

PolyUrethane Recycling Towards a Smart Circular Economy

Deliverable

D5.5 Business case and exploitation plan

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Publishable Summary

The target of this deliverable "D5.5 Business case and exploitation plan", is to evaluate how the technical results of the PUReSmart project could be materialised into concrete products and what are the potential exploitation routes for the industrial partners.

Looking at the technical results overall of PUReSmart, the CAPU materials are still not mature enough to explore on an industrial level, and still need a development traject, before being able to explore.

The sorting and chemolysis technologies have very promising results. PUReSmart is proving that closing the loop is possible for flexible PUR, with high recycled content (>95%) on both TDI and Polyol side in the same applications, making PUR a real circular material. Exploitation plans for sorting and chemolysis are being made by the industrial partners Redwave, Covestro and Recticel Engineered Foams.

Redwave now offers the first NIR sensor-based sorting solution to reuse flexible polyurethane foam. For the first time in the industry's history, NIRS is being used to sort PU foams.

With the initiative, Evocycle® CQ Mattress, building on the PUReSmart project, Covestro is committed to transform end-of-life mattress foam directly back into PUR main building blocks, give them a new life and bring these material back into the value chain.

Foams containing the recycled materials (isocyanate and/or polyol), will be brought to the market by Recticel Engineered Foams within the existing sales and marketing channels.