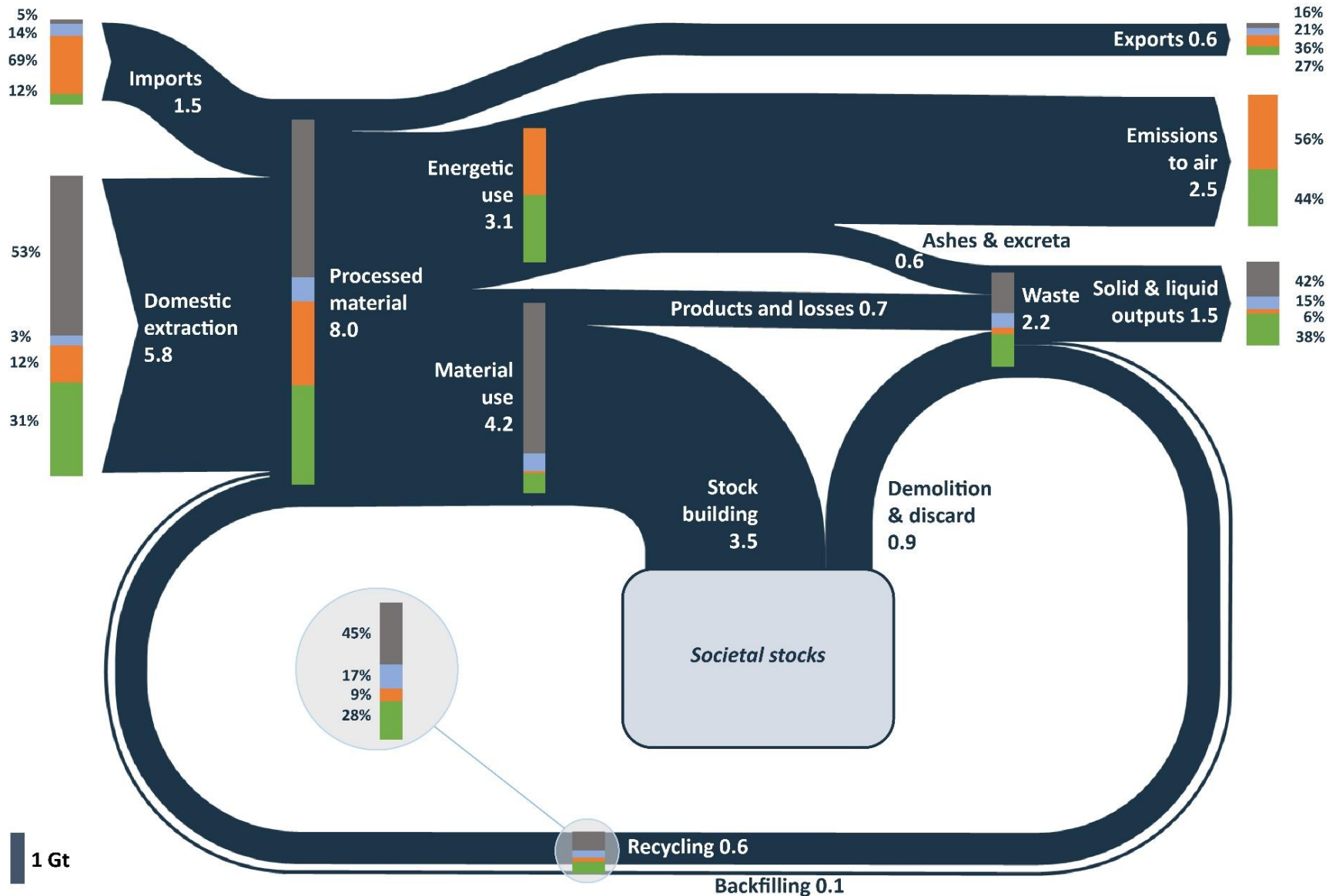
## EUROSTAT-Typology

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- ***Fossil energy materials***
- ***Non-metallic mineral materials***
- ***Metal materials***
- ***Biomass based materials***

