



An innovative value chain for sustainable products

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1/ Who we are

2/ The Aluminium sector in Europe and the main applications

3/ Our vision, the sustainability roadmap and the Innovation Hub

4/ The main R&D challenges along the value chain

5/ Some examples of collaborative EU projects

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1 / Who we are

80+

members

approx. **600** plants

in 30 European countries
(EU 28, EFTA and Turkey)

1 million + Direct

and indirect jobs
across Europe's value
chain

€39.5

Billion annual
turnover [2015]

90%

of aluminium is
recycled in
construction and
automotive in Europe

Europe produces

16%

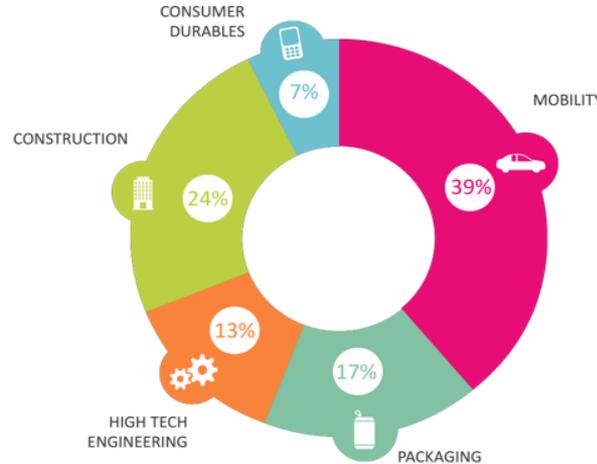
of worldwide
aluminium, **half of**
which from recycled
sources

Founded in

1981

European
Aluminium
represents the
entire value chain
of the aluminium
industry in Europe

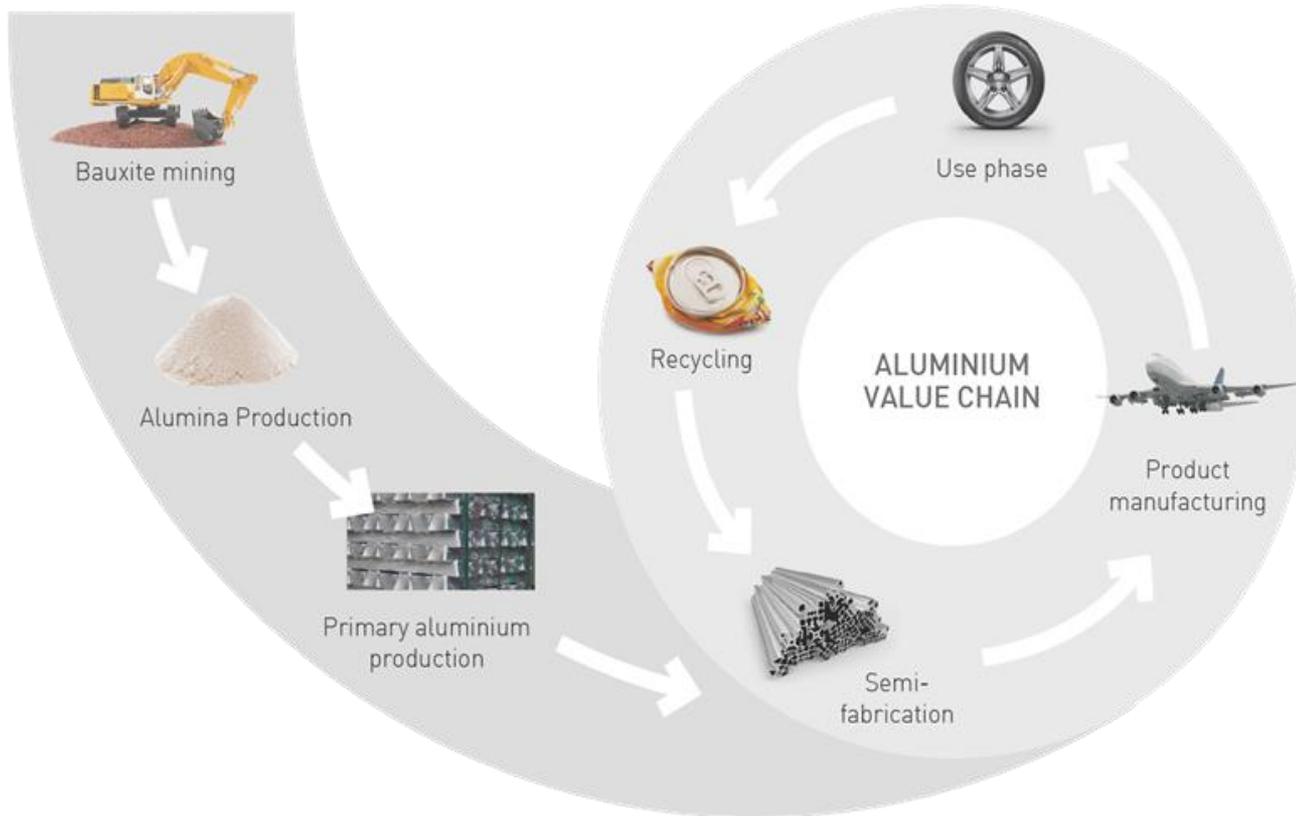
An innovative value chain serving EU key markets



1 / Our members*

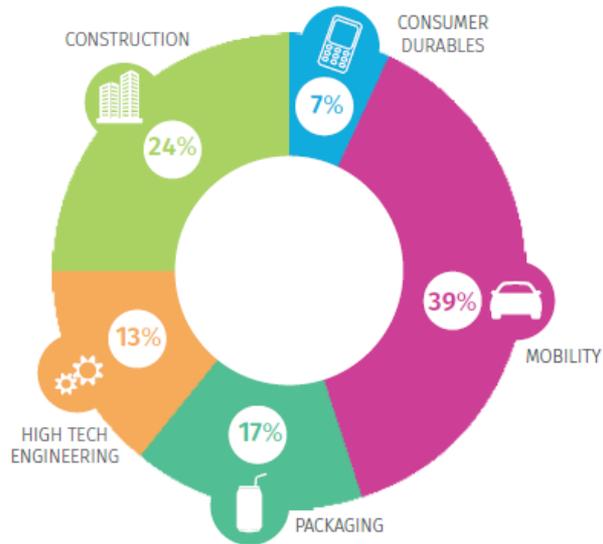


1/ The aluminium value chain



2 / Aluminium Markets & production in Europe

MAIN END-USES FOR ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS IN EUROPE IN 2015



ANNUAL PRODUCTION

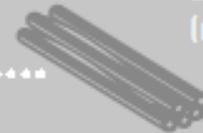
Metal production
(primary and recycled)

