

# Comparative LCA Analysis

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Performance  
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Understanding

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2 Application to packaging

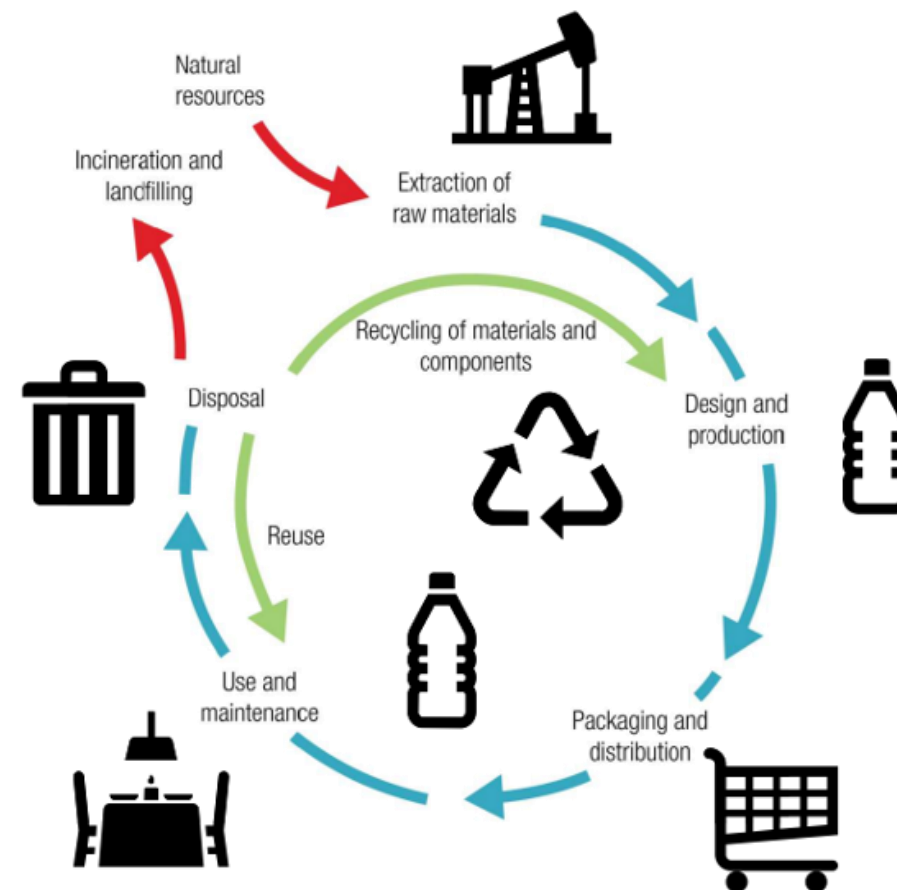
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# Why using Life cycle analysis?

- **Holistic approach**
- **A science based and standardized method:**
  - **ISO 14040** : Principles and framework
  - **ISO 14044** : Requirements and Guidelines
  - **ISO 14067** : Principles, requirements and guidelines for the quantification and reporting of the carbon footprint of a product”
  - **ISO 14020, ISO 14021, ISO 14024, ISO 14025, and ISO 14026** on environmental labels
- **EU New green deal:**
  - **Avoidance of Green washing**
  - **ESG reporting and taxonomy**
- **Environmental Labeling**
  - International Reference Life Cycle Data System(ILCD)
  - PEF 2019\*
- **Eco design tool**



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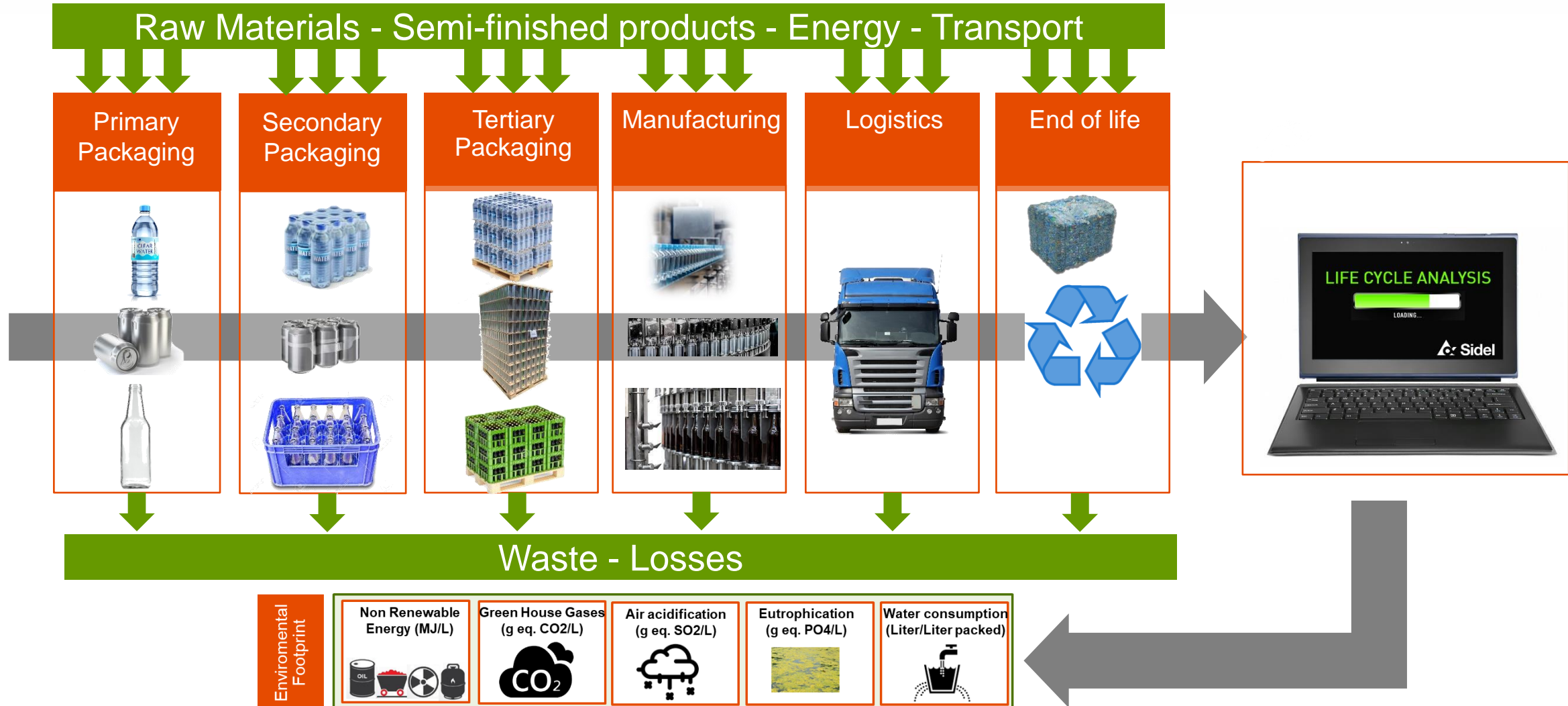
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## Holistic approach



