The SC-HOOP Project

Sustainable Chemical recycling through Hoop® technology



for plastic chemical recycling



plant at Mantua



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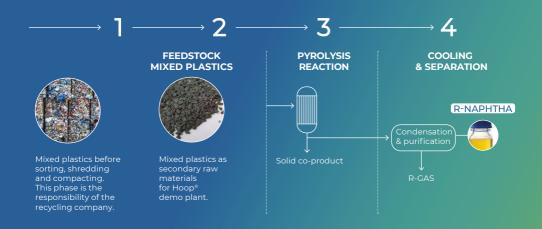
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The Versalis SC-HOOP Project indicates the realisation of the chemical recycling plant in Mantua based on Versalis' proprietary technology named Hoop®, and is designed to valorise plastic waste that is not currently recycled mechanically.

The process, which is based on the Hoop® technology will turn secondary raw material derived from recycled mixed plastic waste (feedstock) into pyrolysis oil. The latter can subsequently be used to replace or be added as an alternative feedstock to produce new intermediates as well as polymers suitable for all applications. The Hoop® technology offers advantages in terms of yield, quality of the oil obtained and higher flexibility in the use of feedstocks.

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The Versalis Hoop® technology for chemical recycling of mixed plastics



The Mantua demo plant

The Mantua plant has a production capacity of almost 5,000 tons per year of pyrolysis oil, converting 6,000 tons per year of secondary raw material from mixed plastic waste, equivalent to a potential reduction in absolute greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of around 140,000 tons of $\rm CO_2$ equivalent in the first ten years of activity compared to the equivalent production of virgin naphtha from a conventional refinery and with relative avoided GHG emissions equal to 81% compared to the same reference scenario.

The entire process is designed to provide greater benefits from both an economic and environmental viewpoint in terms of circularity and reduction of emission impact.

Winner of the EU Innovation Fund

The SC-HOOP Project, which has been awarded funding under the Innovation Fund LSC program – a European Commission's initiative that finances innovative low-carbon technologies – is strategic to achieving the challenging European recycling targets.



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