

# The KiMuRa project

for  
Recovering plastic composite waste

a Finnish pilot project to find out:

How to recycle crushed composite waste in a  
parallel process in the cement industry

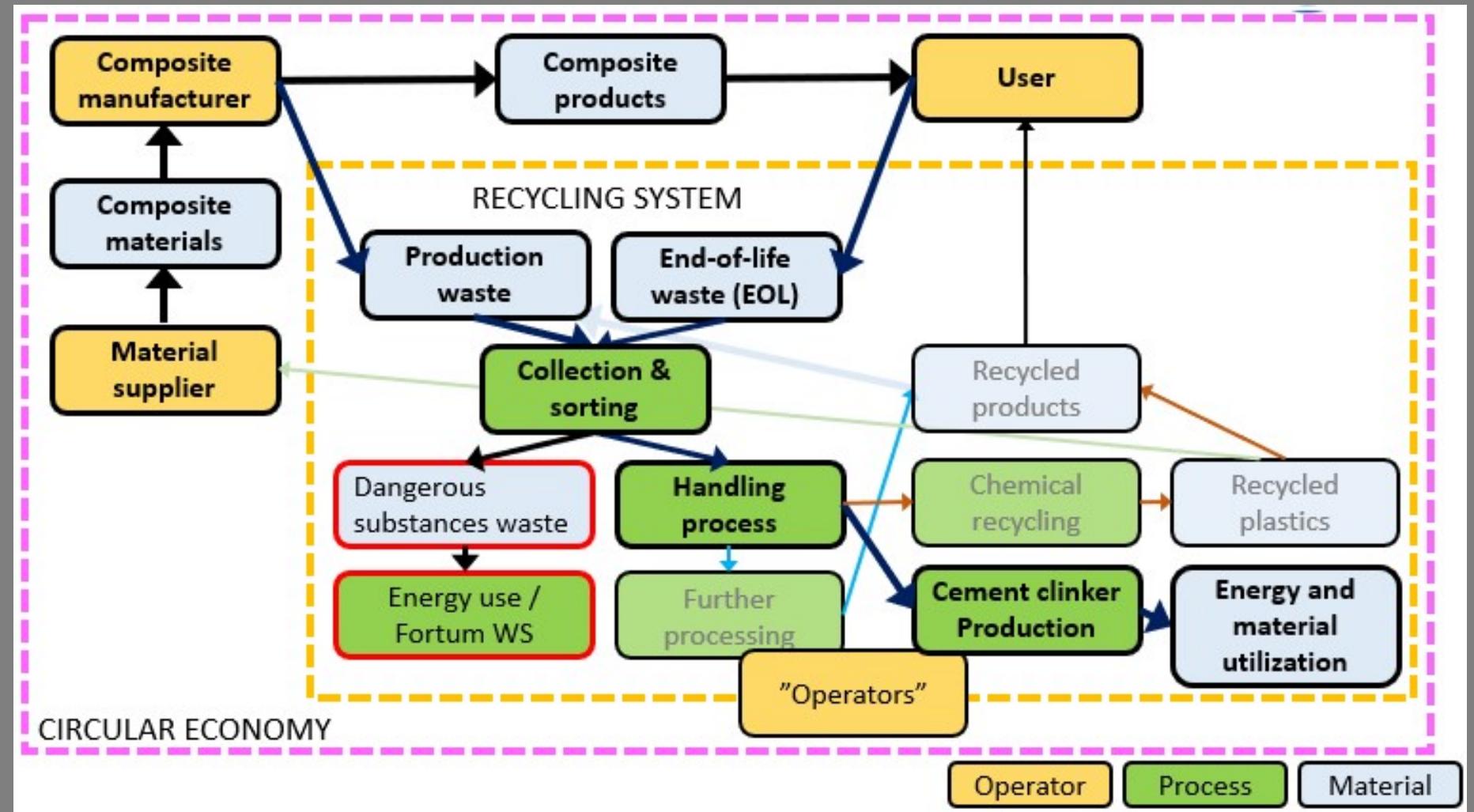
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# In this presentation

- Circular economy for composites, models & methods
- Sustainable design for composites products
- Recycling technologies/methods
- KiMuRa project
  - KiMuRa name comes from the Finnish words :
  - Kierrätetty Murskattu Raaka-aine meaning Recycled Crushed Rawmaterial