Around 50%
comes from
recycled sources



9.0 Mt
+9%
since 2012

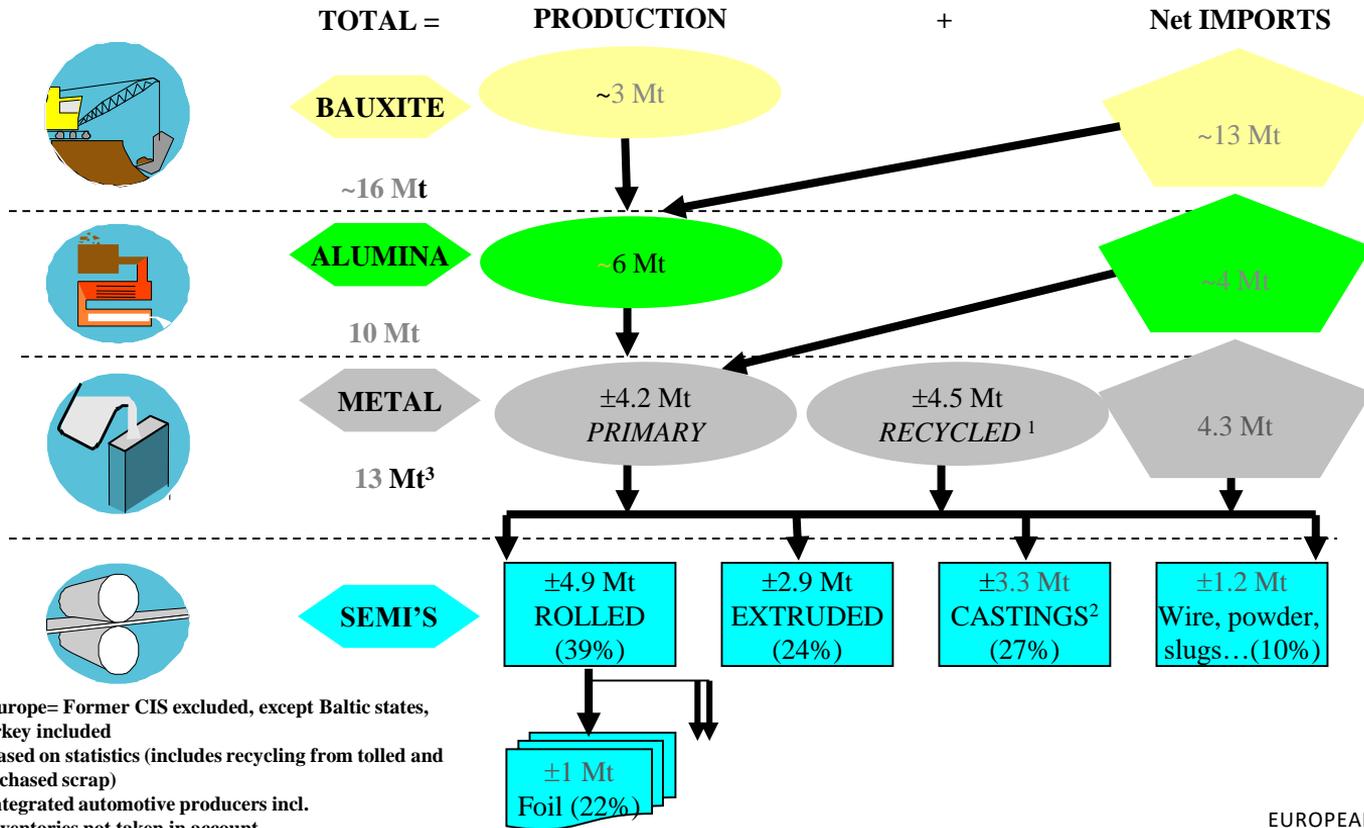
7.7 Mt
+6%
since 2012



Semi-production
(rolling* and extrusion)

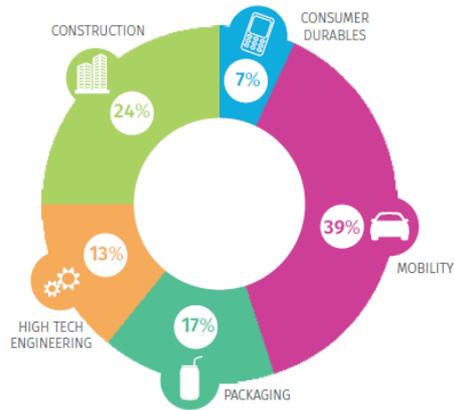
*including Turkey

2 / Aluminium Sector in Europe*, 2015



2 / Applications

MAIN END-USES FOR ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS IN EUROPE IN 2015



Key-attributes:

- Lightweight
- High mechanical resistance to weight ratio
- Corrosion-resistance
- Crashworthiness
- Dimensional stability
- No ageing
- Formability
- Barrier property
- Aesthetics



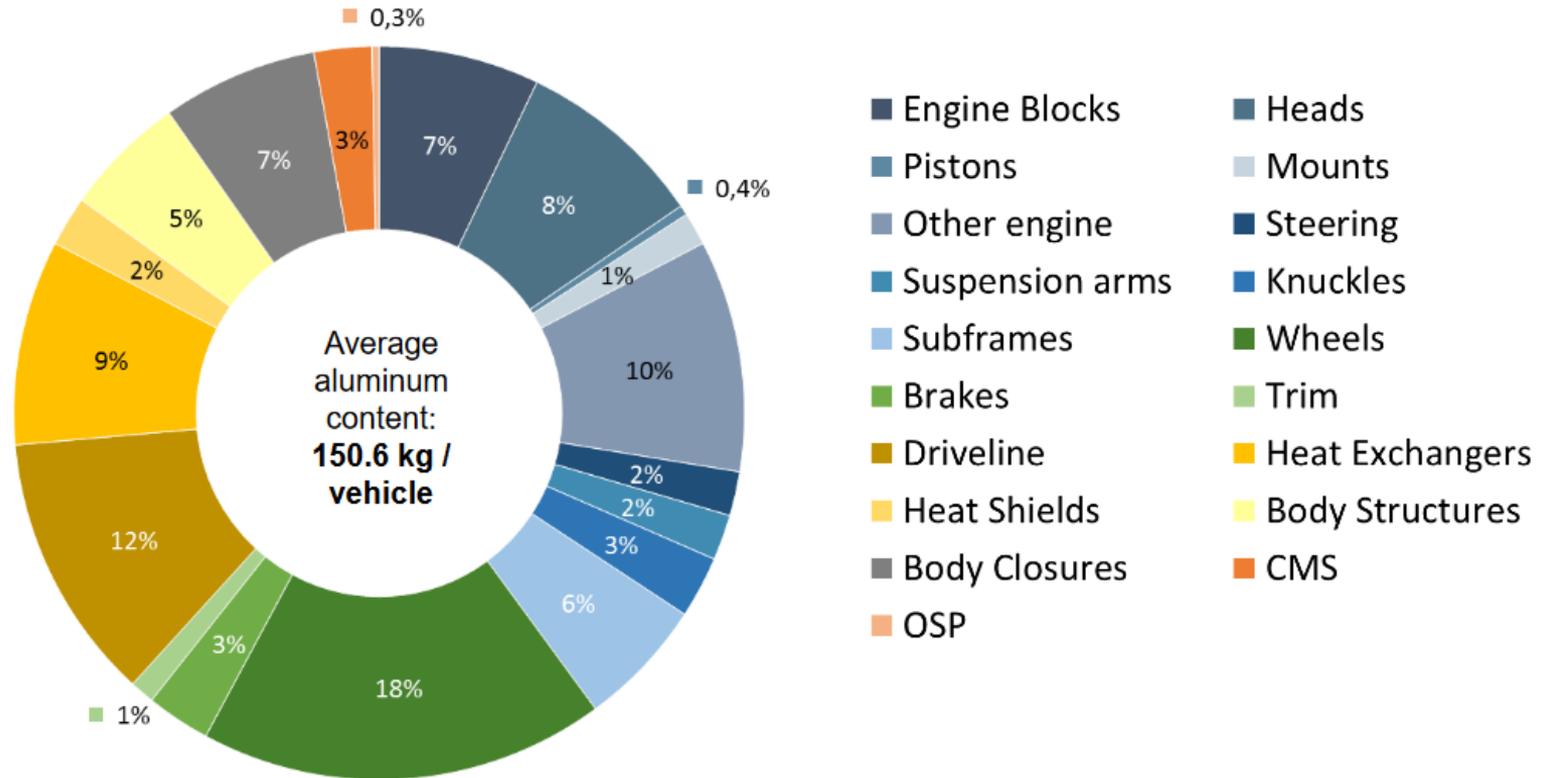
2 / Aluminium in mobility



Aluminium's low density, high strength-to-weight ratio, dimensional stability, corrosion-resistance, formability, recyclability and crash resistance is a key driver of lightweight, safe vehicles that contribute significantly to fuel savings and safety in transport.

Average component content per vehicle 2016

- Total European car production -



Source : Ducker study 2016 for European Aluminium

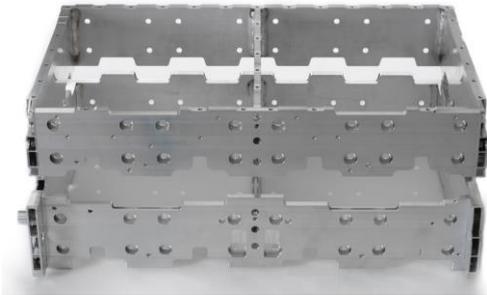
2 / Aluminium makes Electric vehicles lighter and safer

- ✓ Many electric vehicles are aluminium intensive
- ✓ Tesla Model S has the highest safety rating



2 / Aluminium is also used in battery systems

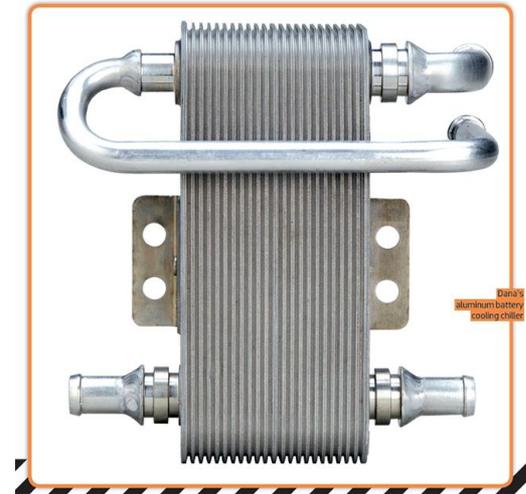
Aluminium extrusions in battery frames



Aluminium cables



Aluminium for battery cooling



2 / Aluminium in construction



Aluminium offers dimensional stability, high strength-to-weight ratio, corrosion resistance, durability and recyclability. These key assets stimulate the development of products that directly contribute to sustainable buildings, through natural lighting, energy savings, air tightness and energy production through solar heating and photovoltaics.