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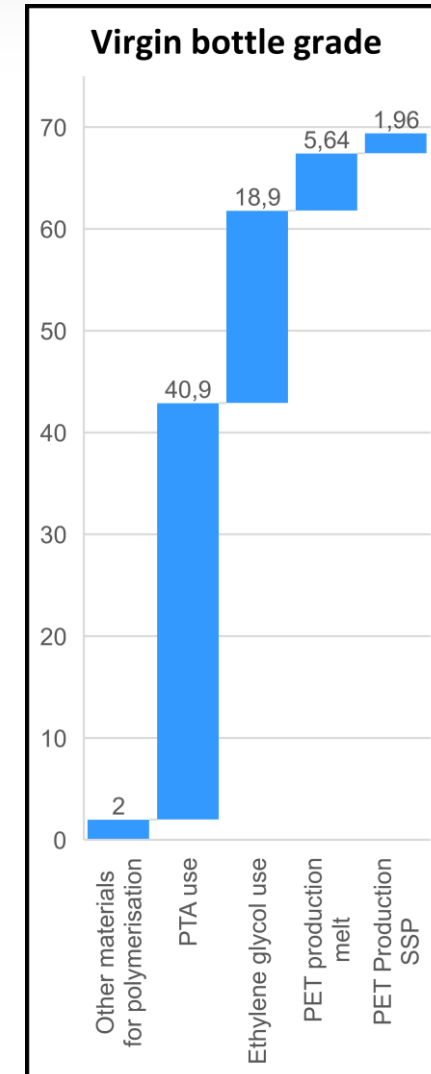
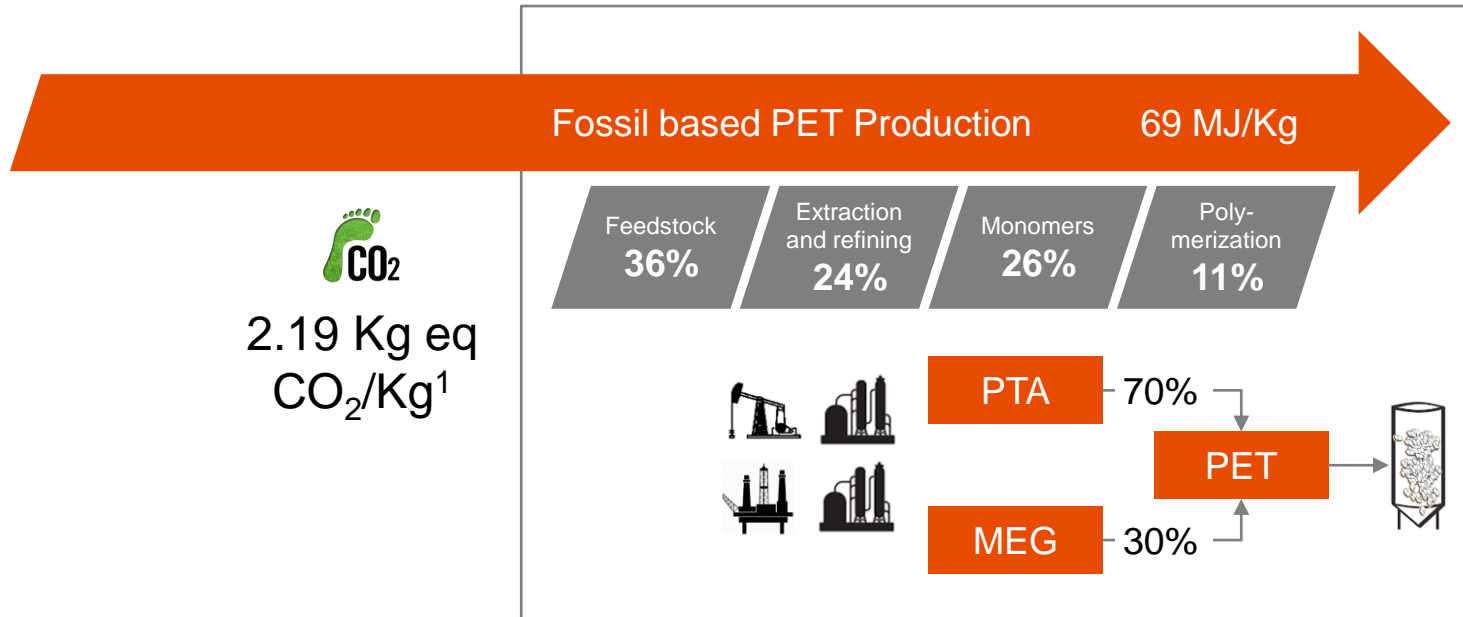
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# Critical areas in LCA

