

Addressing Challenges and Opportunities of the Circular Economy

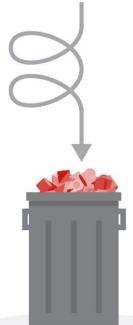
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Linear **Economy**





Circular Economy





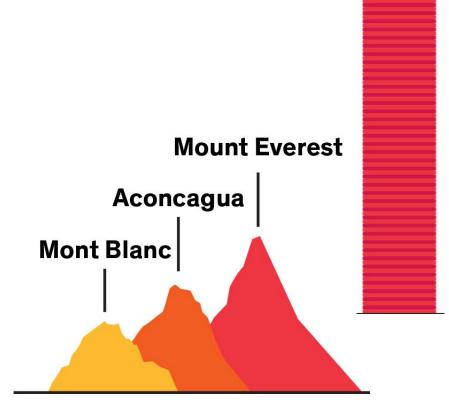




Imagine

stacking all polyurethane mattresses discarded in Europe in 2017...









Circular Economy: Key Driving Forces

EU Waste Rules

Ambitious recycling and landfill reduction targets

Recycling targets for municipal waste

2025 2030 2035

55% 60% 65%

Brand Owner

Corporate Strategy

- Process materials from recycling schemes
- Produce products with recycle ability at EoL

Social Pressure

Perception is Reality





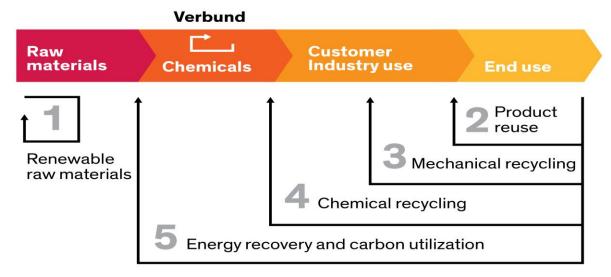
Polyurethanes = Plastic = Same Recycling Targets





What Needs To Change?

Circulating molecules



Maximizing utility of existing molecules

(e.g., reusing/recycling molecules such as through the reuse of PET bottles)







Advancing a Circular Economy



Through innovation and collaboration, Dow will help facilitate the world's transition to a circular economy, where waste is designed into new products and services.

Our Goal is to advance a circular economy by delivering solutions to close the resource loops in key markets.

Dow will partner with other industry leaders, NGOs and governments to deliver three major projects that deliver solutions and provide a blueprint for the implementation of principles of the circular economy by 2020.

By 2025 Dow, working with partners, will implement three additional projects located at Dow manufacturing sites or directly impacting Dow businesses.



What if mattresses could be recycled, enabling reuse of materials and reducing waste streams?





A Circular Economy Approach





Recovered Polyols

End-of-life mattresses





- Product Performance in End Application
- Process Performance at Manufacturer
- Environment, Health and Safety
- Economics



We have a choice: to look at it from the outside and believe it's not our business, or endorse circular economy to make it part of our business life.



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