- Statistics
- Resource management
- Un-assessed

# Mass flow in Europe 2014 – enlarging the stocks



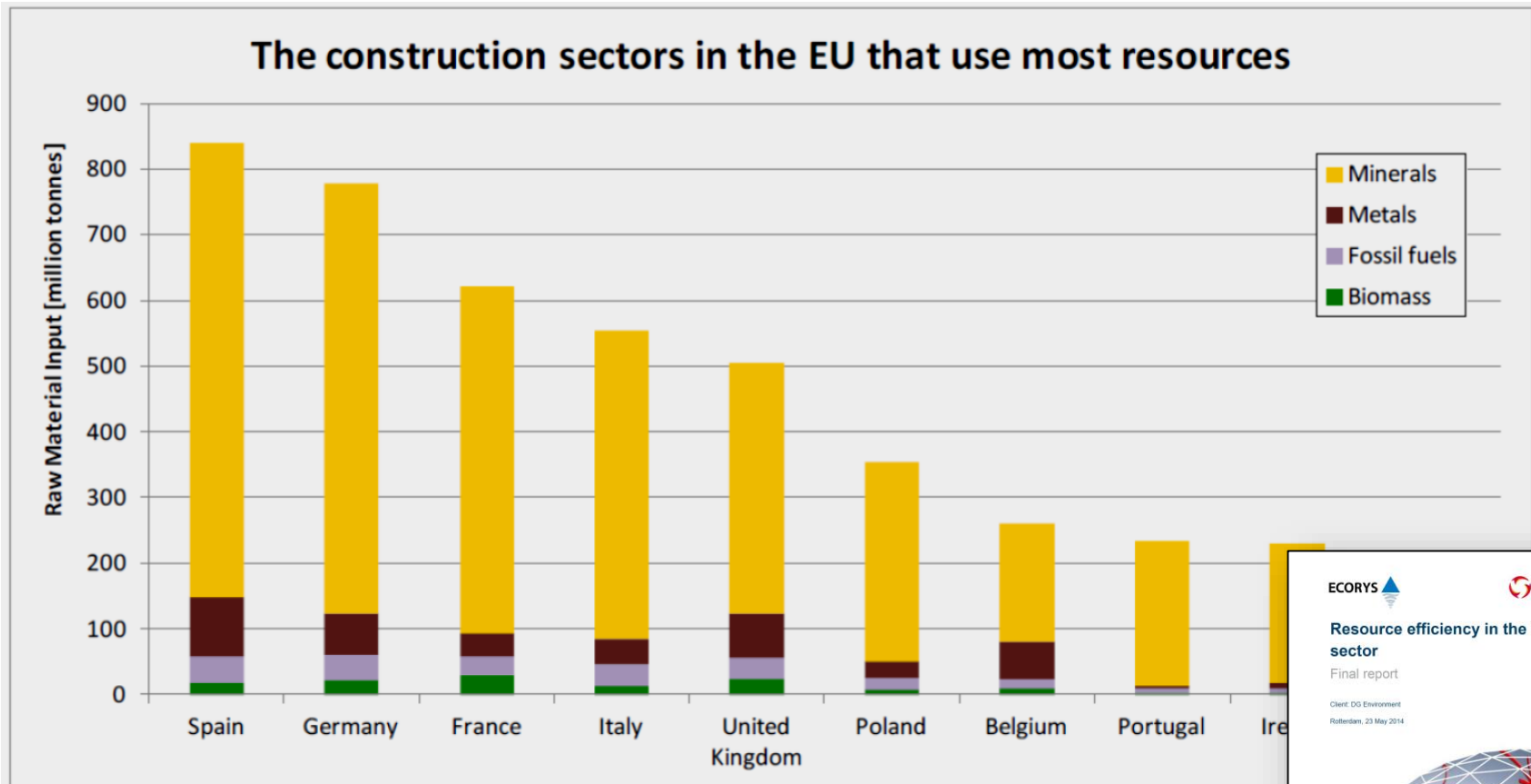
Material flows true to scale in Gt/year (billion tons/year) in 2014

