## Innovative approaches in plastic waste chemical recycling

**BOOST PROJECT – INNOVATION FUND 2024** 



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## Introducing MAIRE group and NEXTCHEM



#### MAIRE AT A GLANCE

We are a technology and engineering Group that develops and implements innovative solutions to enable the Energy Transition.

We offer Sustainable Technology Solutions and Integrated E&C Solutions in nitrogen fertilizers, hydrogen, circular carbon, fuels, chemicals, and polymers.





Revenues (€ billion)

15.0

Backlog (€ billion)

129.5

Net Income (€ million)



≈ ~8,300

29,000+

People engaged worldwide\*

**Employees** 

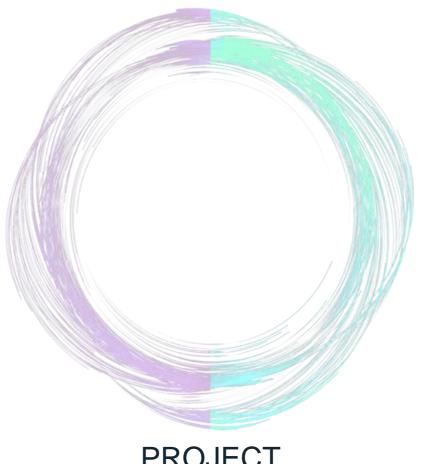
Countries

#### HOME TO THOSE WHO MAKE TO INSPIRE

#### SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

We offer Sustainable Technology Solutions to fully ENABLE energy transition.

Innovative and sustainable processes, optimizing conventional ones and creating new processes from non-fossil feedstock.



#### PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### INTEGRATED E&C SOLUTIONS

We MAKE energy transition happen through our Integrated E&C Solutions.

We bring into reality complex plants and frontier projects designed to provide access to the latest technologies.

MAIRE MAIRE MAIRE COMPANY PROFILE STRATEGY AND BUSINESS

#### MAIRE INTEGRATED ORGANIZATION

**BRAND STRATEGY** 



**MET DEVELOPMENT** 

MAIRE Project Development



**GROUP BRAND PROPOSITION** 

**SERVICES** 

MAIRE Integrated E&C Solutions

#### NEXTCHEM BUSINESS LINES



Sustainable Fertilizers & Nitrogen-Based Fuels



Low-Carbon Energy Vectors



Sustainable
Materials &
Circular Solutions

Driving sustainable nitrogen solutions in **fertilizers**, leveraging our leadership in **urea**, while innovating in **ammonia** for hydrogen transport

Advancing low carbon energy via hydrogen and CO<sub>2</sub> valorization, powering aviation, shipping, chemicals, as well as sustainable plastics innovation

Enhancing circularity
by transforming waste
into valuable resources,
while using chemical
and mechanical recycling
for sustainable material
recovery

# MyRemono and NXRemono and logy

#### MyRemono activity started in 2015 and is already bringing sizeable results

2015 BIORENOVA

Biorenova starts the development of its innovative depolymerization technology based on molten lead.



2018
PILOT PLANT

First semi-industrial scale prototype with 200kg/h capacity starts operation.



2023 MYREMONO

- JV between NextChem (51%) and Biorenova (49%).
- Focus on development and licensing of NXRe™, a depolymerization technology for chemical recycling of plastic waste.



2024 EU FUNDING AND RÖHM AGREEMENT

- The Innovation Fund recognizes MyRemono's innovative technology and supports its industrial scale-up.
- Toll manufacturing agreement with Röhm for the chemical recycling of PMMA.

NEXTCHEM (MAIRE) signs EUR 4 million grant agreement with the EU Commission under the Innovation Fund for the scale-up of its proprietary chemical recycling technology NXRe PMMA

NEXTCHEM signs a toll manufacturing agreement with Röhm for the chemical recycling of polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) at MyRemono's industrial-scale facility using the proprietary NXRe™ PMMA technology

2025
FIRST INDUSTRIAL
PLANT CONSTRUCTION

MyRemono will chemical recycle PMMA scrap at its first-of-its-kind industrial-scale plant. The plant is expected to be completed in 2026 with an initial processing capacity of about 5,000 tons per year of PMMA.



