

# What happens when you put together a bunch of technical people?



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# The problem of 21st century | Plastic Waste



- "460 million metric tons of plastics were used in 2019, a number that nearly doubled since 2000"
- recycling, only 9% of plastic waste was ultimately recycled, while 19% was incinerated and almost 50% went to sanitary landfills,"
- "The remaining 22% was disposed of in uncontrolled dumpsites, burned in open pits or leaked into the environment"

Source: OECD.org



# Breaking down the problem

~90M tons

Polyester is the most used polymer after polyethylene, with application that spans from packaging to textile.

~60M tons

Polyester fibers represent more than 50% of the total fiber production, and more than 2/3 of the total polyester production worldwide.

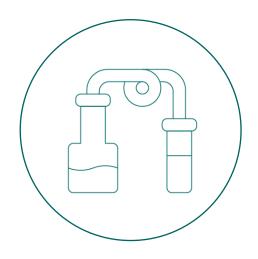
0-8 %

Nowadays almost no polyester fibers are upcycled (mainly due to technological limitations) and just a small amount of PET from packaging.

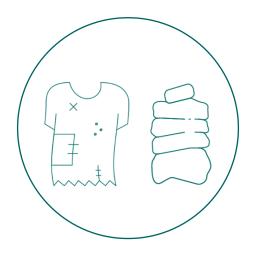




# Solution | MADE - Microwave Assisted Depolymerization-



A technology able to treat what **mechanical recycling** is **not able** to



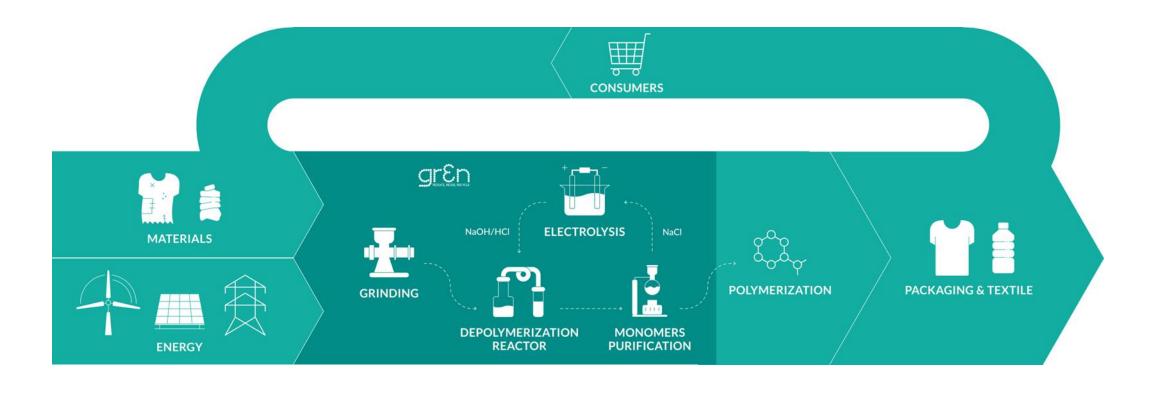
A process that is independent from the **feedstock**, from **polyester blends** to **packaging** 



A way to go back to TPA and MEG and completely avoid polyester incineration and landfilling



# MADE by gr3n | How the process works





Depending on the energy source used to power the plant, the  $\mathbf{CO_2}$  impact can be **reduced** to more than 60%



Electrolysis is the enabling technology to make the process **circular** and **profitable** 



The **output** of the de-polymerization plant are **TPA** and **MEG**, that can later be re-polymerized to close the loop



# Why MADE

### **Faster**

Full **de-polymerization** in approximately **10 minutes**, allowing a **continuous process** 

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### **Economically Sustainable**

-67% energy\* used, and -64% CO<sub>2</sub> emission\* compared to monomer production from fossil fuel

### **Flexible**

**Robust** contaminant **purification** process (up to 30%)



13K tons/year reactive unit, to **easily** increase the capacity from 10 up to the desired one

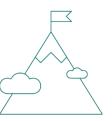


### About Us



**VISION** 

Every polymer
(must be considered) as a
source, using it as an
alternative to producing
monomers and then again
polymers, towards effective
circularity.



**MISSION** 

on a global basis offering plastic producers and recyclers a profitable way to treat plastic waste and enabling them to close the loop through chemical recycling.



**VALUES** 

Passion
Scientific Approach
Diversity
Accountability



# What we have done so far | R&D Hub

The R&D facility near Chiasso can pre-treat the material, both packaging and textile, depolymerize it and even polymerize the recycled TPA and MEG using our pilot and demo scale reactors.