2 / Aluminium in packaging



The unique intrinsic properties of aluminium – high formability, lightweight yet strong, attractive metallic appearance, providing a total barrier to light, gases and moisture and recyclability - make it a preferred packaging material for food and drink.

2 / Aluminium in Consumer durables and electronics



Aluminium's dimensional stability, light weight, durability, conductivity and recyclability are key assets in making aluminium an ideal material in electronics and consumer durables, particularly in premium products.

3 / Our Vision

« Aluminium is a key enabler of Europe's transition to sustainability and responds to today & tomorrow's societal needs »

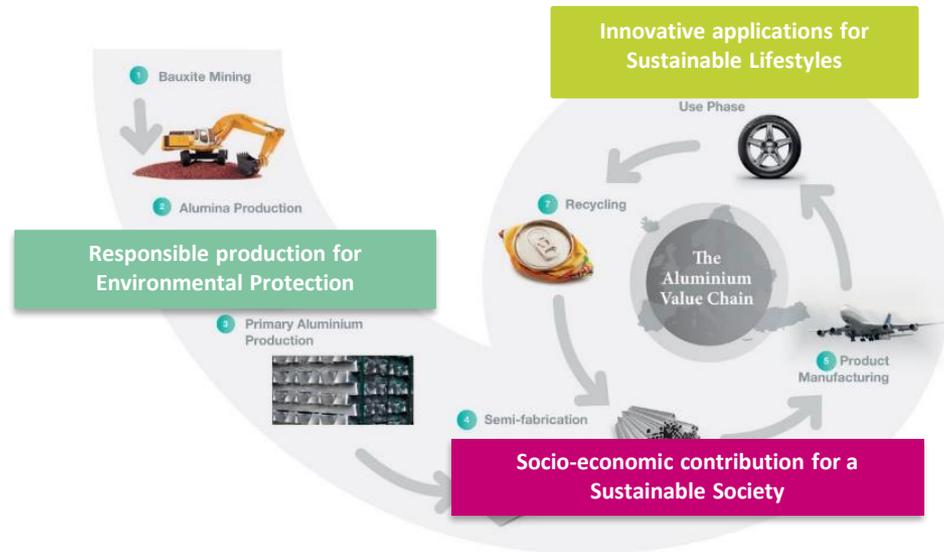
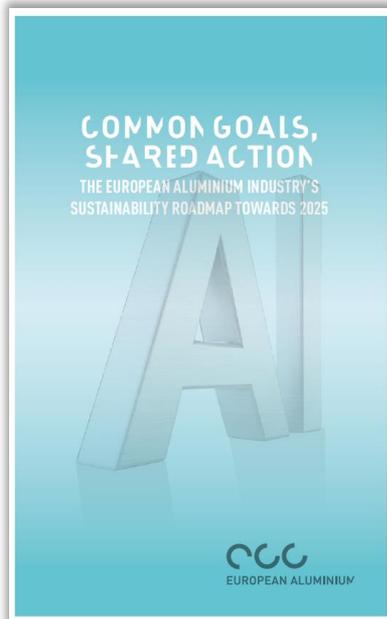
THE ALUMINIUM EFFECT



-  Endlessly recyclable
-  Corrosion free and durable
-  Strong yet light
-  Energy Saver
-  Incredibly versatile
-  Total barrier

3 / The European aluminium industry's Sustainability Roadmap 2025

“The Roadmap is born from our belief in the fundamental need to reconcile sustainability and growth objectives in Europe” Pierre Vareille, European Aluminium Chairman, April 2015



3 / The European aluminium industry is committed to sustainability

The 2025 Sustainability Roadmap

- Covering the entire value chain
- Setting voluntary targets in three areas
- Engaging members in exchanging best practices, sharing expertise and developing joint projects
- Monitoring progress regularly through the Sustainable Development Indicators
- Integrating input from external experts

<https://www.european-aluminium.eu/policy-areas/sustainability/>

A CLEAR VISION FOR 2025



Responsible Production
For environmental protection



Innovative applications
For sustainable lifestyles



Socio-economic contribution
For sustainable society



3 / Innovation Hub as key enabler



OUR GOALS

-  Building a proactive community of innovative companies across the value chain
-  Triggering research projects that advance a sustainable future and tackle technological challenges
-  Connecting with the EU innovation agenda and relevant funding opportunities
-  Engaging with the Public Private Partnerships that define the EU's research agenda and priorities

7 INNOVATION OBJECTIVES

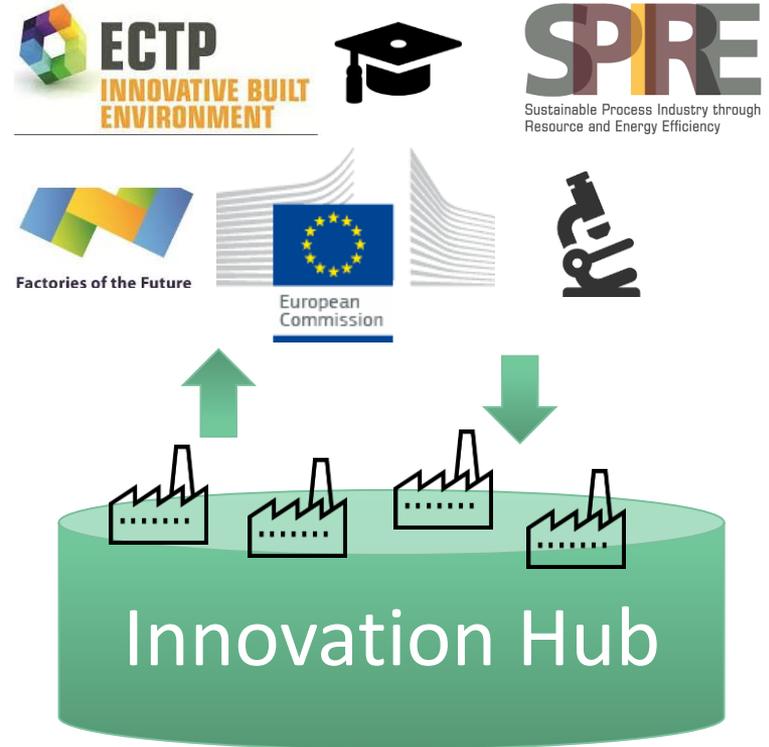
1. Higher energy efficiency and reduced CO₂ emissions
2. Greater resource efficiency
3. Lower environmental impact
4. Optimal process technologies
5. New materials
6. Better enabling technologies
7. Improved skills and education



3 / « Innovation Hub » : What is it?



- Based on a long history of European Aluminium's involvement in education and technology
- Based on some excellent past projects, e.g. VIR* projects, SuperLightCar project, and current projects, e.g. E2Vent
- Officially initiated in 2015 following a strong recommendations of top executives
- It is a coordinated industrial platform where European aluminium companies are committed on a voluntary basis
 - To collaborate together on key RTD topics and innovations
 - To collaborate with other key stakeholders in Europe, e.g. RTOs, other industrial sectors, policy makers, etc.