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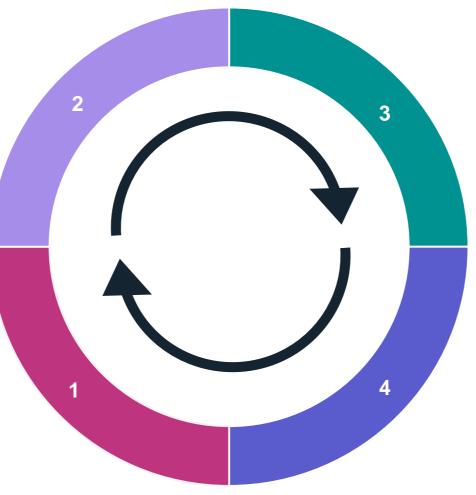
## A CIRCULAR SOLUTION TO THE PLASTIC WASTE DILEMMA

#### 2 NXRe PMMA

 The waste is transformed into high-purity monomers through a continuous chemical recycling process using a thermal carrier such as a molten metal.

#### PLASTIC WASTE

- The process starts from sorted plastic waste, particularly PMMA (polymethyl methacrylate).
- PMMA is a scarcely recycled polymer: in Europe about only 15% of the 330kt of PMMA consumed per year is recovered<sup>1</sup>. The remaining part is exported predominantly to India and other Asian countries.



3 MMA

 High-purity recycled r-MMA product can displace the use of fossil-based MMA.

#### 4 APPLICATION

- PMMA is obtained from MMA polymerization. It is a versatile and transparent thermoplastic, commonly known by its trademarks, such as Plexiglas, Lucite, Perspex.
- PMMA is widely used in industries such as automotive, construction, electronics and healthcare.
- PMMA demand is expected to increase at 4.1% CAGR by 2027<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Source: S&P Global's Chemical Economics Handbook – Polymethyl Methacrylate (PMMA), Dec 2022

<sup>2</sup>Source: S&P Global Inc. Copyright © S&P Global Inc., 2023; BCG Analysis

## TECHNICAL OVERVIEW MAIN TECHNOLOGY FEATURES



#### Main technical objective

First breakthrough commercial application of the patented NXRe technology (EP3645664B1 and US11220633), based on continuous depolymerization using a "molten metal flow", achieving TRL9 starting from current TRL7

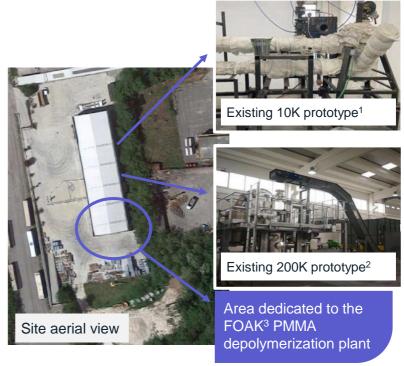


#### NXRe<sup>TM</sup> Main Characteristics

- Low investment
- High conversion efficiency
- Replicable technology
- Small footprint and dimensions

- Simple, sound and continuous process
- Technology suitable for treating different plastic matrices
- Low Energy
  Consumption

NXRe PMMA modular technology has been **tested** through both **a lab-scale and a semi-industrial** scale prototypes using different plastics waste and materials.



¹small R&D prototype

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>pre-industrial prototype (20x scale up factor)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> FOAK: First of a kind

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## BOOST: BACK-TO-MONOMER RECYCLING OF POLYMERIC MATERIALS USING MOLTEN METALS



Project Name BOOST: Back-to-mOnOmer recycling of polymeric materials using molten meTals

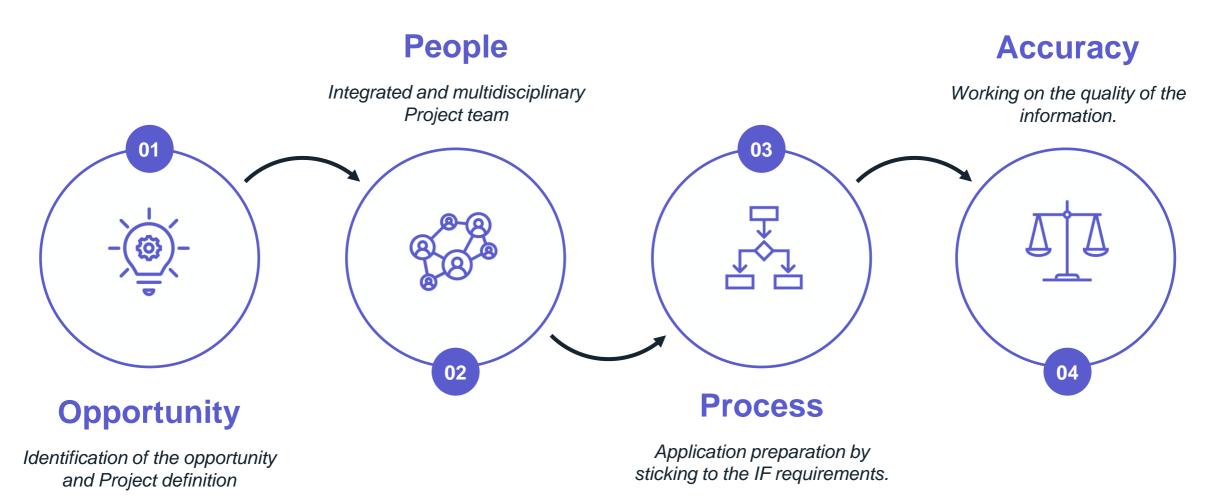
Project Description Implementing the first-of-its-kind commercial plant of MyRemono's **NXRe PMMA** modular **technology** for producing high-quality recycled Methyl Methacrylate **(**r-MMA).

