

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF FIBRE- REINFORCED POLYMERS APPLICATION IN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY

25.10.2023 PALERMO, ITALY

**Aleksandra Ziemińska-Stolarska**

Ireneusz Zbicinski, Monika Pietrzak

**Lodz University of Technology, POLAND**

Faculty of Process and Environmental Engineering

[aleksandra.zieminska-stolarska@p.lodz.pl](mailto:aleksandra.zieminska-stolarska@p.lodz.pl)



This project has received funding from European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme

under grant agreement n° 101006860

# Content of presentation

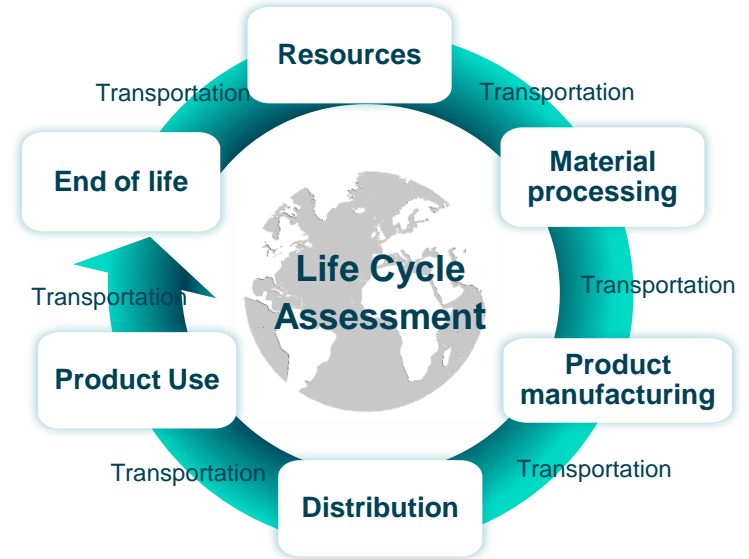
- ❑ **Life cycle assessment (LCA) the quantitative measure of sustainability**
- ❑ **LCA methodology (goals & scope, inventory analysis, impact assessment, interpretation)**
- ❑ **Fibre4Yards Project**
- ❑ **Results**
- ❑ **Conclusions**

# Life Cycle Assessment - LCA

“Compilation and evaluation of the inputs, outputs and the potential environmental impacts of a product system throughout its life cycle” (ISO 14040, section 3.2)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>ISO standards:  
14040 Principles and Framework  
14044 Requirements and Guidelines