Non-metallic minerals
  Metal ores
  Fossil energy materials/carriers
  Biomass

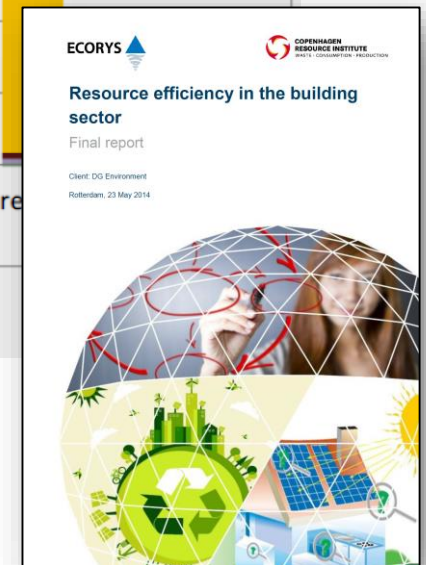
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# Input of resources into the construction sector



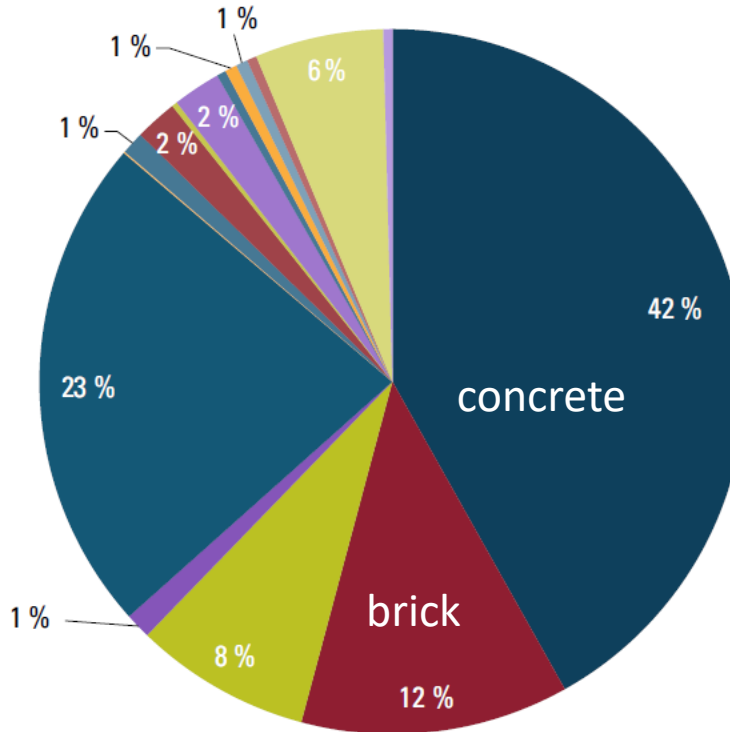
Source: BIO IS, 2013<sup>13</sup>.