Scope of the project

Closing the waste recycling loop for different plastic waste and enhancing the production of sustainable plastic products.

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## BOOST PROJECT INNOVATION FUND APPLICATION FUNDAMENTALS



## A SUCCESS STORY STARTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFICATION



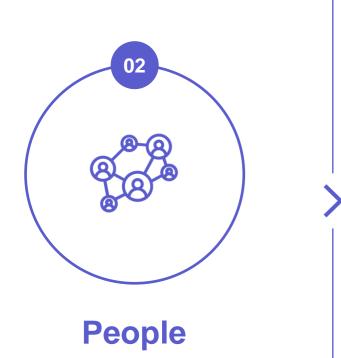
**Screening** of Company solutions to identify the potential and suitability to the Innovation Fund criteria

**Key parameters** (sectors, application, synergies, etc.) analysis based on the public funding specialist expertise

Preliminary technical and economical analysis to assess the **maturity** level of the project

Identification of the **potential innovation** based on the available information (meetings and interviews)

## A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT IS MADE OF RIGHT AND COLLABORATIVE PEOPLE



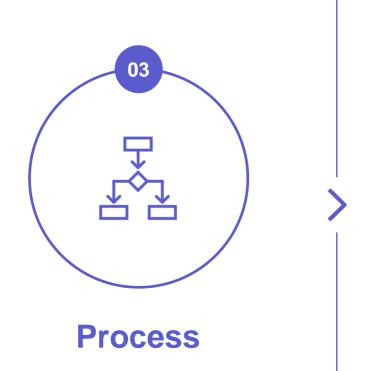
**Project management structure** definition for all the Project phases

Key technological partners (EPC capabilities, technical capabilities) selection

Ensure the creation of a **multidisciplinary team** where people with different backgrounds and experiences are always involved

**External support** to include different points of view and supervision in the application drafting part

## BOOST PROJECT HAS BEEN PLANNED AND EXECUTE STEP BY STEP



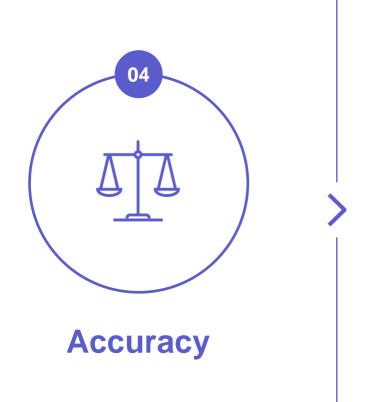
**Permitting activities** (such as, the Integrated Environmental Authorization) to be addressed in advance to be credible and to contain any delays

Detailed **state-of-the-art investigation** to substantiate the technology degree of innovation and demonstration of the **advancements** beyond the state-of-the-art

**Technical feasibility** of the Project is addressed along with technical risks and mitigation measures, and considering the potential GHG avoidance in the design

Drafting of a **credible business plan** to meet the growing demand for greener and more sustainable alternatives