3 / Innovation Hub: main Objectives

➤ Framework objectives

1. Providing a European-wide view on the technology and R&D needs for developing a coherent approach to R&D along the aluminium value chain.
2. Acting as a key stakeholder in the most relevant European Private Public Partnerships (PPPs), including Sustainable Process Industry through Resource and Energy Efficiency (SPIRE), Factory of the Future (FoF) and Energy Efficient Buildings (EeB).
3. Developing a Innovation Hub Community by stimulating networking and cooperation between the Aluminium industry and the R&D community, e.g. by organising innovation workshop targeting calls and topics of key EU funding programs, e.g. the Horizon 2020 program

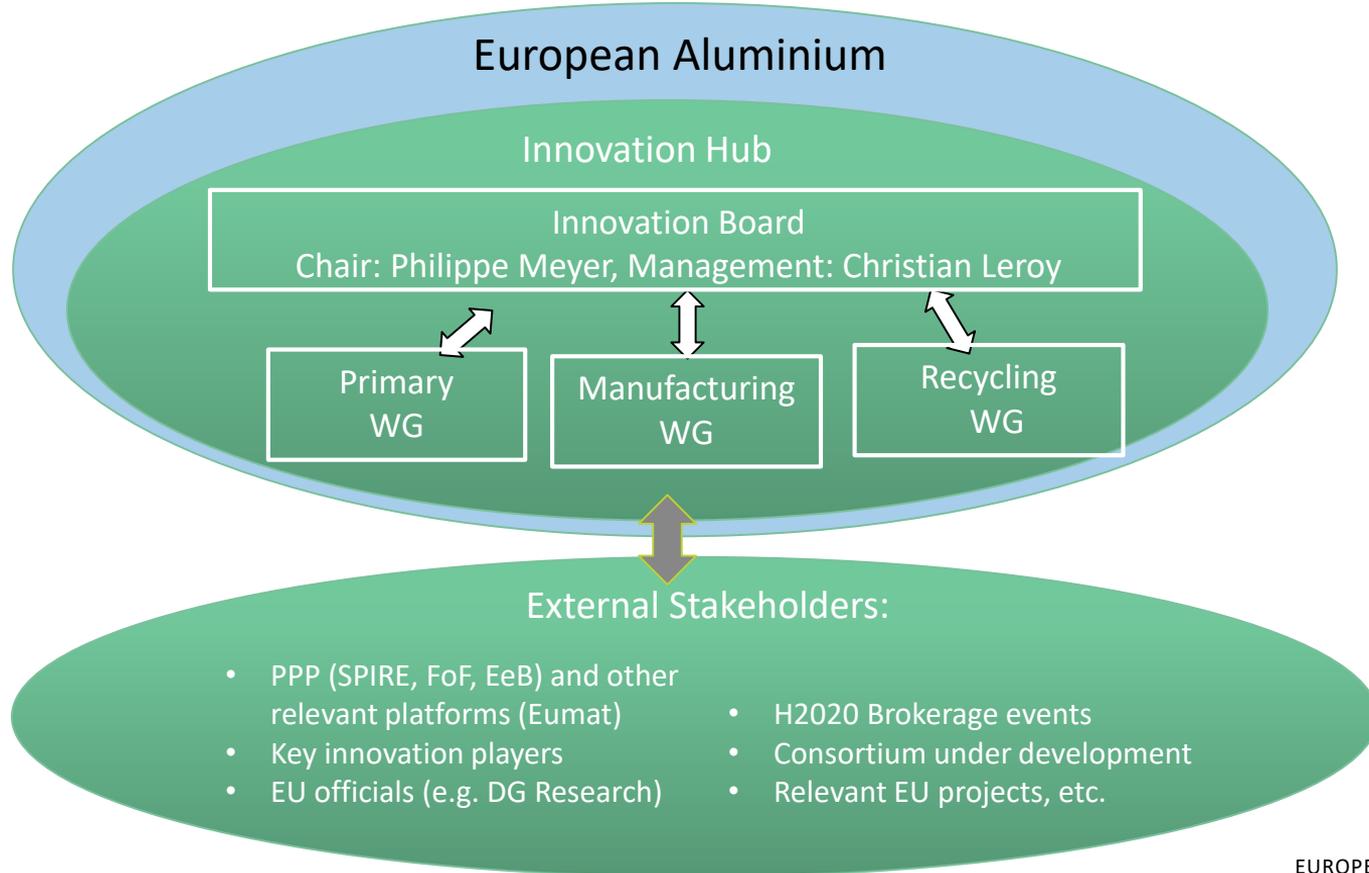
➤ Project objectives

1. Initiating and facilitating the development of EU funded R&D projects directly addressing the aluminium value chain
2. Facilitating the members participation in those projects
3. Joining EU project when relevant.

➤ Communication objectives

Positioning Aluminium sector as a key player in the EU Innovation landscape

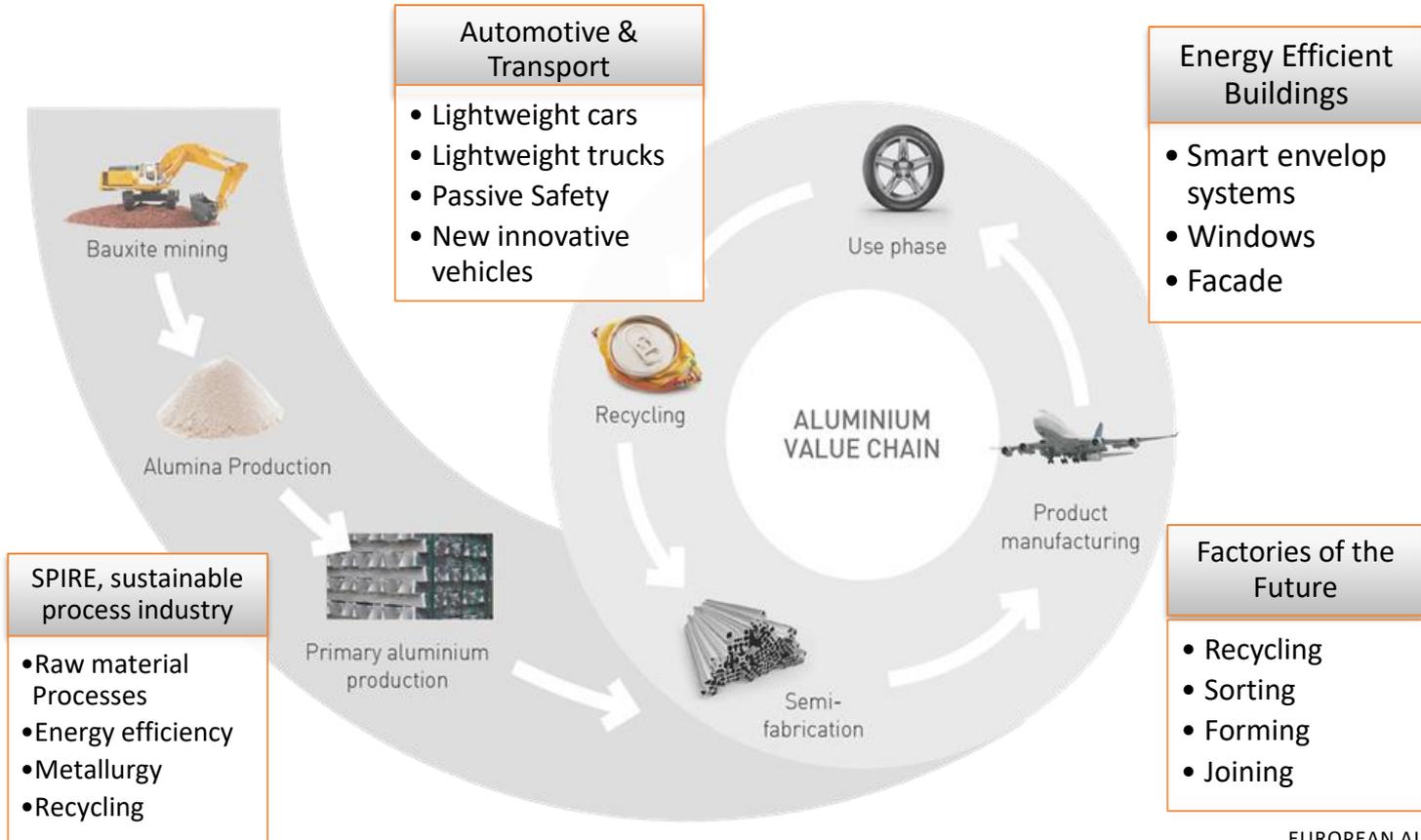
3 / The « Innovation Hub » concept



3 / 14 Companies and 2 MG engaged in 2017



3 / Engagement in key innovation platforms & markets



3 / Stimulating joint projects & knowledge sharing

KULeuven workshop on 31 May 2016

- First major event
- > 50 experts and innovation leaders from company members, Academia & Research & technology organisations (RTO)
- Successful for better connecting aluminium industry with RTO and potential partners.
- Publication of the mapping report.