# Input, stock, output – building stock Germany 2010



**INPUT 121 Mio. t**



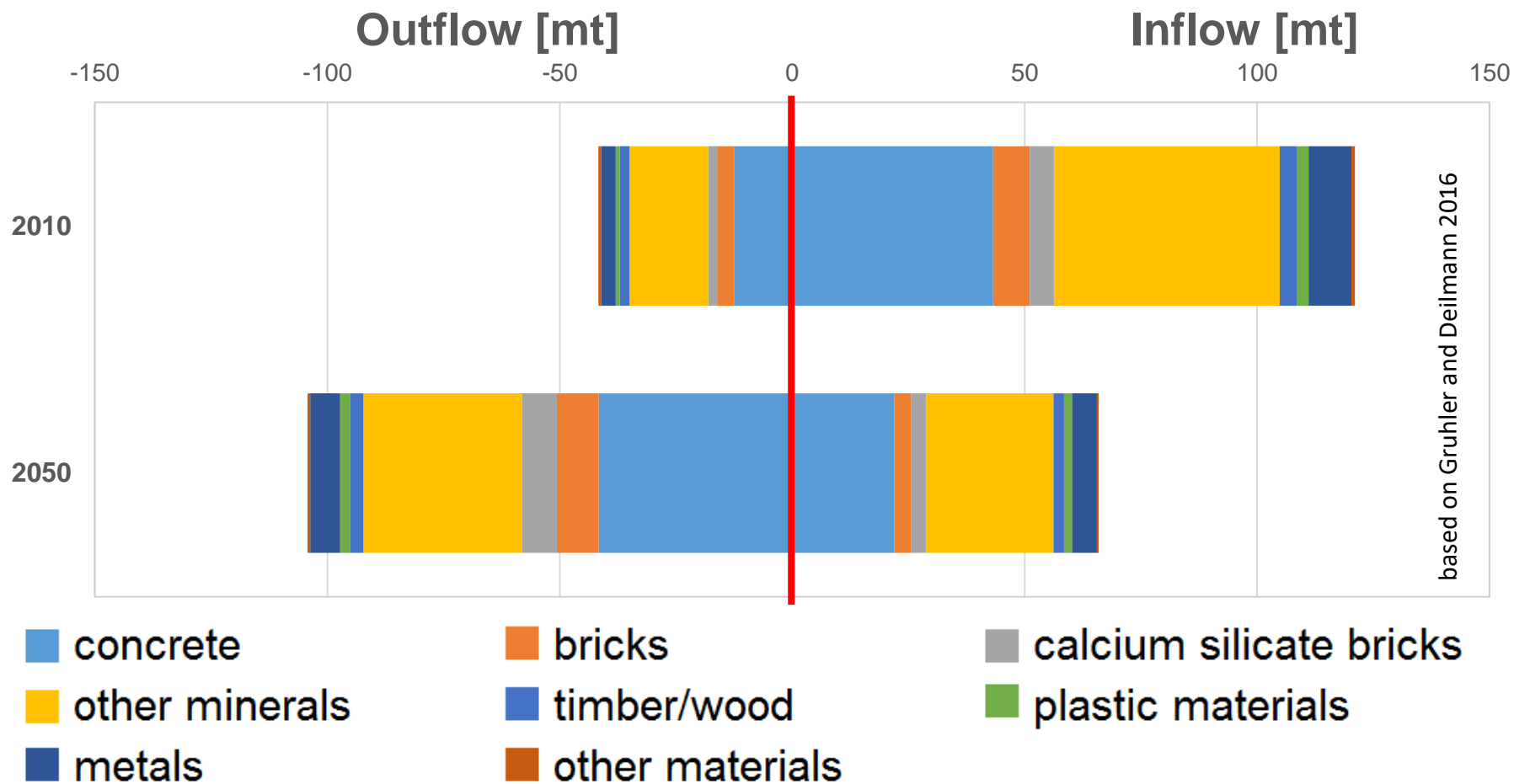
**Stock 15.256 Mio. t**

- Beton
- Ziegel
- Kalksandstein
- Porenbeton
- Sonst. Mineralisches (inkl. Bodenbelägen)
- Gipskarton
- Sonstige Gipsprodukte
- Bau-/Konstruktionsholz
- Sonstiges Holz (inkl. Bodenbelägen)
- Flachglas
- Mineralische Dämmstoffe
- Kunststoff-Dämmstoffe
- Kunststoff-Fenster/-Türen
- Sonstige Kunststoffe (inkl. Belägen und Leitungen)
- Metalle (inkl. Leitungen)
- Sonstige Stoffe (inkl. Leitungen und Beläge)



