

Revolutionising plastics recycling one piece at a time

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PART OF THE SOLUTION TO END PLASTIC WASTE



Alliance to End Plastic Waste





global challenge and alliance prize contest 2020 : US\$3 million for game-changing solutions to advance a circular economy for flexibles.

We, a dutch start-up, were selected as finalist!!!! From more than 600 competing technologies

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Household PE with red ink

LDPE bag with print ink

LDPE packaging with paper labels

Household PE mix precleaned with water

Agricultural LDPE with typical impurities

Blue Plastics - CBT – Washing without water – Cleaning without damaging

Product

- No more odours/smell
- Clean from paints, inks and organic residues / oils
- 78% saving of CO2 footprint vs prime
- Circular use possible

Clean Blue Tech process (CBT)

- Solvent based washing
- Efficient washing and drying
- Closed loop use of the biodegradable solvent
- 70% less energy than hot water wash
- Removal of paper (stickers)



Direct GHG emissions



Figure 5: GHG emissions factors used along the plastic recycling value chain

All emission factor presented above correspond to 1 tonne of input plastic waste, except the operations of recycling and the production of virgin plastics where the emission factors refer to 1 tonne of output material.

Blue Plastics CO2 Footprint

CO₂ balance

- Prime LDPE 1870 kg CO₂ e/t
- Energy recovery/chemical recycling
 17,36 + 26,5 + 1727 + 1870 = 3640,86 kg CO₂ e/t
- Mechanical recycling

17,36 + 26,5 + 21,88 + 348 = **413,74 kg CO₂ e/t**

Blue Plastics 24kt Plant creditable savings

- > **35kt** CO₂ vs Prime
- > **77kt** CO₂ vs Chemical recycling

Deloitte Increased EU Plastics Recycling Targets: Environmental, Economic and Social Impact Assessment





Blue Plastics focus

Feed product selection

- The total converters demand for LDPE/LLDPE in the EU has a share of close to 18% of the total market. The EU converters' Demand for PE film remains stable in the last decade at a level of around 9 million tonnes.
- Non food transport packaging mostly mono structure e.g. low hanging fruit.
- Circular use possible aim for prime replacing quality



European Union and Dutch recycling targets

Green deal	 Net zero emissions - 2050 (to be legislated). 50-55 percent emissions reductions from 1990 levels by 2030. 		
Plastic tax	Revenue collection basEach to design own Plat	 Revenue collection based on non recycled plastic consumption 10 - 15 major economies will be levied. Each to design own Plastics Tax - different state taxed. 	
 Broad tax ba Tax rates acc Price signals 		base now including aviation, maritime and fishing. ccording to energy content and environmental content, not volume. Is reinforcing innovation and investment. Anti-fossil fuels.	
Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM		 Shadow ETS applied to certain high emissions imported covered goods. Aim: applies equivalent carbon costs between imports and locally produced goods. 	
Emissions Trading System (ETS)		 Pricing of carbon inside the EU with many sectors regulated through the ETS. Withdrawal of some free allocations in parallel with CBAM introduction. 	



How has the industry progressed in the first 48 months?



Industry movements

Sustainable Business model

User Desirable Market sustainable

Profitable Sustainabilty

Environment Sustainable Technical Sustainable

Financial Sustainable



Blue Plastics focus

As start-up/scale-up you need to focus on your core strength/business

- Marketing / Sales / logistics
- Production / People / Environment
- Purchasing / Raw material / logistics
- Building / Permits / Support

Blue Plastics working towards a

CLEAN WORLD WITHOUT PLASTIC WASTE

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