- **Raw material extraction (Life Cycle inventory)**
  - Fossil (Oil, Gaz)
  - Minerals
- **Recycle content**
- **Functional unit**
  - Volume
  - Weight
  - Shelf life
  - Number of uses
- **Energy mix at each stage**
- **Transport and Logistics**
  - At each stage
  - Single use vs re-usable
- **End of life**
  - Collection logistics
  - Incineration / Land fill/ Recycling
- **Sensitivity study**



# Life cycle inventory of PET



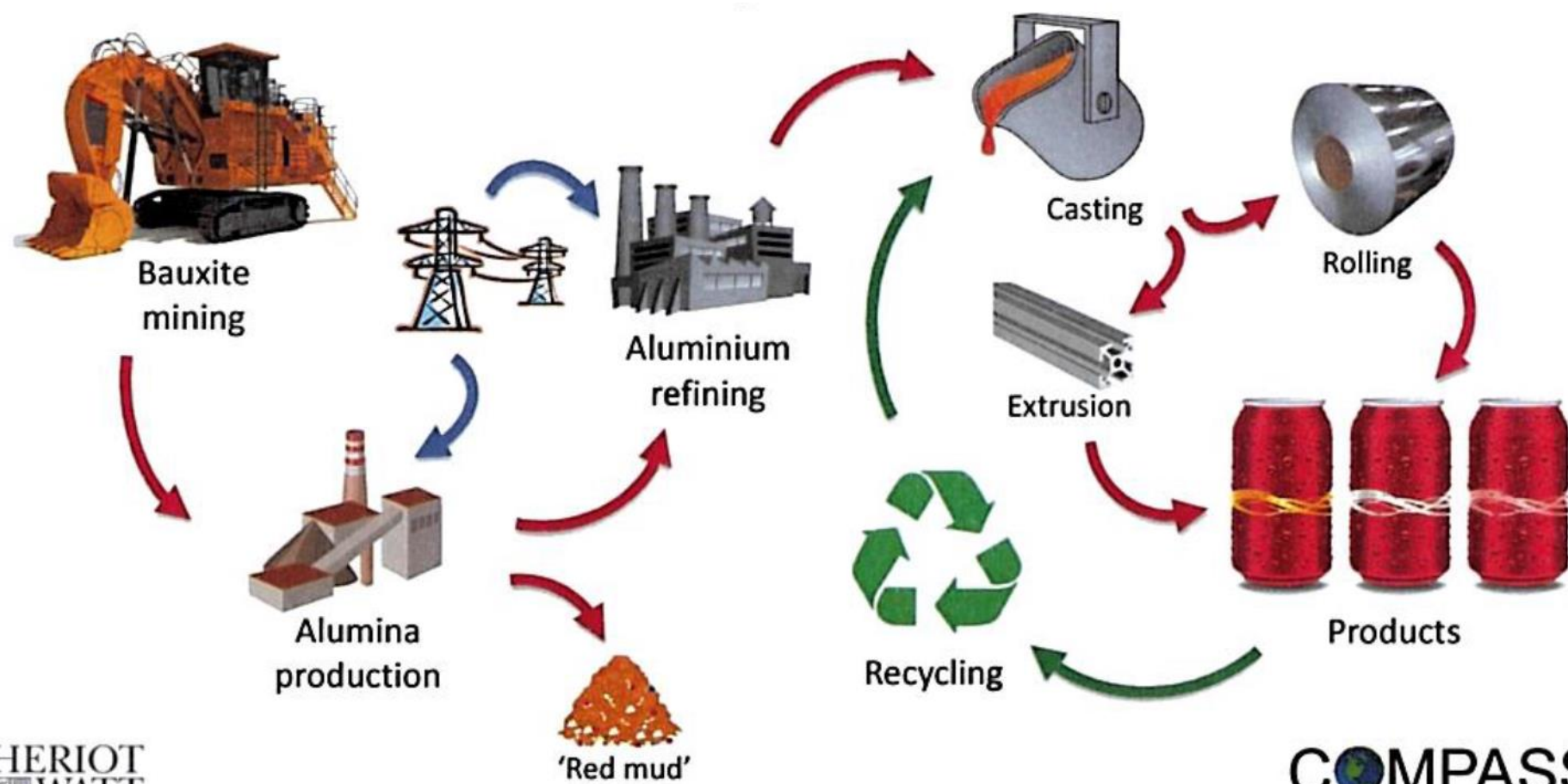
1 Life cycle inventory of PET/Plastics Europe 2010