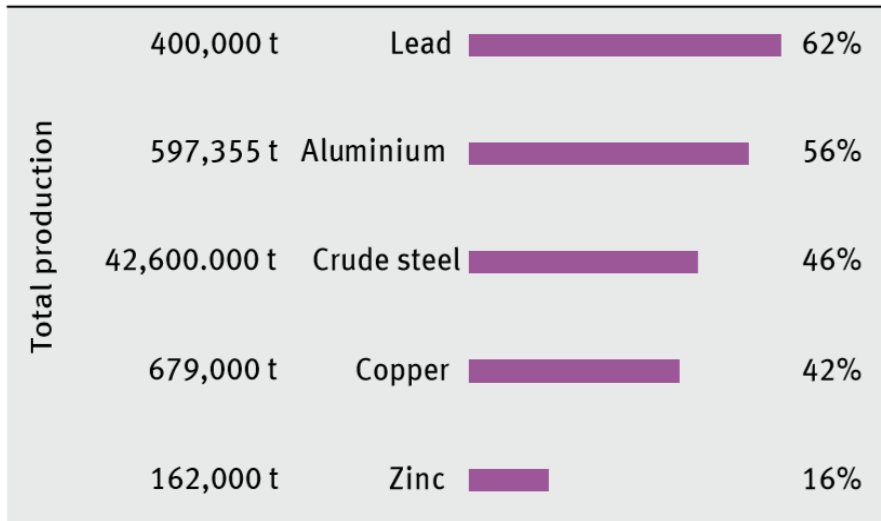
**OUTPUT 42 Mio. t**

# Trends for input and output in the building stock - Germany



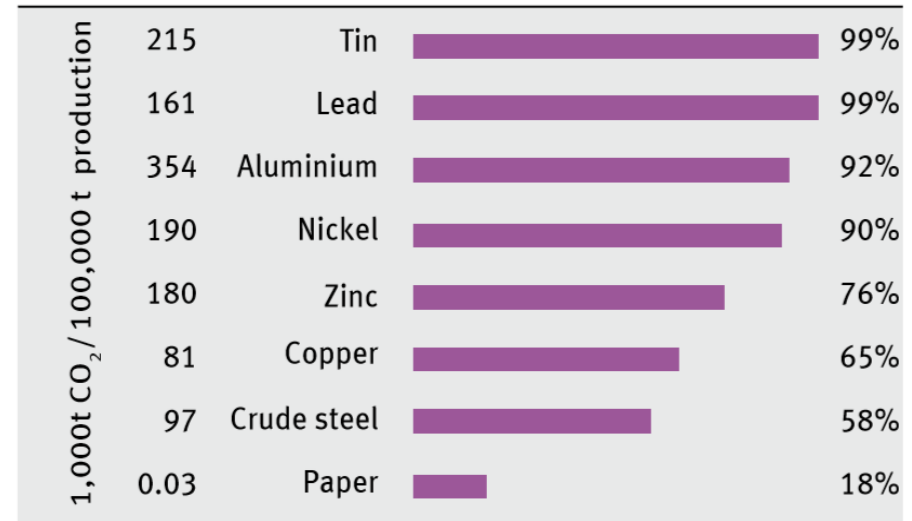
# Effects of recycling

Share of secondary raw materials in the production of selected metal ores in Germany, 2013