3 / Developing the community: Leaflet

AI INNOVATION HUB:

ALUMINIUM AT THE CENTRE OF A SUSTAINABLE EUROPE



ABOUT OUR HUB

The unique properties of aluminium make it a vital component for delivering a sustainable Europe. European Aluminium's Innovation Hub will help drive and create this future. Launched in 2015, the Innovation Hub is a community made up of companies from across Europe's aluminium value chain:



OUR GOALS



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Triggering research projects that advance a sustainable future and tackle technological challenges



Connecting with the EU innovation agenda and relevant funding opportunities



Engaging with the Public-Private Partnerships that define the EU's research agenda and priorities

WHY ALUMINIUM?

Aluminium is an effective solution to the sustainability ambitions of European society. Its exceptional combination of lightness, durability and infinite recyclability make it both an ideal material to drive the circular economy and an essential contributor to creating a low-carbon Europe. Aluminium is used in an increasing range of applications:



building transport packaging engineering electronics

7 INNOVATION OBJECTIVES

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JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

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 <h4>POLICYMAKERS</h4> <p>Discover the advantages of aluminium and help develop funding programmes and instruments to realise this potential</p>	 <h4>ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY</h4> <p>Are you a member of European Aluminium? You can become an Innovation Hub supporting member</p>	 <h4>COMPANIES AND EXPERTS</h4> <p>Exchange innovative ideas around aluminium, particularly on enabling technologies</p>	 <h4>ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES</h4> <p>Submit project ideas for improving the aluminium value chain</p>
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3 / Highlighting Innovation stories

<http://www.european-aluminium.eu/about-aluminium/stories-of-innovation/>



3 / Aachen-AMAP Workshop – 21 June 2017



60 participants
 More than 20 presentations
 Good networking, some project ideas initiated, one EU project idea on bottom ash

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome by European Aluminium & AMAP	Gerd Götz, Director General Berndt Friedrich, Professor
9:45 -10:15	Innovation Hub: Introduction, objectives and status	Philippe Meyer, Chairman of innovation TF Christian Leroy, Hub manager
10:15–10:45	From raw material to semi’s – Aachen contributions for a sustainable process chain	Berndt Friedrich, Professor
10:45- 11:00	Presentation of the parallel sessions organisation and objectives	Christian Leroy, Hub manager

11:00 -11:15: Coffee break

11:15 – 15:15 Parallel sessions: initiating project ideas (see next page for details)

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
	Recycling & Melt purification	Primary and alumina	Manufacturing
11:15 – 12:40	Session I	Session I	Session I
12:40 -13:30	Sandwich Lunch break		
13:30 -15:10	Session II	Session II	Session II

15:15 -15:30: Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 Plenary session - Wrap-up and next steps - - plenary room XX		
15:30 – 16:00	Reporting from parallel sessions	Facilitators
16:00–16:30	Debriefing, gaps analysis, next steps and actions	Christian Leroy

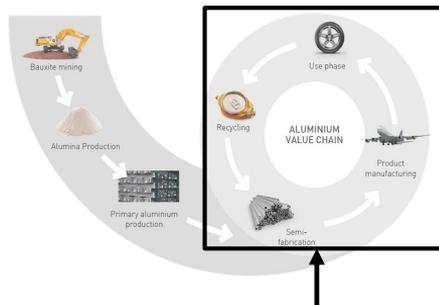
3 / Aachen WS – 21 June 2017 – Topics of the parallel sessions

	<u>Room 1- Recycling</u>	<u>Room 2 - Primary production</u>	<u>Room 3 - Manufacturing & Materials</u>
Session I 11:15 – 12:40	Recycling & Melt purification Facilitator: Magdalena Garczynska, European Aluminium	Primary production – Process optimisation Facilitator: Thymis Balomenos, Aluminium of Greece	Manufacturing - Forming Facilitator: Bruno Chenal, Constellium
	Session Introduction and guidelines - H2020 opportunities for recycling - Magdalena Garczynska (20')	Session Introduction and guidelines – Thymis Balomenos (15')	Session Introduction and guidelines - H2020 opportunities for manufacturing - Christian Leroy (10')
	Impact of organics in Al-scrap on process and efficiency Pr. Bernd Friedrich- IME -RWTH (35')	H2020 opportunities for the primary production and Rethink-Al project proposal - Arne Petter Ratvik -SINTEF (40')	Rolling and further processing of flat products at the IBF Author: Stephan Hojda - IBF (25')
	Removing of Fe from the melt through high sheer processing technologies – Geoff Scamans – Brunel University (30')	Pragmatic Modelling in Aluminium Electrolysis Stein T. Johansen - SINTEF (30')	Texture-based metal plasticity modelling– Philip Eyckens - KULeuven (25')
12:40 -13:40 - Lunch break			
Session II 13:40 – 15:10	Recycling & Melt purification Facilitator: Andy Doran, Novelis	Primary production – Learning from other sectors Facilitator: Luc Demange, Rio Tinto	Manufacturing - surface & Joining Facilitator : Peter Von Czarnowski, Elval
	“Closing the dross loop” – Dr Morten Onsjøien - SINTEF” (25')	Heat recovery and storage for industrial processes, Example of the Smartrec project -- Laurent BEDEL & Etienne BOUYER – – CEA tech (25')	Corrosion and surface properties of recycled aluminium – Iris de Graeve - VUB (25')
	“Dross control and utilization” - Pr. Gabriella Tranel - NTNU (25')	DISIRE project - Integrated Process Control Based on Distributed In-Situ Sensors – Opportunities for Al industry - Aleksandra Lewandowska – Fraunhofer (25')	Joining of high strength (6000) Al alloys Simon Olschok – ISF (25')
	“Aluminium recycling from bottom ashes” – Pr. Mario Grosso – Polytechnic of Milan (25')	Main learnings from ULCOS project(s) – Jean-Pierre Birat, IF Steelman Consulting (25')	Joining challenges for the implementation of high strength Al Alloys in high volume automotive production · Michael Ölscher – Ford (25')
Session summing-up – All + 2 facilitators (15')	Session summing-up - All + 2 facilitators (15')	Session summing-up - All + 2 facilitators (15')	Session summing-up - All + 2 facilitators (15')

3 / RECALSE: REcycling-friendly wrought ALuminium value chain for a Sustainable Europe (rejected by EC in June 2017)

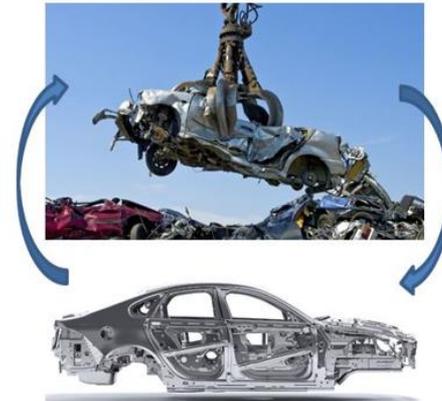
Main objective: enable the integration of at least 20% of post-consumer scrap as sourcing of the value chain of wrought products

- 3 automotive components (e.g. door, B-pillar and battery box) will be produced for demonstration purposes



Making wrought alloys more recycling friendly

N°	Partners of the project	Country
1	Ciaotech-PNO	IT
2	Aleris	DE
3	Assan	TR
4	Constellium	FR
5	Elval	GR
6	European Aluminium	BE
7	Hydro	NO
8	Novelis	UK
9	Sapa	SE
10	Manchester University	UK
11	VUB-Brussel	BE
12	Brunel University	UK
13	IKA-RWTH	DE
14	IRT-M2P	FR
15	SWEREA-KIMAB	SE
16	NTNU-SIM Lab	NO
17	KULeuven	BE
18	International Al Institute	UK



