

# Striving towards Circularity

- in a nuclear back-end context

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## **Definitions**

#### Linear Economy

Take



Make



Use



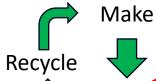
Dispose



### Recycling Economy

Take













#### Circular Economy



Make



Recycle



Reuse Repair



Dispose



### Good potential learnings from the nuclear industry

- Full lifecycle planning
- Preliminary decommissioning plan in place prior to construction and frequently updated
- Strong funding mechanism for both decommissioning and waste setting aside money from operation
- Full responsibility by the operator for the waste generated
- Mechanisms to avoid orphan waste

### Further development needs, taking benefit of other sectors

- International alignment of regulations good such practices exist
- Consider waste as a potential resource, rather than a waste
- Extraction of certain substances, in our case radioactive, and develop products taking good benefit of them without causing additional risks (Certain good examples exist within nuclear sector, but more can be done.)
- Component design fully considering dismantling and reuse/recycling

## Important to remember

In nature there is no waste



Waste is invented by mankind...

