# Futu RaM

Future availability of secondary raw materials

### Applying UNFC in the FutuRaM project: A Swiss Case Study on Embedded Electronics

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### **United Nations Framework Classification for Resources**



A global standard for communicating recoverable quantities based on the maturity level of the recovery project

- for all types of energy and materials
- universally acceptable
- internationally applicable

### Generic principles



### Specifications for Anthropogenic Resources



### Guidance documents









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### Case studies completed and published before 2022

#### Targeted material sources:



https://unece.org/unfc-and-anthropogenic-resources-0

### FutuRaM project: Overview



- Horizon Europe, Research & Innovation project
- 4 years duration (started June 2022)
- 29 partners from 11 countries

# The FutuRaM project: Overview



- Develop knowledge on the availability and recoverability of SRMs within the EU
  - special focus on CRM;
  - scenarios up to 2050.
- Enable fact-based decision making for their exploitation in the EU+4 and third countries
  - through UNFC applied to SRM projects.
- Disseminate information via a Secondary Raw Materials Knowledge Base

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# FutuRaM & UNFC: Roadmap



### FutuRaM & UNFC: Case Studies



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# FutuRaM & UNFC: Case Studies





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#### **Status of case studies**



#### **Targeted material sources:**



**Embedded Electronics in Vehicles – a national case study** 

Is separate recycling of vehicle embedded electronic devices (EED) economically viable and environmentally sound?





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### dMFA Module

Goal

 Quantify mass flows of EoL cars, EED and CRMs<sup>1)</sup> in Switzerland

Methodology:

• Dynamic mass flow analysis (dMFA)

Outcomes:

 Scenario-dependent mass flows of EoL cars, EED and CRMs in in Switzerland



<sup>1)</sup> "Seltene technische Metalle"

### dMFA Module

Category	Definition
G1	Product quantity associated with a project that can be estimated with a high level of confidence
G2	Product quantity associated with a project that can be estimated with a moderate level of confidence.
G3	Product quantity associated with a project that can be estimated with a low level of confidence.
G4	Product quantity associated with a prospective project, estimated, or postulated primarily on indirect evidence



### LCA Module

Goal

 Assess environmental impacts and benefits of separate EED recycling

Methodology:

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

Outcomes:

• Separate EED recycling leads to an overall environmental benefit for headlights, actuators and controllers



HeadlightsHeadlightsActuatorsControllersCablesCablesEEDBaselineEEDBaselineEEDBaselineBaselineRecyclingRecyclingRecyclingRecyclingRecyclingRecyclingRecyclingRecycling

### **LCA Module**

Category	Definition
E1	Development and operation are confirmed to be <b>environmentally</b> - socially- economically viable.
E2	Development and operation are expected to become environmentally- socially- economically viable in the foreseeable future.
E3	Development and operation are not expected to become environmentally- socially- economically viable in the foreseeable future or evaluation is at too early a stage to determine environmental-socioeconomic viability.



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# FutuRaM & UNFC: Challenges and Outlook

- Assessing the socio-economic viability and technical feasibility of materials recovery including
  - the identification of relevant factors;
  - the determination of appropriate quantification methods,

in particular also for the regional / national level.

- Translation into UNFC categories (e.g. E2) and UNFC classes (i.e. project maturity)
- Consistent and standardized assessment and classification procedures

### FutuRaM & UNFC: Challenges and Outlook



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# Thank you for your attention!



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