

PACKALL PackAlliance: European alliance for innovation training

European alliance for innovation training & collaboration towards future packaging

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Training program: modules

- Eco-design & novel manufacturing processing
 - New materials and biomaterials
 - Citizen and Consumer Engagement
 - Residue management and valorisation



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Lecture Characteristics of the Principles of the of Circular Economy part 2

How to make the transition to a circular economy? Tools of monitoring of CE indicators







The genesis of national circular economy road map

National Road map is a tool for the process of transition from linear to circular economy.







How the road map is created?

- Taking into Account the country's conditions
- Cooperations and requiremants
- Flexible
- Relevant







- The Roadmap focusses on **5 areas** in particular:
- Sustainable industrial production
- Sustainable consumption
- Bioeconomy
- New business models
- implementation, monitoring and financing of CE.





Corporate Social Responsibility

- Responsibility for the impact of decisions made within the organization and actions resulting from these decisions on society and the natural environment.
- A business mangement styles that intergrates social, environmental, ethical, and human rights into business activity with cooperation with stakeholders.
- Good practices in the context of new and biomaterials

Useful tools: CSR





Life Cycle Assessment

- The tool of environmental management that assessing the environmental risks associated with a product system or operation
- It identifies and quantifies the materials and energy used and the waste released into the components of the environment





The steps of LCA implementation

1. Preparation for production - from the extraction of raw materials and supplying energy

- 2. Production process
- 3. Consumption,
- 4. Waste management.



LCA in the context of new and biomaterials



PACKALL Sustainability of new and biomaterials in the context of circular economy transformation

- The European objective of reducing the recyclable content in landfilled waste (the EC's Landfill Directive),
- biodegradability or compostability
- reduction in landfilling as end-of-life option for packaging material





EU rules on packaging and packaging waste, including design and waste management

The Packaging Directive aims to:

- harmonise national measures on packaging and the management of packaging waste
- provide a high level of environmental protection
- ensure the good functioning of the internal market



Definitions

- Bioplastics constitute a broad range of materials and products that are biobased, biodegradable/compostable, or both (Source; Glossary – European Bioplastics e.V. (europeanbioplastics.org)
- Biodegradable capable of decomposing rapidly by microorganisms under natural conditions (aerobic and/or anaerobic). Most organic materials, such as food scraps and paper are biodegradable (Source: biodegradable European Environment Agency (europa.eu)
- Compostability is a characteristic of a product, packaging or associated component that allows it to biodegrade under specific conditions (e.g. a certain temperature, timeframe, etc.) (source: it is not legal definition but invoked in EU documents)
- **Bio-based plastics** A plastic, whose constitutional units are wholly or partly made from biomass (CEN TR 15932) (source: https://www.cen.eu/)

Examples of biomaterials: metals, ceramics, glass, and polymers



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Future of the plastics in packaging plastic sector

Bio-based plastics:

- supporting a "circular economy"
- is good for the environment
- can be recycled

For more information please visit: www.european-bioplastics.orgtwitter.com/EUBioplastics





How to reduce plastics in packaging sector The examples of useful biomaterials

• **Bioplastic/ compostable shrink wrap -** the bioplastic is made from a plant-based resin called Mater-Bi. It replaces traditional single-use shrink wrap for fruits and vegetables)

• Nuatan - a new and innovative biodegradable natural plastic

created to reduce waste in oceans and lakes. It achieves waste reduction as the material can be safely eaten by aquatic animals or composted.

- **Notpla -** is a revolutionary material made from seaweed and plants. It biodegrades in weeks, naturally.
- **THREEANGL** Canadian company that designed a natural deodorant in innovative biodegradable containers manufactured from agricultural residues.



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