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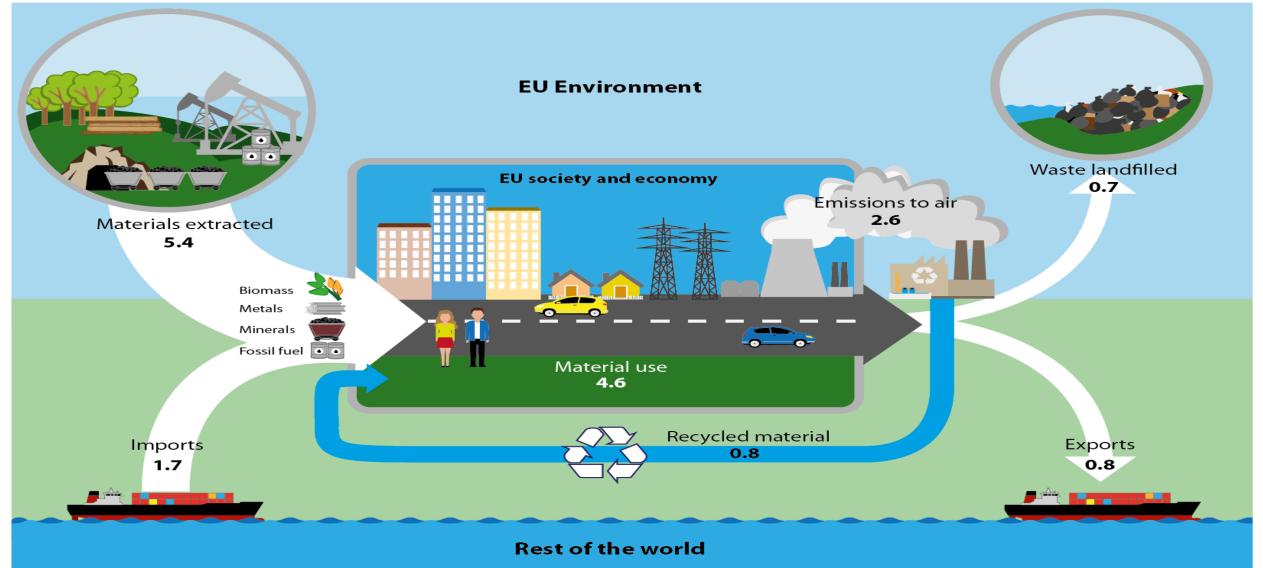
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# Linear economy...Still having an overly strong edge

#### Material flows in the EU, 2018, billion tonnes per year (Gt/year)



#### ec.europa.eu/eurostat

## Recycling – Turning waste into resources



#### Waste = a resource (if recycled)

### Recycling

(Innovative industrial processes to dismantle / depollute, separate and recover materials)



Secondary raw materials meeting quality specifications (substituting primary raw materials)

RECYCLING: BRIDGING CIRCULAR ECONOMY & CLIMATE POLICY

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# Recycling is resource-, climate- & energy- efficient

- Product design to retain/prolong value during use phase & ease recovery at end-of-life stage;
- Reward recycling environmental benefits to level the playing field with virgin materials
  - ✓ Recycled content targets beyond solely rPET bottles (e.g. ELVs, WEEE, PPWD, etc.)
  - ✓ Market / Fiscal based incentives
  - ✓ Link EU climate & circular policies to achieve European Green Deal targets
- Well-functioning internal market for recycling / free & fair trade of SRM meeting quality specifications

Table presenting avoided CO2 emissions & energy consumption for different recycled materials (various sources).

		CO <sub>2</sub> savings	Energy savings
Metal	Aluminum	92%	95%
	Steel	58%	72%
	Copper	65%	85%
Paper		18%	47%
Glass		87%	82%
Plastic	HDPE	89%	89%
	PET	70%	83%
Textiles		98%	99%
Tyres		88%	85%

Ensure that the European Recovery Plan is implemented across Member States to scale up value chains which are <u>circular</u> & <u>climate</u> efficient to support the de-carbonization of Europe's economy.



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