2 Denkstatt study for Alpla 2017/Cure presentation 2020 at PETCORE Monomer recycling conference/Geography and collection scheme dependent

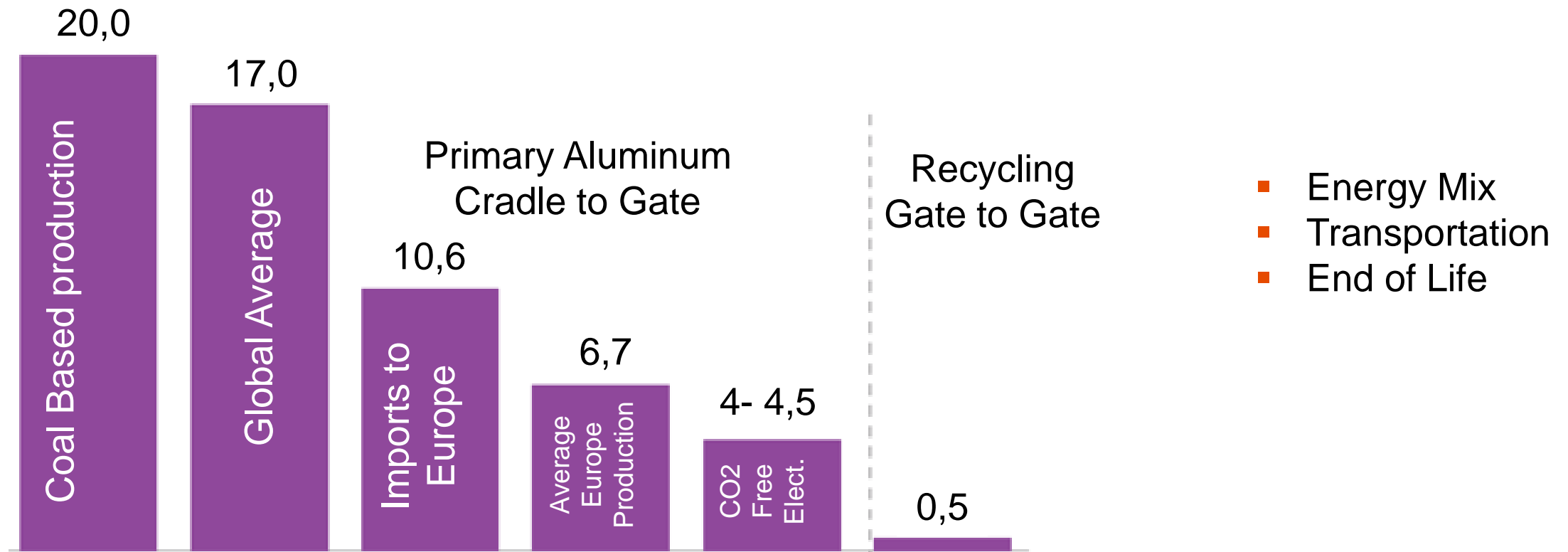


# Life cycle inventory of Aluminum

## Aluminum Production cycle



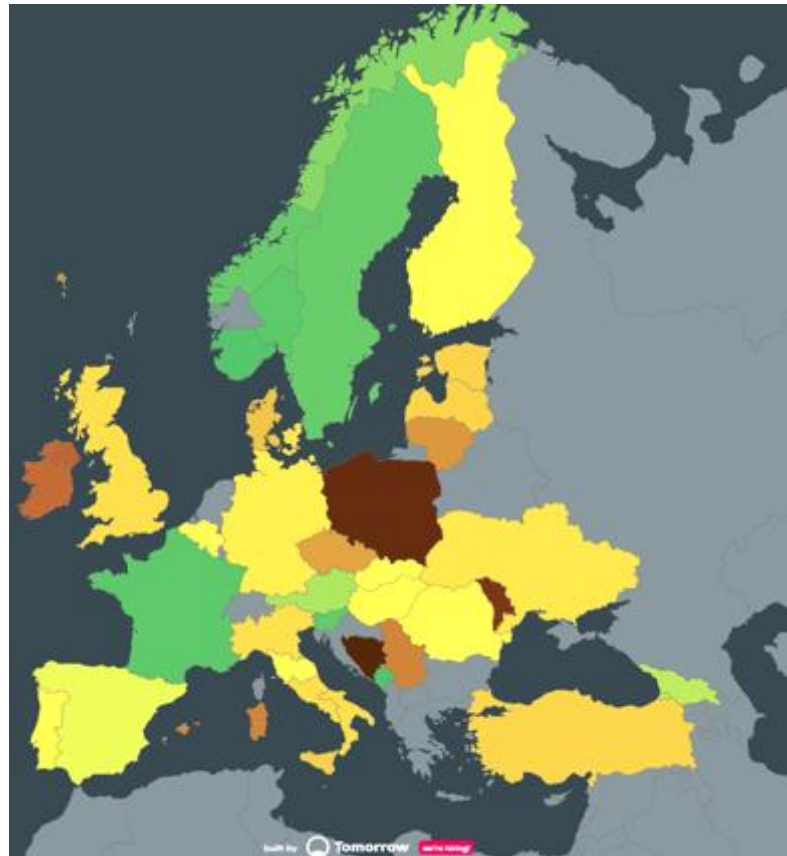
# Energy mix and Location impact for Aluminum