Project Duration: 48 months

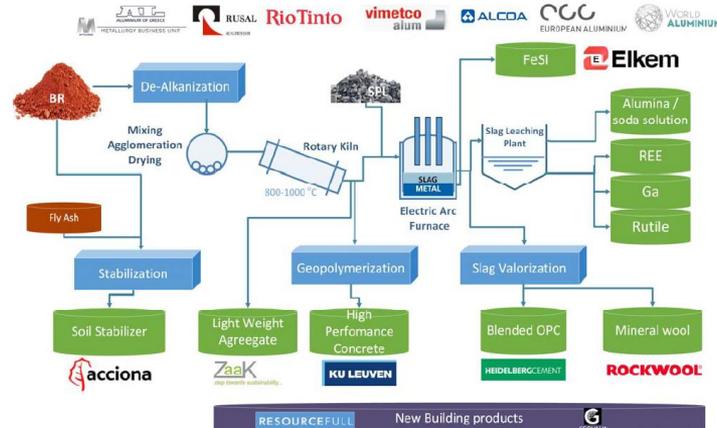
Estimated EU contr.: 12.500.000 €

3 / RemovAL: Removing the waste streams from the primary Aluminium and other metallurgical sectors (SC5-14-2017)

- Objective: Deliver and validate a complete feasibility study for valorising Bauxite Residue (BR) along with other industrial by-products, taking into consideration waste characteristics, logistics and potential for symbiosis with other plants in the geographical vicinity.
- 13 M€ EU funding requested, 4 years project
- 27 partners including: Mytilineos S.A.(formerly Aluminium of Greece), Rio Tinto, Alcoa, Alum, European Aluminium and IAI



Turning waste into resources



4 / The mapping exercise of the Innovation Hub



Define the innovation needs and priorities of the European Aluminium Industry along the value chain

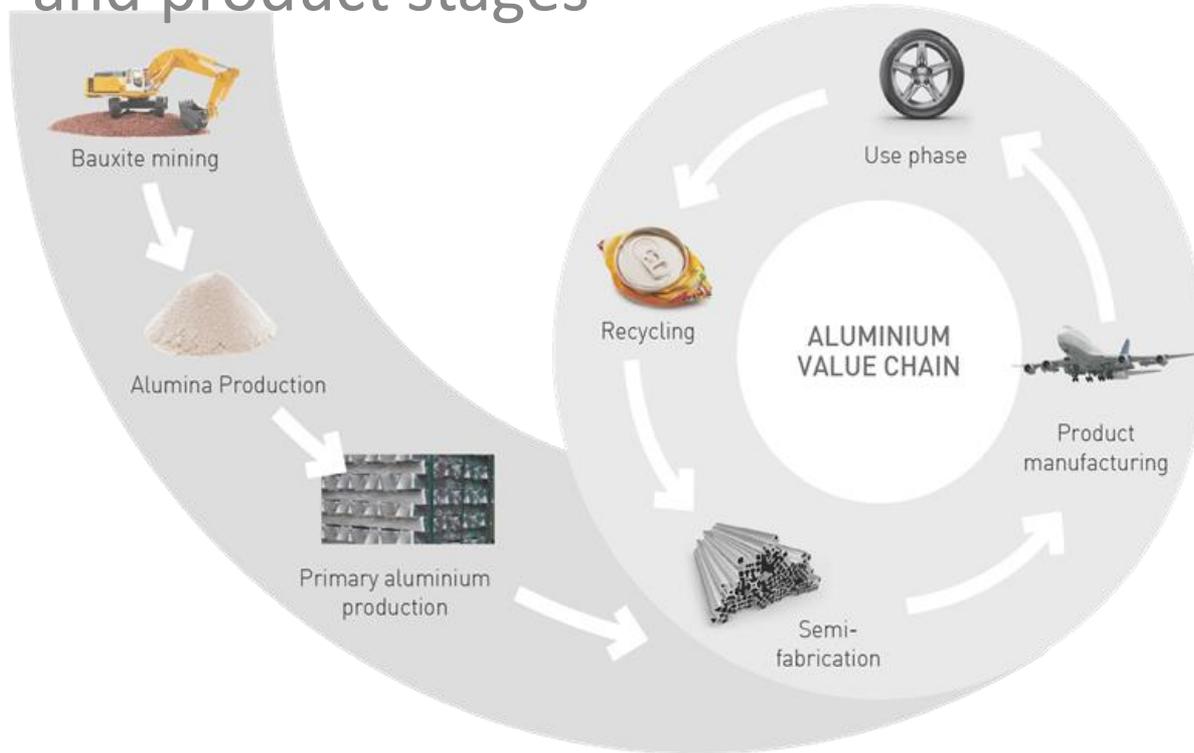
First consolidated report published in May 2016

4 / Seven generic objectives

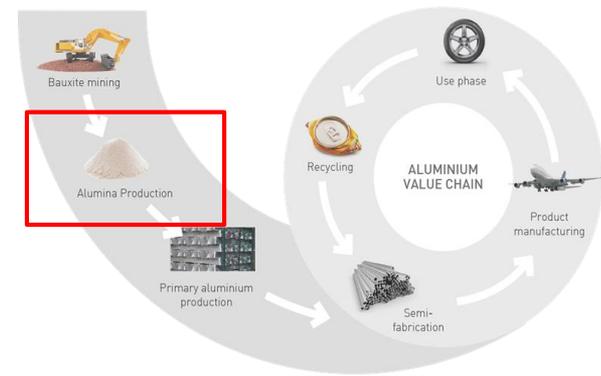
have been identified for
supporting the sustainability of Aluminium industry
&
delivering innovative solutions

1. Improve energy efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions
2. Improve resource efficiency
3. Reduce environmental impact
4. Optimise process technologies
5. Develop new materials
6. Develop and optimise enabling technologies
7. Develop the industrial competence, skills and aluminium knowledge

4 / The aluminium value chain & key process steps and product stages

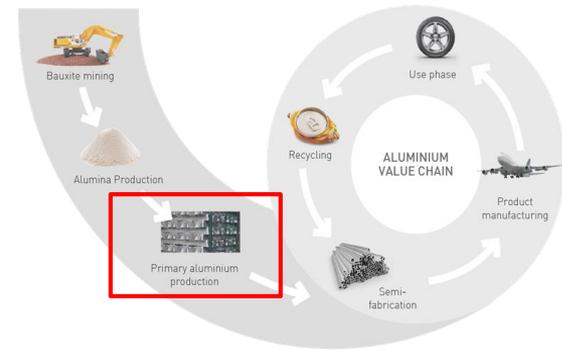


4 / Alumina - Key objectives



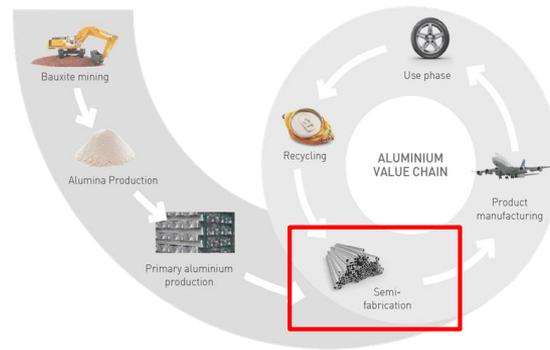
Generic objectives	Specific objectives	R&D challenges
Improve energy efficiency and reduce CO ₂ emissions	Reduce by 20% the energy use or/and the CO ₂ emission of the alumina process	Further optimise leaching and calcination process
		Develop low-temperature heat recovery technologies
Improve resource efficiency	Use of lower-grade bauxite	Develop bauxite pre-treatment process to reduce transformation costs and residue storage
Optimise process technologies	Increase the life time of the plant	Improve maintenance techniques and durability of materials (e.g. reduce caustic embrittlement).
Reduce environmental impact (air)	Reduce NO _x and particles air emissions	Develop and implement more advanced burner and abatement technologies
Reduce environmental impact (solid waste)	Develop sustainable bauxite residue storage or use of residue	Develop maintenance-free storage solutions
		Use bauxite residue as ingredient of products, e.g. construction products
		Develop technologies to convert bauxite residue into valuable resources, e.g. extracting vital raw materials.