### Org. Chem. lab and characterization

GC-MS

DSC

ICP-OES

Plastometer

• FTIR (ATR)

Colorimeter

UV-Vis

Bench microwave reactor

### Depolymerization

### Polymerization

Shredding machine

❖ 30 kg/batch

20 kg/batch

❖ 500 kg







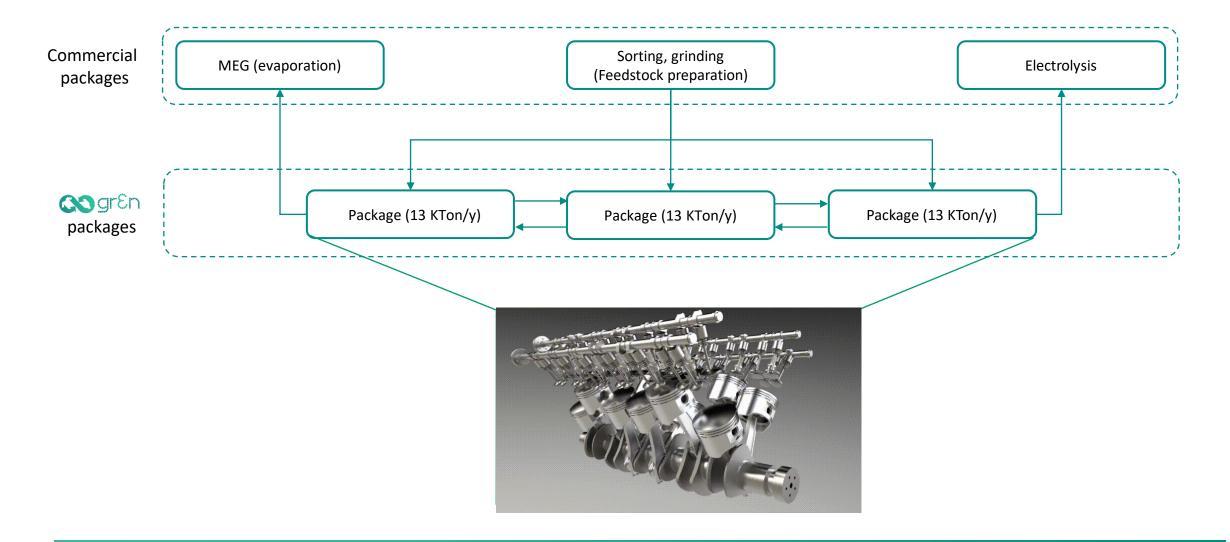


## Some of our tests



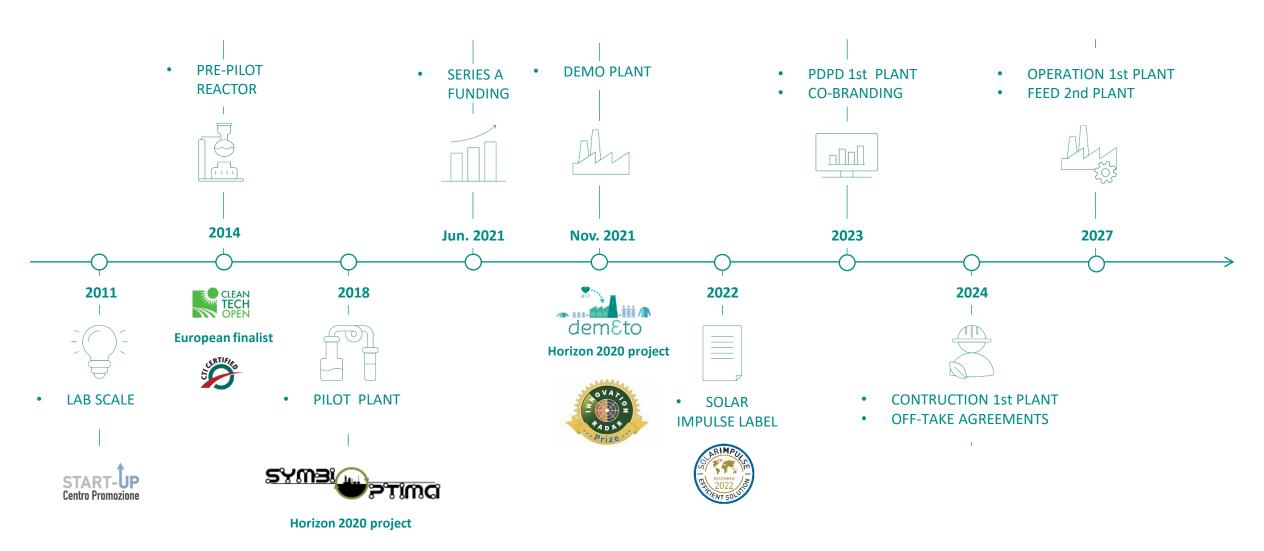