Source: [https://european-aluminium.eu/media/2931/2020-05-13\\_european-aluminium\\_circular-aluminium-action-plan\\_executive-summary.pdf](https://european-aluminium.eu/media/2931/2020-05-13_european-aluminium_circular-aluminium-action-plan_executive-summary.pdf)

# Carbon intensity of Electricity production

## Example of Europe



- Electricity Mix has a significant impact on GHG footprint; Example according to the data from the map:

- 1 MWh used by a site in France would emit **31kg CO2e.**
- 1 MWh used by a site in Poland would emit **698kg CO2e.**

↓ x 22

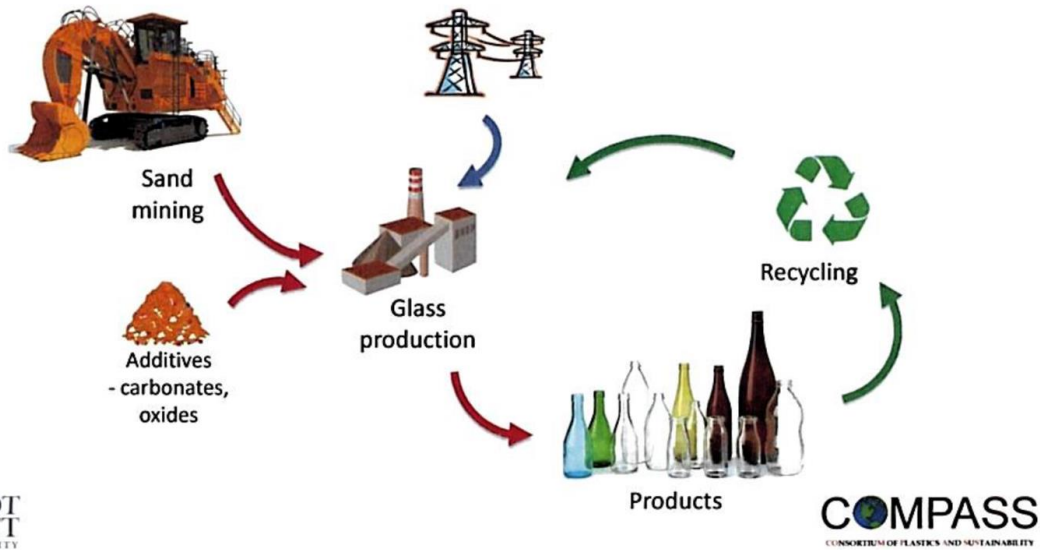
Carbon intensity (gCO2e/kWh)