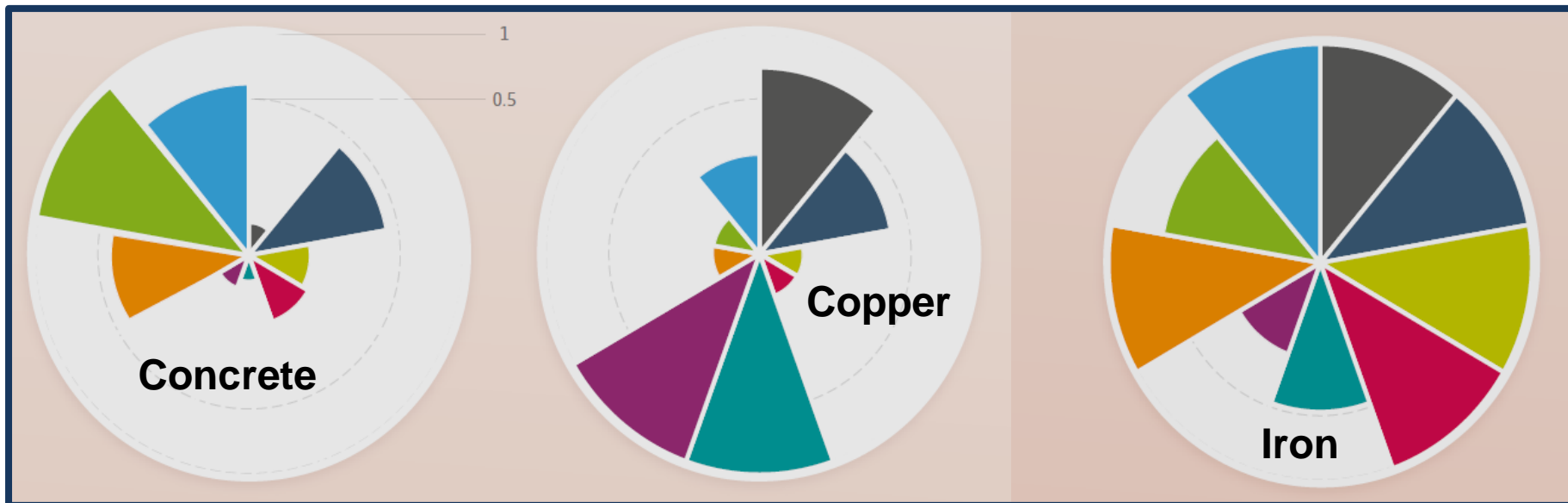
Source: BGR, 2014

Potential CO<sub>2</sub>-savings through recycling, 2008



Source: BIR, 2009

# Save materials - reduce impacts to global environment



## Acidification

Corrosive impact of pollutants (SO<sub>2</sub>; NO<sub>x</sub>) on soil, water, ecosystems, buildings.

## Climate Change

Radiative forcing of GHGs causing rising temperatures, sea level rise, extreme weather events.

## Cumulative energy demand

Total energy use along the production chain.

## Eutrophication

Impacts of nutrients (N, P) on soil and water quality affecting ecosystems and drinking water.

## Freshwater aquatic ecotoxicity

Impacts of toxic substances on freshwater aquatic ecosystems.



## Human toxicity

Impacts of toxic substances on human health, either by inhalation or via the food chain.

## Land use

Land surface used to produce the resource.

## Photochemical oxidation

Impacts of tropospheric ozone from air pollutants (VOC, CO), sometimes visible as smog.

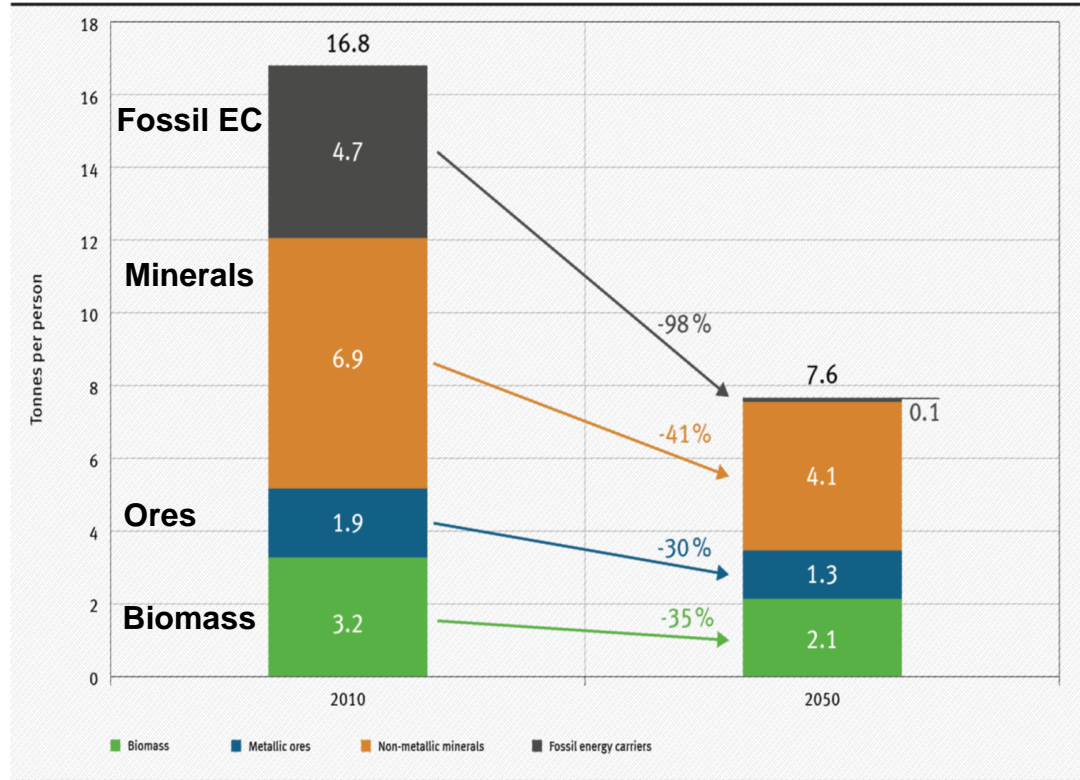
## Terrestrial ecotoxicity

Impacts of toxic substances on terrestrial ecosystems.