# The industrial Package(s)



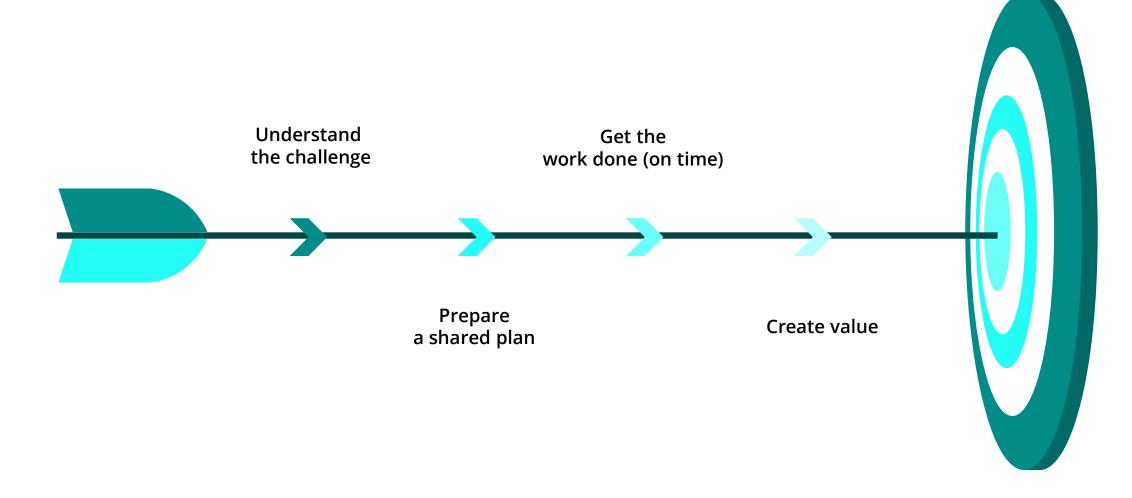


# Gr3n Timeline | What, When, How



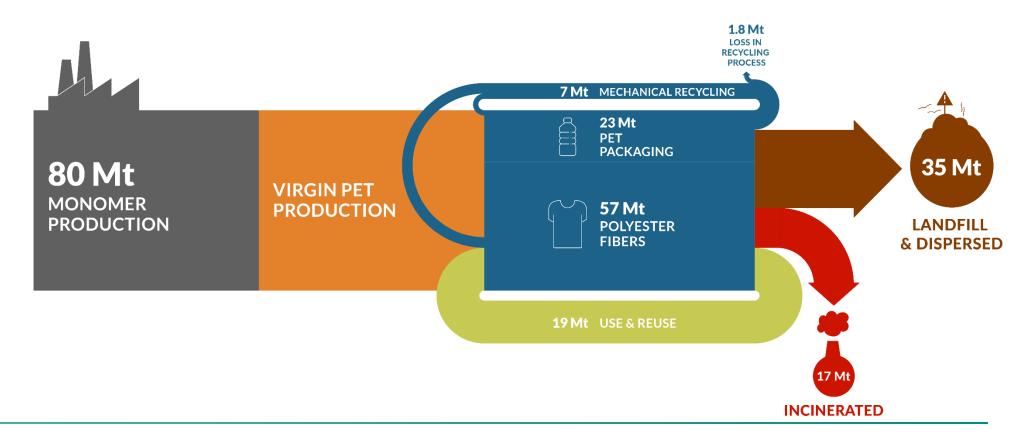


# How to collaborate



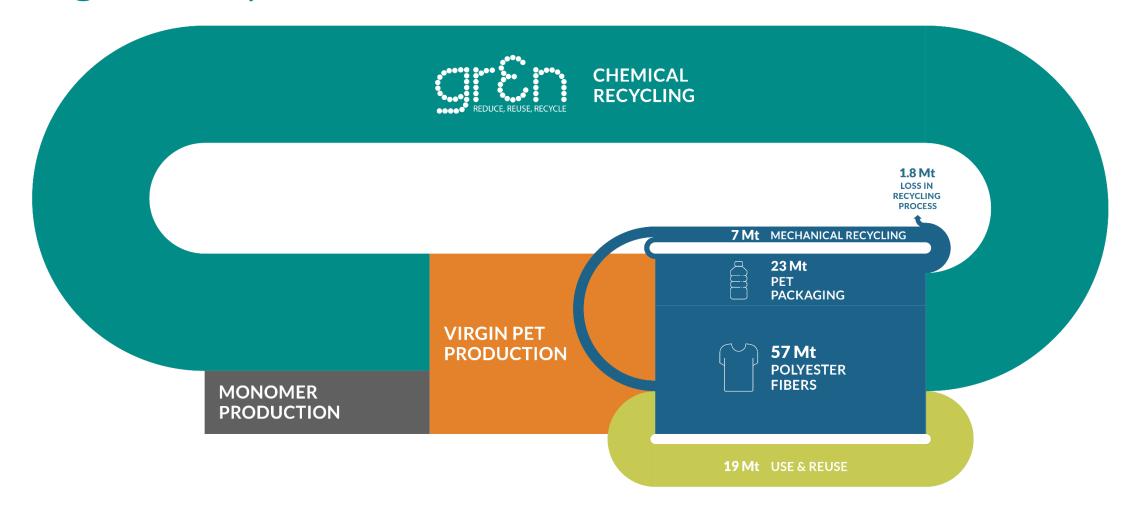


# The gr3n way





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