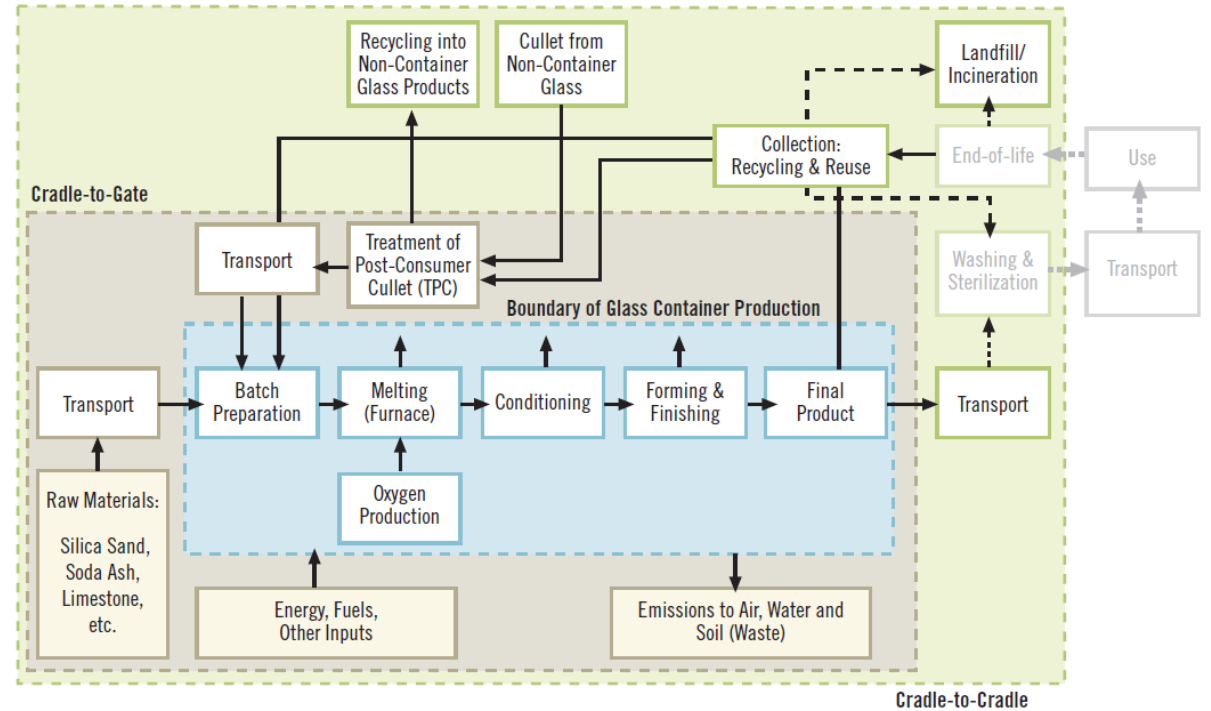
# Glass production cycle



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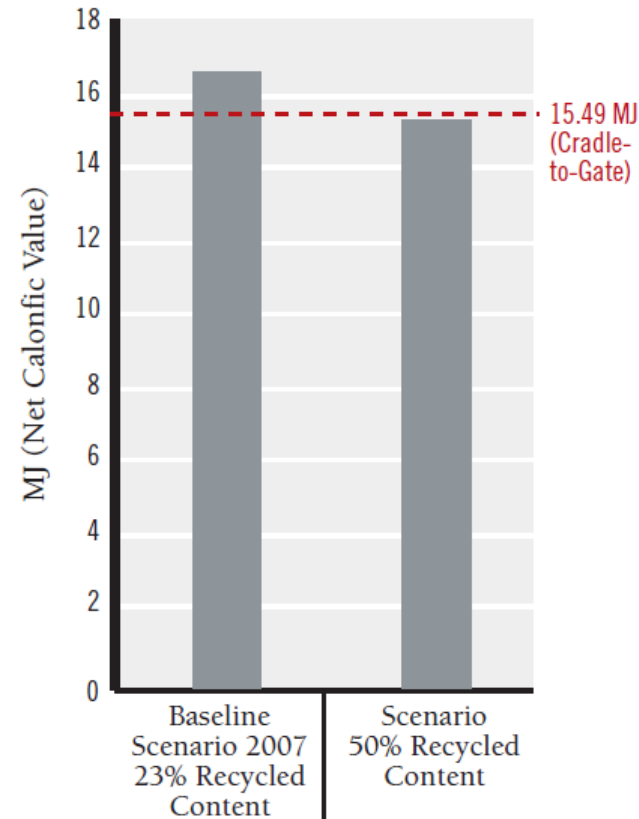
## Life Cycle Flow Diagram for Systems Analyzed Cradle-to-Cradle



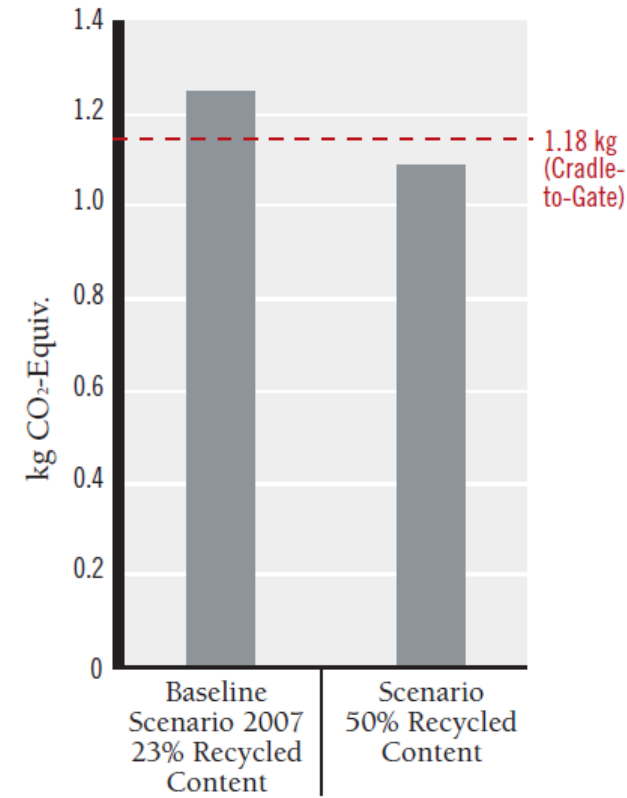
# Impact of Recycling for Glass



Cradle-to-Cradle Primary Energy Demand – (1 kg Formed & Finished Glass)



Cradle-to-Cradle Global Warming Potential – (1 kg Formed & Finished Glass)



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# From materials footprint to Packaging footprint

Eco profiles of materials combined to container weight and recycle content are key to selection



**Primary Energy**  
(MJ/kg)

PET Aluminium<sup>1</sup> Glass

69 223<sup>2</sup> 16.6

**r-Content GHG**  
(kgCO<sub>2</sub> eq./kg)

0%	<b>2.15</b>	<b>13.85</b>	<b>1.26</b>
100%	<b>0.45</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>NA</b>