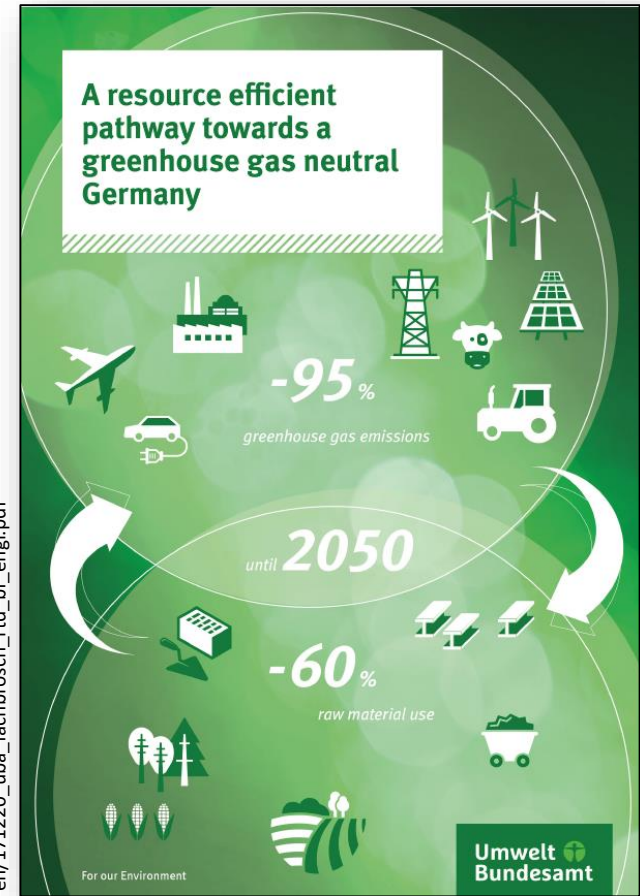
# Targets for reduction of raw material use in 2050 - Germany