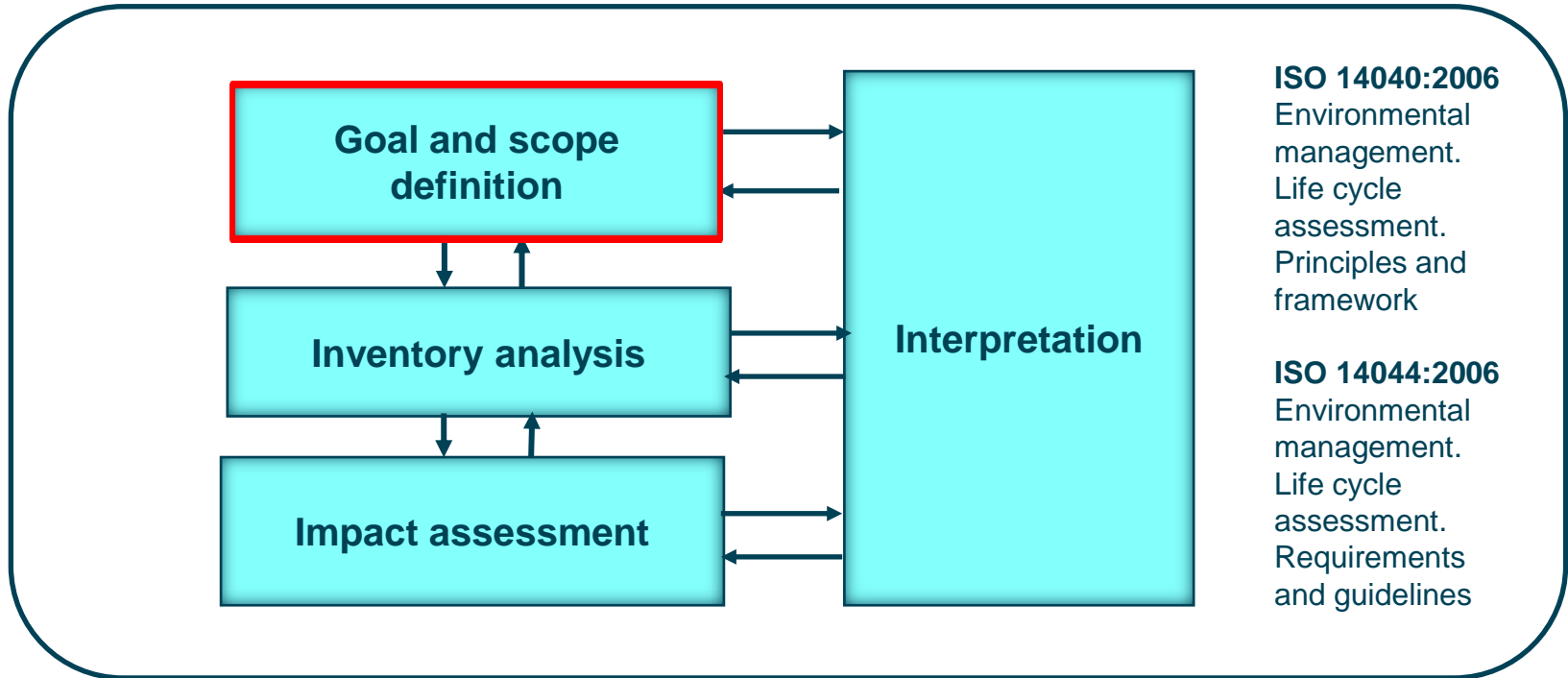
# Benefits of Life Cycle Assessment for Company Product/Service/Technology



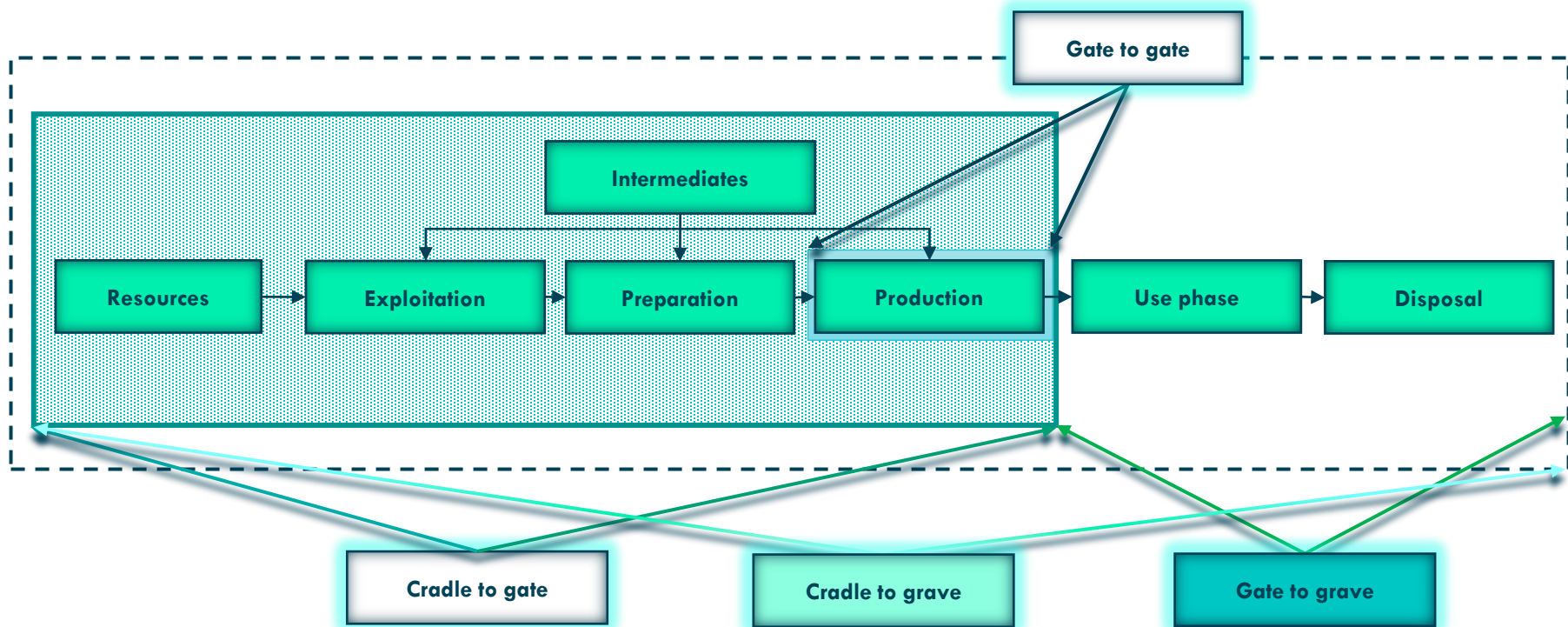
- ❑ Assess most impactful processes
- ❑ Gain competitive advantage
- ❑ Attract, encourage investors
- ❑ Early stage decision-making