# The Circular Economy Model for Composites Products



# **Sustainable Design of a Composites Product**

## **Sustainable Design of a Composite Product**

- a big advantage of products longevity
- reduction of waste generation
- development of materials
- technological development
- design

## **Sustainable Waste Management**

- reuse
- repurpose

## **Recycling of Materials**

# Recycling technologies for Composites



- Mechanical grinding
- Pyrolysis
- Electromechanical treatment
- Solvolysis
- Fluidised bed
- Use in a parallel process of cement production

# KiMuRa-project

- Goal: to find a technically and economically viable recycling process for industrial composite waste
- Funding from Finnish government (environment) as part of the Plastics Road Map funding
- Time frame: 1.1.2021 - 31.9.2022

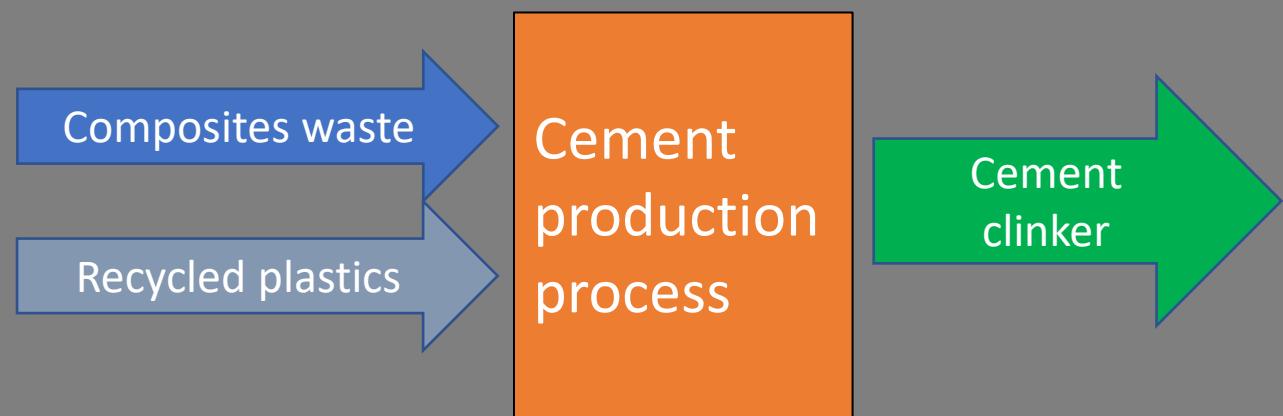
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Aerostructures Oy

Kuusakoski Oy, Finnsementti Oy

Muoviteollisuus ry (FIPIF), Finnboat ry  
Suomen tuulivoimayhdistys ry, YTP ry

# KiMuRa: Partners as Circular Economics Operators

- Collection at Kuuskoski collection plants at
  - Hyvinkää, Imatra, Joensuu, Jyväskylä, Kalajoki, Kuopio, Tampere
  - Kuusakoski crushes the material
  - Transportation to Finnsementti
    - Quality requirements for COMPO waste
    - Magnitude and uniformity of the waste stream



# KiMuRa: Challenges



**Industry / company with  
composites waste from  
production**

Sorting  
Transport to recycling plant

**Industry / company that uses  
the circular raw material**

Amount of waste is scarce  
Waste is geographically  
dispersed in Finland

# KiMuRa: Next steps

- Industry / Companies
  - Collect waste according to instructions
  - Arrange transportation to agreed collection points
- Kuusakoski Oy
  - Optimize crushing technology
- Finnsementti Oy
  - Develop dosing technology



# KiMuRa: Current Scaling Possibilities

- KiMuRa is ready to take test batches
- Companies / industry outside the project can already deliver composites production waste to Kuusakoski
- EOL-waste
  - Boats and wind turbine blades
  - Dismantling before circulating the composite



# KiMuRa: And then what?



- Piloted technically viable logistics ready for recycling composites in Finland
- EOL-waste in the near-by future
  - Wind turbine blades becoming into changover age
  - Collecting and dismantling boats
  - Used containers and pipes
  - Consumer waste



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# More information on the KiMuRa project

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