Raw material use per person, 2050 compared to 2010

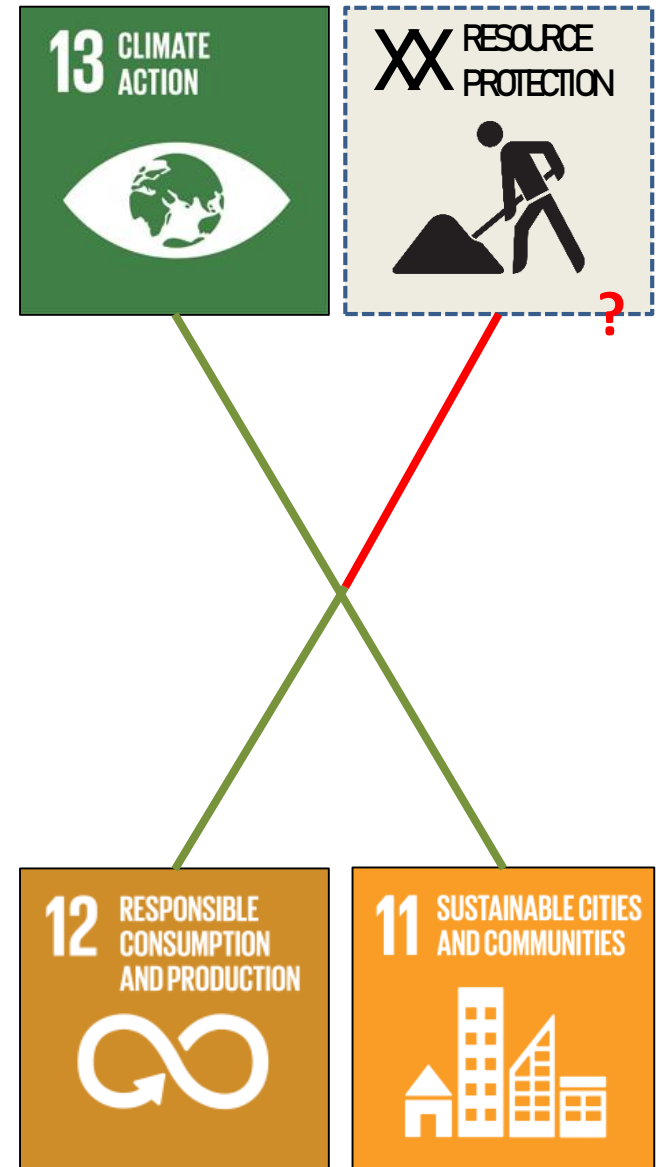
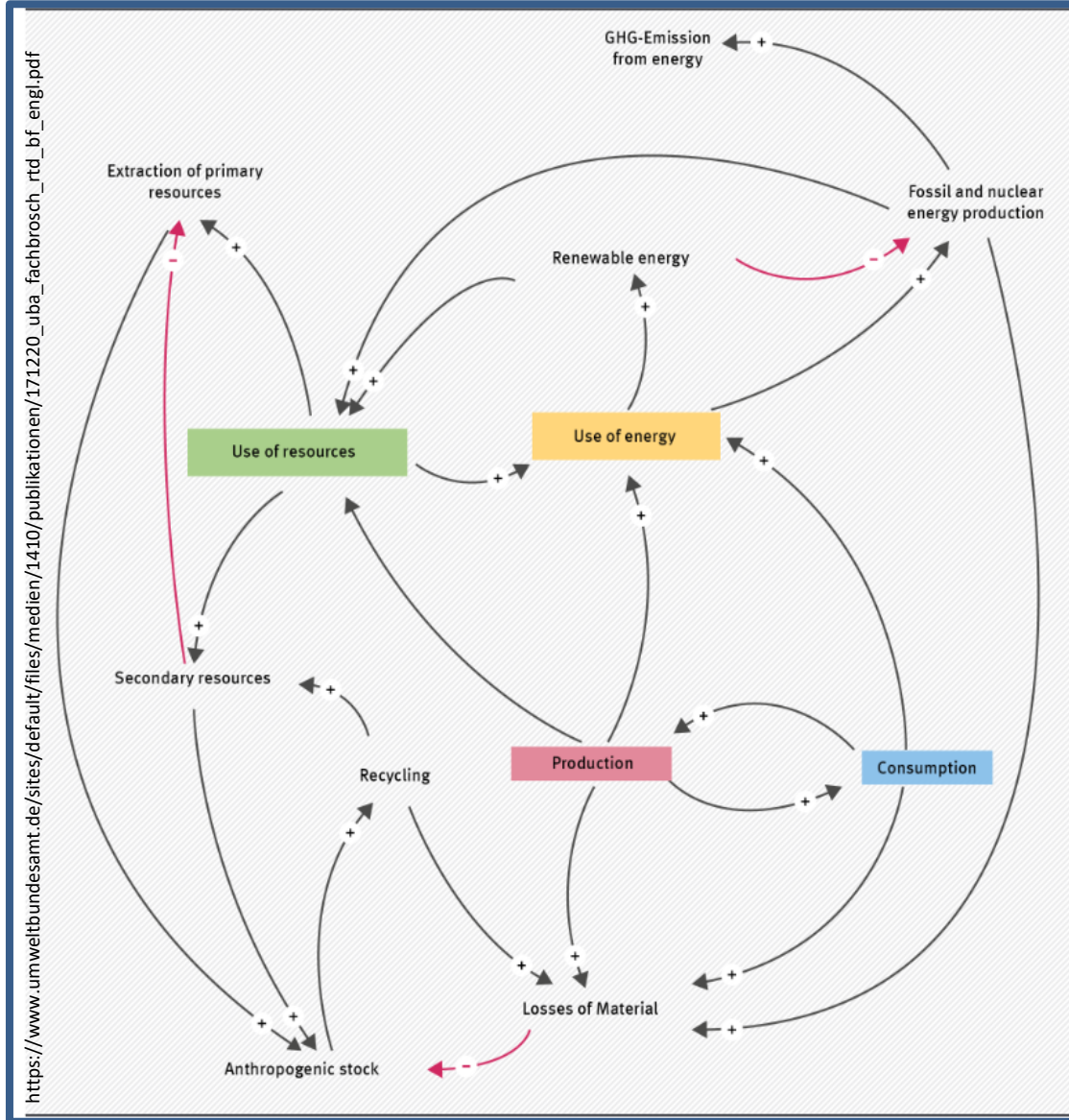


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# Link between resource efficiency and climate protection



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