**Weight Ranking**  
(500 ml)

**One-way Water**  
(500 ml)

**12** **17** **200**

**GHG**  
**One-way water**  
(500 ml)

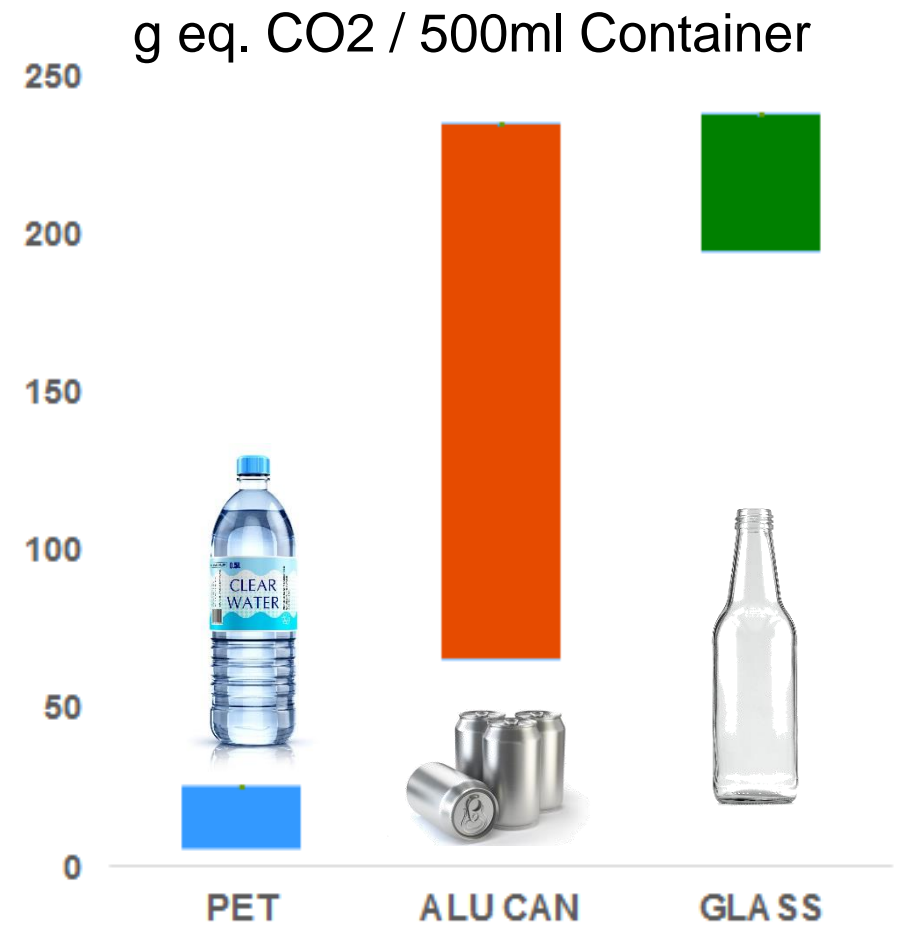
0%	<b>25.8</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>252</b>
100%	<b>5.4</b>	<b>65.3</b>	

Source: <https://www.aluminum.org/system/files/2014%20Can%20LCA%20--%20Technical%20Memo.pdf>

<sup>1</sup> Aluminum cans: 8% in weight for coatings and ink | <sup>2</sup> 0% recycle content



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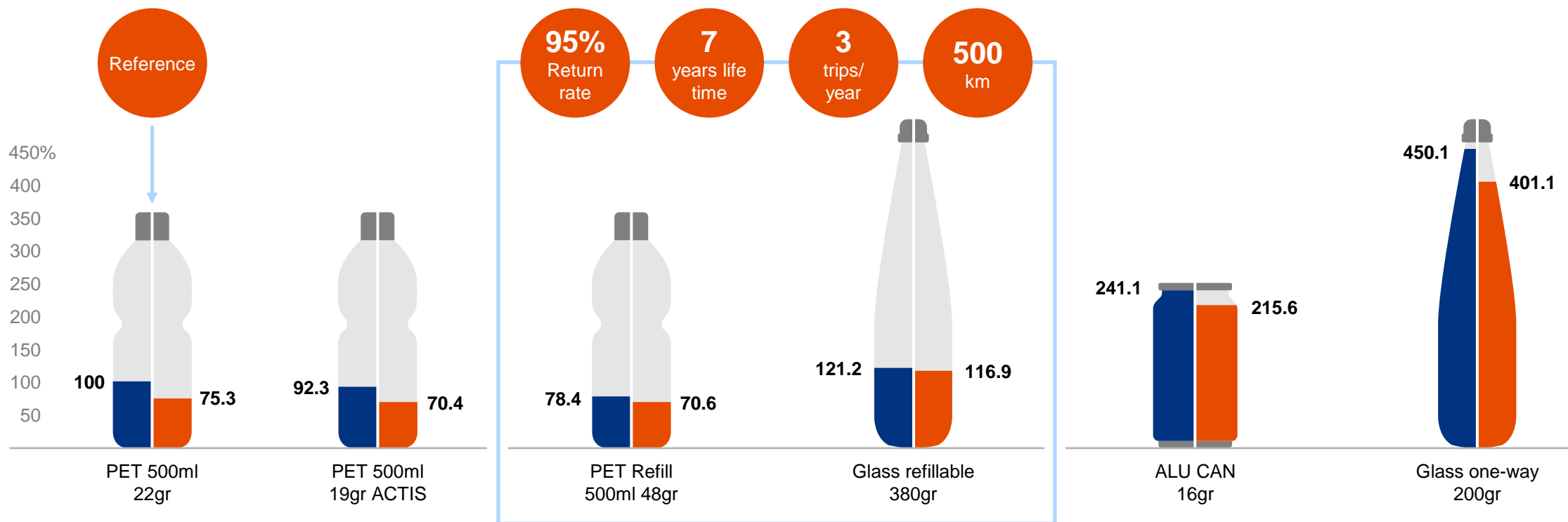