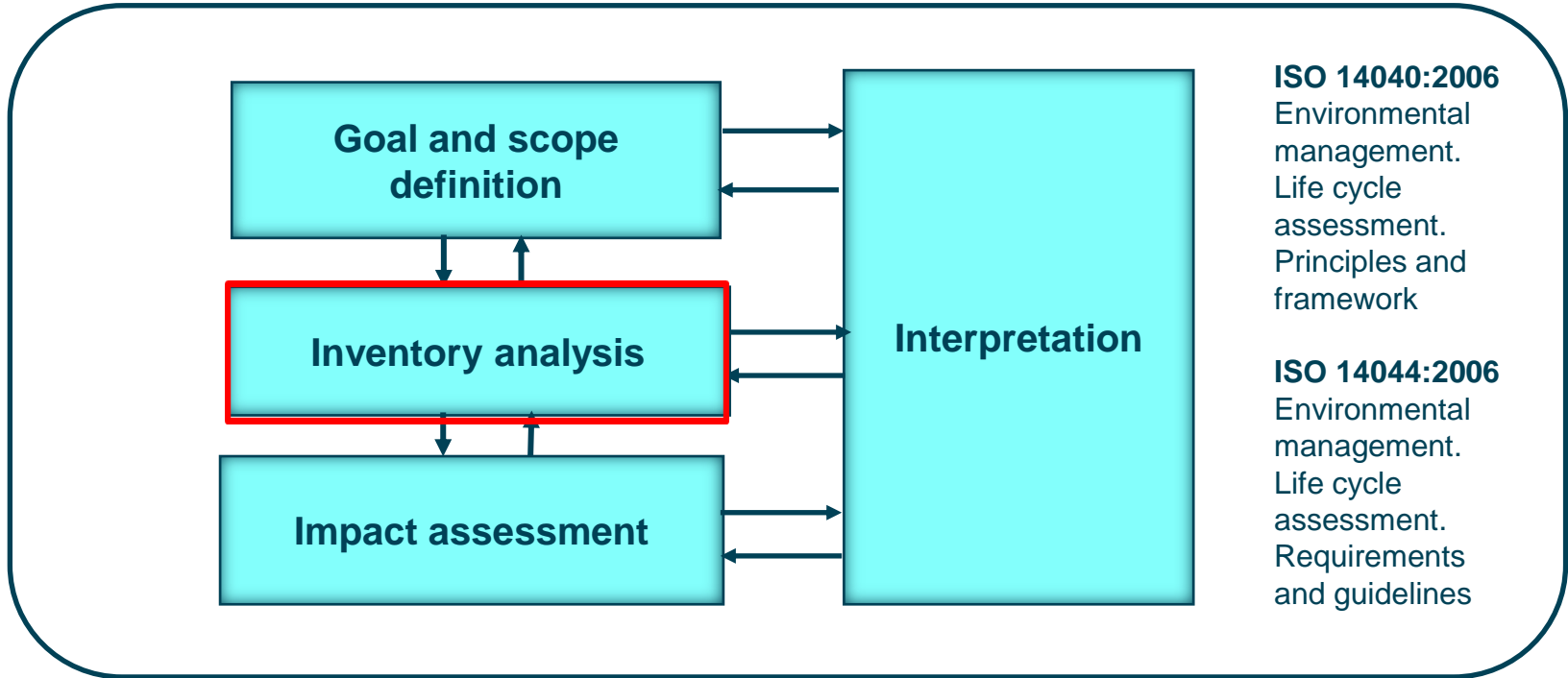
# Life Cycle Assessment framework