## BOOST PROJECT PROPOSAL CAREFULLY TOOK CARE OF INFORMATION



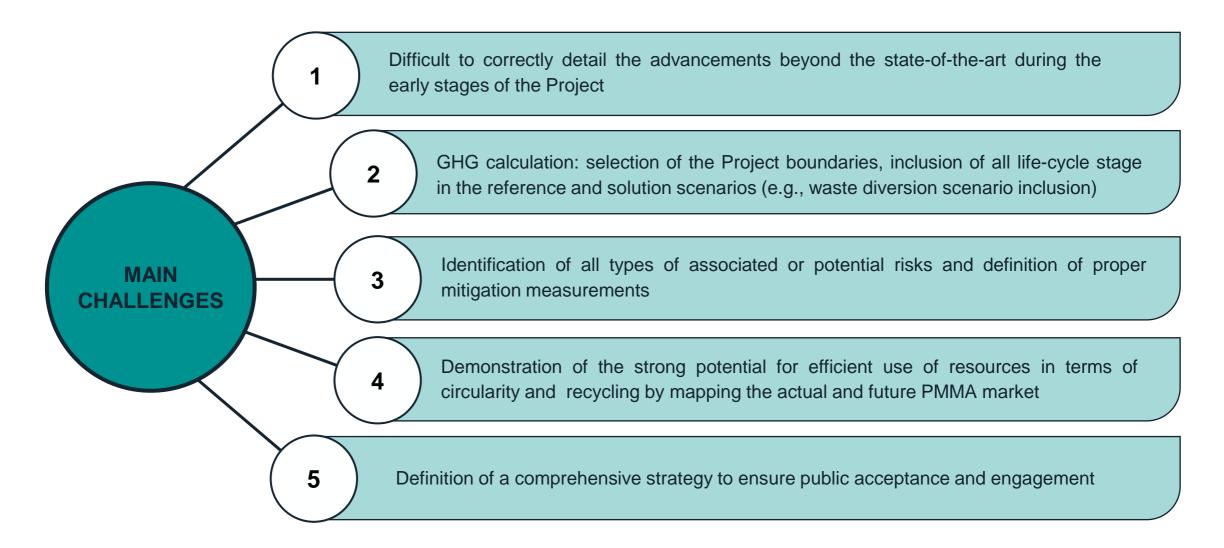
Use of all the available **reference material** and support provided by the IF, such as best practices, webinar

Provide credible information characterized by transparency and objectivity

Substantiate any shortcoming and assumptions related to the proposal aspects

Ensure **consistency and coherence** in the entire proposal, among operational, technical and financial sections

#### A PROJECT WITH OVERCOMED CHALLENGES



## BOOST – THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL PLANT BASED ON NXRe<sup>TM</sup> TECHNOLOGY



• Location: Montorio, Italy

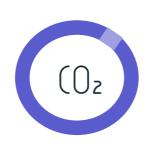
• Capacity: 5,000 ton/year

• Entry in operation: Q1 2026

#### FIRST INDUSTRIAL PLANT

MyRemono has being awarded by the <u>INNOVATION</u> <u>FUND</u> for the construction of its first industrial plant at the first application stage.

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A <u>Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction</u> of about 96% is expected to be obtained respect to the fossil-based virgin MMA traditional production process





Saving of fossil-based raw materials: about 13'000 ton per year with respect to the reference scenario



Ongoing discussion with leading global MMA producers

04 OUTLOOKS **MAIRE** Innovative approaches in plastic waste chemical recycling

#### NXRe TO UNLOCK PLASTIC DEPOLYMERIZATION

MyRemono is an innovative technology company focused in developing and licensing a novel, patented, and highly efficient depolymerization technology (NXRe<sup>TM</sup>) for the chemical recycling of plastics waste and materials.



WE SUPPORT OUR CLIENTS REACHING THEIR SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS



NXRe<sup>TM</sup> Multiple Chemical Recycling Applications



**Polymethyl** methacrylate (PMMA)



Raw recycled methyl methacrylate (Raw R-MMA) **Polystyrene** (PS)



- Styrene
- Alpha Methylstyrene
- Toluene
- Ethyl benzene

**Polyolefins mix** (mainly PE+PP)



- Ethylene
- Propylene
- n-Pentane
- C4 hydrocarbons

#### STAY TUNED AND DISCOVER MORE



Back-to-mOnOmer recycling of

polymeric materialS using molten meTals

Innovation Fund

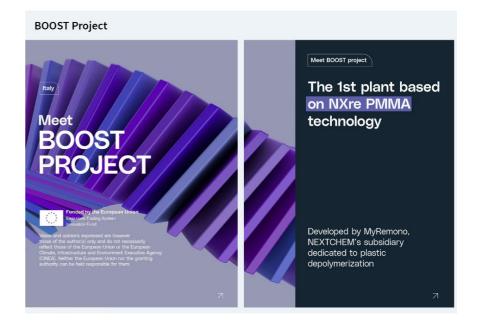
Relevant Partners: NEXTCHEM Spa, Nextchem Tech Spa (Beneficiaries) MyRemono Srl (Project Coordinator)

BOOST project has received funding from the European Union's InnovFund 2022-SSC under grant agreement No 10115597

Project start: 1 October 2023
Project Duration: 63 Months

Total relevant costs: 6,631 M€
Total Grant obtained: 3,979 M€

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Both on NEXTCHEM's website and NEXTCHEM's LinkedIN profile.

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