4 / Primary production (Precompetitive R&D)



Generic objectives	Specific Objectives	R&D challenges
Improve energy efficiency and reduce CO ₂ emissions	Reduce direct CO ₂ equivalent emission	Use of biomass as raw material in anode production – bio-anodes
Optimise process technologies	Develop extended-life pot lining (> 5,000-day life)	Eliminate or improve control of cathode erosion
	Improve alumina dissolution behaviour in the pots	Dissolution mechanisms understanding (behaviour in bath, and alumina characteristics)
Reduce environmental impact (solid waste)	Discover alternative techniques to turn aluminium process waste into usable feedstock/products	Qualify recycled refractory materials obtained from spent pot lining and bake furnaces
	Address industry excess salt bath short to mid-term trend	Shared project/evaluation with the bauxite & alumina stream on alumina soda content
Improving overall performance on HSE aspects	Improving the overall performance on Health and Safety	Decrease human exposure to health and safety hazards by improving plant automation and process control

4 / Semi-fabrication



Generic objectives	Specific objectives	R&D challenges
Improve energy efficiency and reduce CO ₂ emissions	Reduce thermal energy and electric consumption of furnaces	Optimise further R&D processing route to reduce cycle time and energy consumption e.g. at pre-heating and homogenisation
Optimise processing technologies	Increase fabrication efficiency through better control of the aluminium deformation process and improved tool performances	Maximise tooling life through new surface treatment or new materials for extrusion dies or rolling rolls
	Improve knowledge for more cost effective and robust processing routes	Better understanding of microstructure evolution along the process chain
	Develop modelling capabilities for more cost effective and robust processing routes	Develop real-time predictive modelling tools
	Increase manufacturing efficiency through better monitoring via sensors and measurements	Develop new or improved non-contact sensors and surface inspection devices
New processing routes for more performing products	Use of continuous casting technologies	Develop continuous casting technologies and associated alloys
	Develop further alloy capabilities and performances through non-conventional processes	Develop a cost efficient process routing to make powder-metallurgical products, routed via rolling feedstock, via extrusion feedstock, via net shape manufacturing technologies

4 / Product Manufacturing



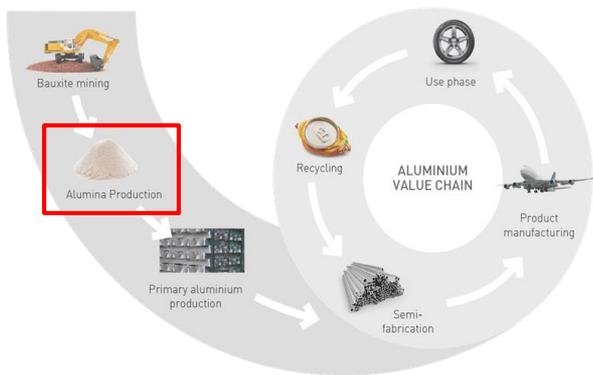
Area	Generic objectives	Specific objectives
Forming	Optimise process technologies	Better control and predict forming behaviour Develop further forming technologies
Joining	Optimise process technologies	Develop advanced joining techniques that reduce impact on material properties Develop low cost joining techniques for dissimilar materials and hybrid solutions
Machining	Optimise process technologies	Optimise machining processes for more eco-efficiency
Surface & coatings	Reduce environmental impact	Develop alternatives to chromate coatings
	Optimise process technologies	Develop aluminium product with tailor-made and functionalised surface properties
Additive manufacturing	New disruptive technologies	Additive manufacturing for tailor-made aluminium products (bulk) or surface properties
Product Design	Optimise design technologies	Use of numerical methods for analysing and guiding robust and eco-efficient design of products
		Optimise design for light weighting & crash management
All	Skills and knowledge	Secure proper expertise along the product value chain.
	Education	Improve the level of knowledge and expertise in downstream industry and in engineering education

4 / Recycling



Area	Generic objectives	Specific objectives
Scrap & raw materials	Improve resource efficiency	Generate high quality aluminium scrap flow from contaminated or mixed scrap flows Facilitate closed loop recycling within alloy groups
	Improve process efficiency	Increase performance of raw materials, master alloys, grain refining agents
Melting & solidification	Improve energy efficiency and reduce CO ₂ emissions	Reduce the energy consumption of the melting furnace and associates CO ₂ emission by 20%
	Improve resource efficiency	Reduce the oxidation rate in refining furnaces by 50%
	Improve resource efficiency	Increase service life of furnaces by 50%
	Optimise process technologies	Increase quality and composition of the melt before casting (analysis)
Products & alloys	Material development	Expand the applications of recycled aluminium by better management of impurities
	Material development	Develop new high performance alloys based mostly on recycled aluminium
Horiz.	Improve safety	Significantly reduce the risk of fire and explosion
	Optimise process technologies	Better control recycled aluminium quality

5 / SCALE project (2017-2020)



SCALE:

Production of Sc compounds & Sc-Al alloys from European metallurgical by-products



Bauxite Residues
TiO₂ Pigment
Acid Wastes

mg/kg

EXTRACTING

Sc from waste

g/kg

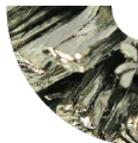
REFINING

Sc concentrates

PRODUCING

Sc Metal

Sc₂O₃



LASERS:
YSG GARNETS

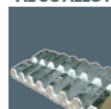


IVI

SSZ LAYER
SOLID OXIDE
FUEL CELLS



AL-SC ALLOY



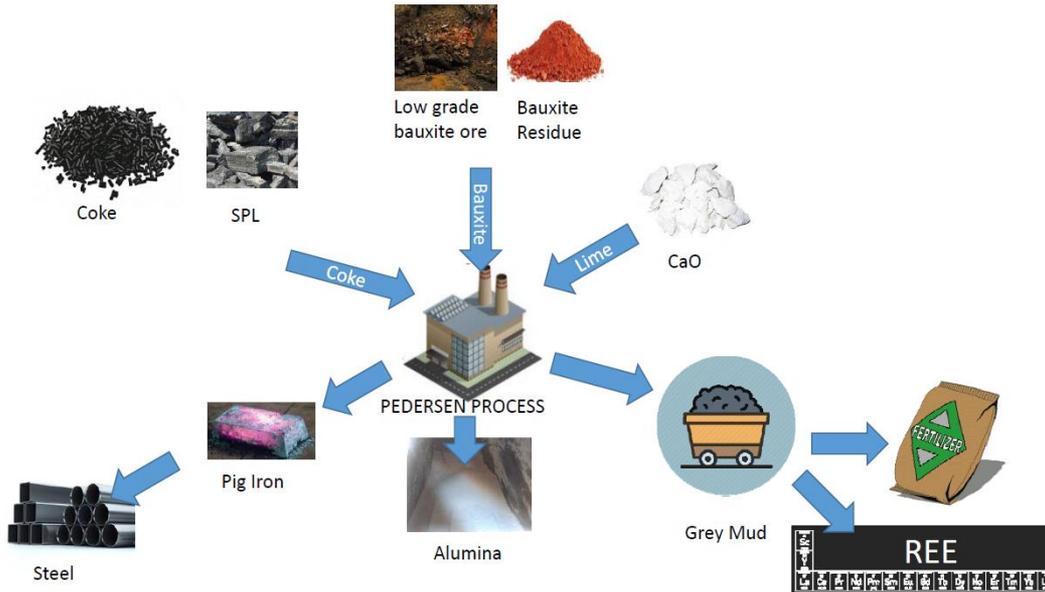
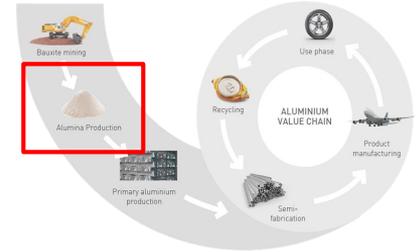
AFFILIPS

SCALMALLOY
3D PRINTING



AIRBUS

5 / ENSUREAL project (2017-2020)



The **ENSUREAL project** aims to demonstrate a modified version of the Pedersen process for the production of alumina. The main advantages of the process are:

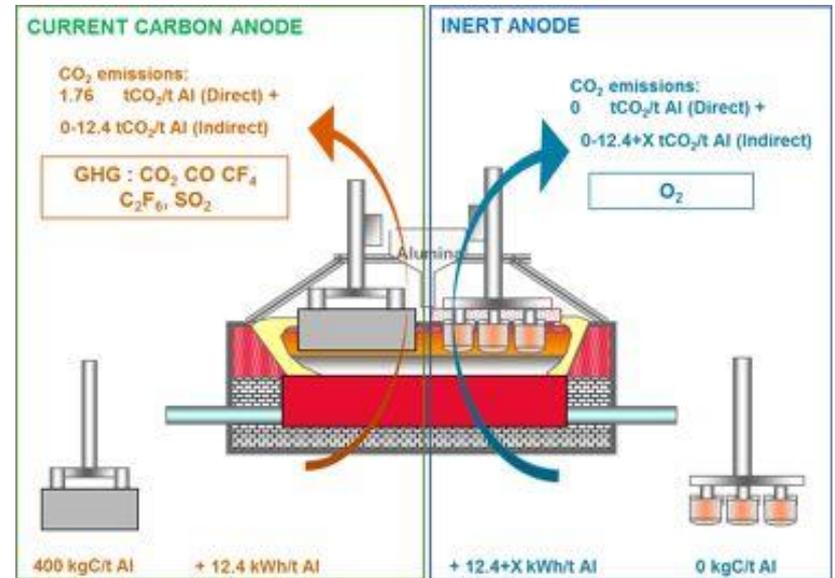
- 1) Zero waste: No red mud, only useable by-products like pig-iron and limestone.
- 2) A wider range of bauxite qualities can be used (more efficient mining, less tailings, better profitability for the mine, and security of supply for Europe since European bauxite qualities generally have a lower quality

5 / AGRAL project (2015-2018)



Objectives: Developing the manufacturing technologies of a specific anodic material that has shown at lab scale outstanding properties in high temperature and corrosive media of the aluminium electrolysis.

Benefits: The use of inert anode in the aluminium production would decrease by a minimum of 50% the CO₂ emissions as compared to the current process with carbon anode.



5 / Monsoon project (2016-2019)

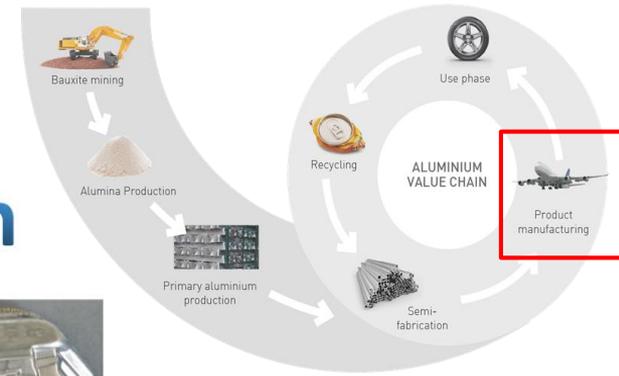


MOdel based coNtrol framework for Site-wide OptimizatiON of data-intensive processes

The **MONSOON** project - **MO**del-based **coN**trol framework for **Site-wide OptimizatiON** of data-intensive processes - aims to establish **data-driven methodology** to support identification and exploitation of optimization potentials by applying **model-based predictive controls** so as to perform plant and site-wide optimization of production process. The ambition of **MONSOON** project is shared by 2 significant **process industries** from the **sectors** of **aluminium** and **plastic**.

5 / LoCoMaTech project (2016-2019)

LoCoMaTech

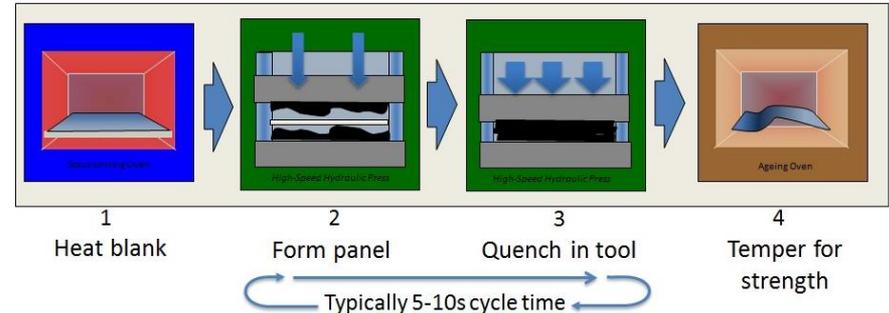


Full name: Low Cost Materials Processing Technologies for Mass Production of Lightweight Vehicles

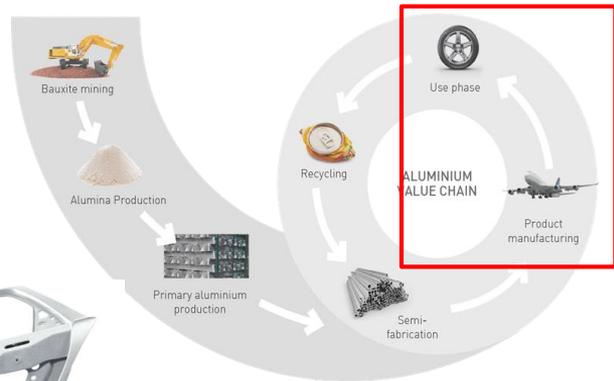
Objective: to enable the novel HFQ[®] process, (solution Heat treatment, cold die Forming and Quenching) patented by ICL, (TRL4), to be used for the manufacture of lightweight, high strength body and chassis structures and components for low-cost vehicles, by establishing a prototype, full scale pilot production line (TRL6)



HFQ[®] Heat Treatment Forming and cold-die Quenching system for high-strength aluminium alloys



5 / ALLIANCE project (2016-2019)



Affordable Lightweight Automobiles Alliance

- Effective and affordable lightweighting requires a holistic approach;
- High complexity of this optimisation makes lightweighting one of the most challenging tasks of modern automotive designers and engineers.



↓ 21-33% Weight



< 3 €/Kg Saved



- 6% GWP

An International Hub For Lightweight Innovation

ALLIANCE has the ambition to become a central hub for innovation in lightweight design in Europe. To do so, it will establish an open inclusive framework towards external centres and clusters in this field, involving them in the project through an Open Lightweight Design Contest and dedicated workshops.

5 / E2VENT project (2015-2018)

- **Objective:** development of an Energy Efficient Ventilated Facades for Optimal Adaptability and Heat Exchange enabling low energy architectural concepts for the refurbishment of existing buildings
- **Principle:** external thermal building refurbishment solution with an external cladding and an air cavity that embeds different breakthrough technologies
- European Aluminium is partner in this project

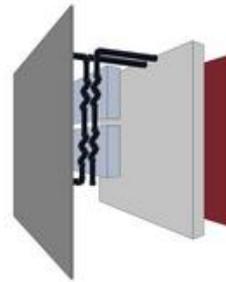
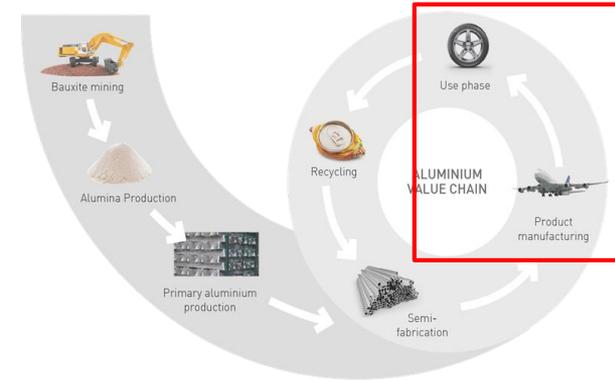


Fig 1: E2VENT system

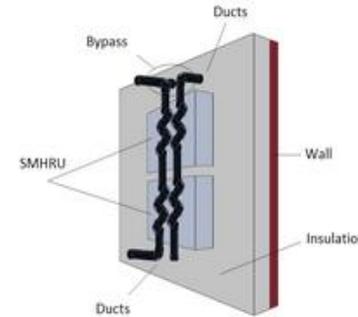


Fig 2: SMHRU Smart Modular Heat Recovery Unit

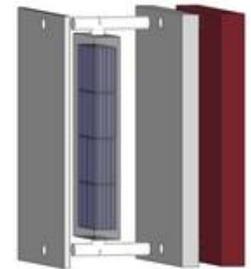


Fig 3: LHTES Latent Heat Thermal Energy Storage

6 / Conclusions



- Aluminium has several unique properties to support smart sustainable solutions
- The European Aluminium industry is committed to its sustainability roadmap 2025 and to make aluminium a key-enabler to the low carbon society and circular economy.
- The Innovation Hub is the collaborative platform to coordinate pre-competitive research efforts supporting the sustainability roadmap.
- Any interested stakeholders is invited to join the community (innovation@european-aluminium.eu)
- Thank you for your attention

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