# Full picture

## Comparison in % in relation to reference case for greenhouse effect

0,5 L CSD packaging solutions (European hypothesis)



■ 2030 (Collection rate: 90% all materials, Incineration rate: 10%)  
■ Hypothesis today (Collection rate: PET 53%, Aluminium 63%, Glass 64%, Incineration rate: 51%)  
 Source: Sidel LCA tool

# Refillable environmental performance is linked to logistics

4 main parameters have to be looked at

➤ **The number of trips** the bottles will do in reality:  
This can vary a lot and depends on ...

	Life Span (LS)	Return Rate (RR)	Annual Use (AU)	Number of Uses (U)
Local distribution	7 years	95 %	3 times	10.25
Country wide distribution	3.5 years	89.18 %	1 → 2 times	2.53 → 3.98

➤ **The average distance** between the filling plant and the retailer

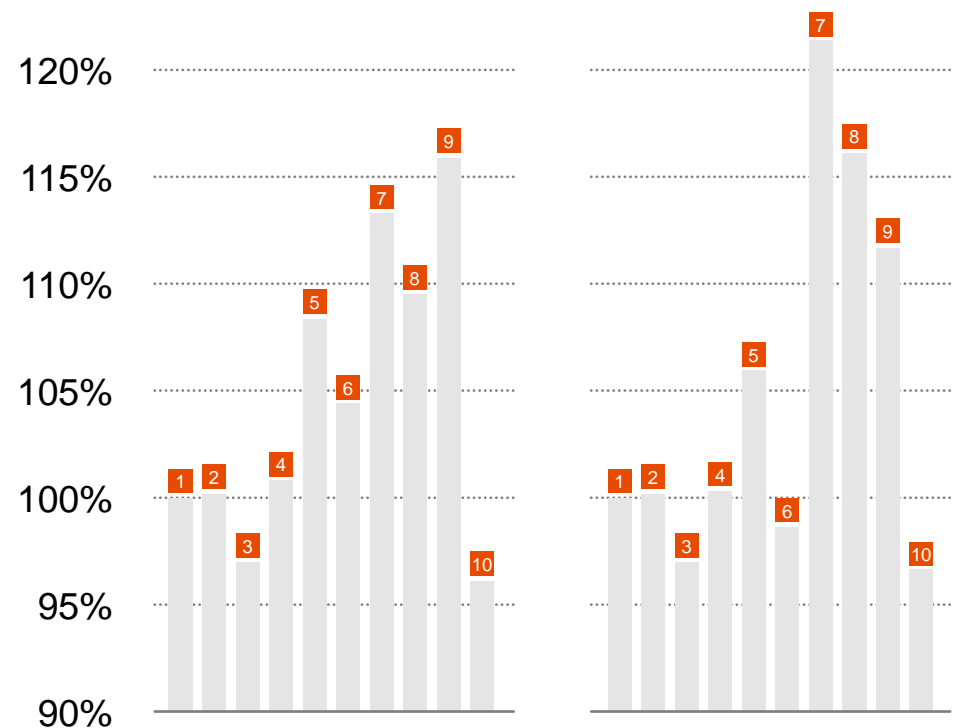
➤ **The bottle material choice**

➤ **Hygiene/contamination risks**



# Alternatives in Secondary Packaging

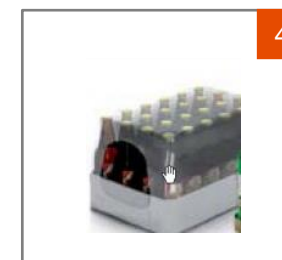
Environmental performance often differs from perception



1 Shrink film without handle



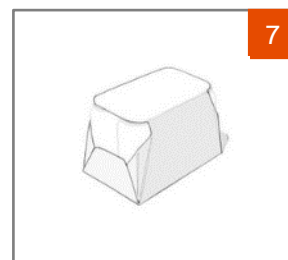
2 Stretch Film



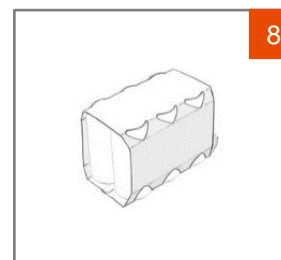
3 Tray Corrugated + Shrink film



4 Tray Corrugated



5 Carton Solid fully enclosed



6 Carton solid closed on 2 sides



7 Box corrugated



8 Cones

# Milk has more impact compared Packaging manufacturing & distribution



Source: RDC Environment LCA of different packaging for milk Study for SIDEL Final report March 2011

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## LCA is a powerful tool adapted to:

- Optimize packaging solutions in Eco design approach:
  - Sourcing of raw materials and semi-finished products
  - Packaging material selection ( Primary, Secondary & Tertiary)
  - Energy mix
  - Recycle content
- Compare Packaging solutions
  - For the same functional unit
  - For the same shelf life
  - For the same distribution area
- Communicate
  - When supported by peer review



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