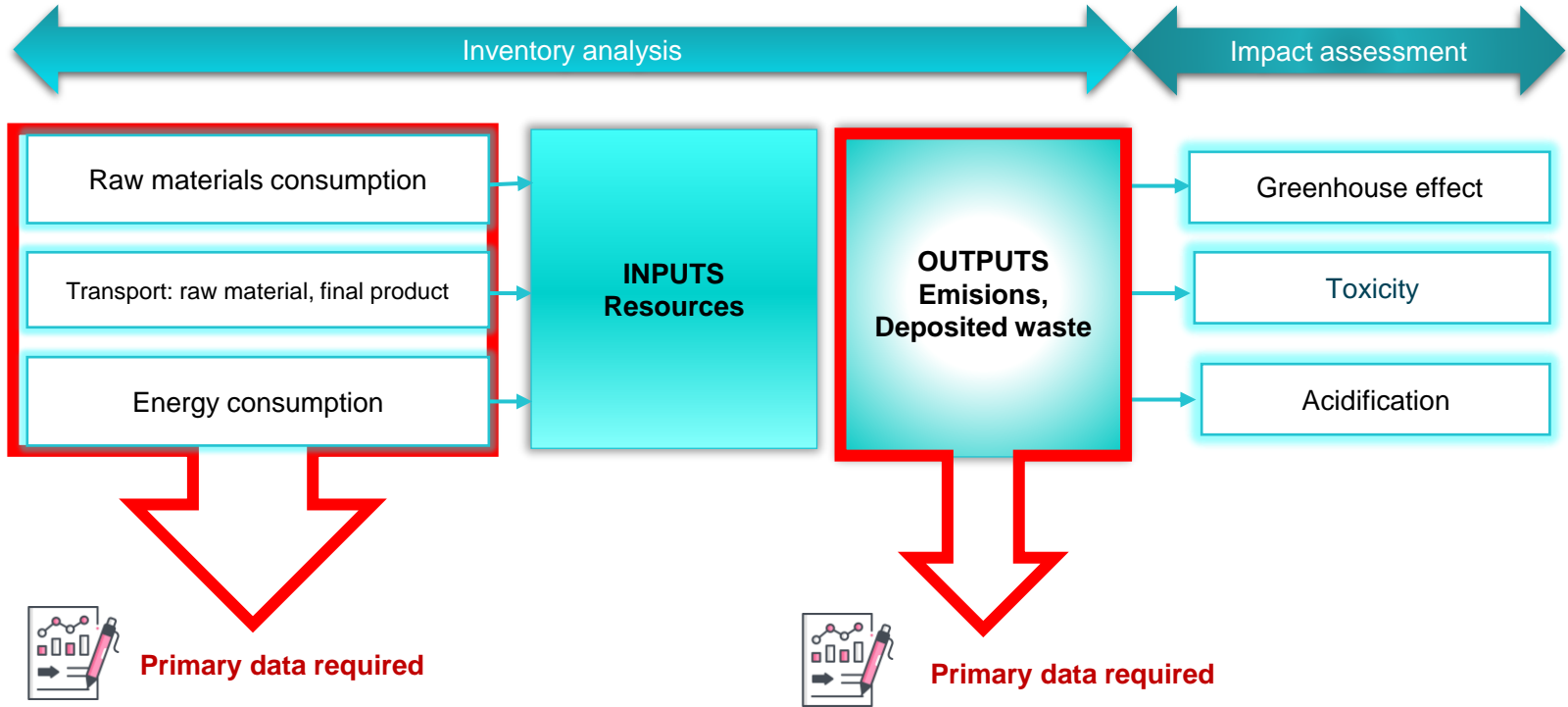
# Scope of LCA



# Life Cycle Assessment framework

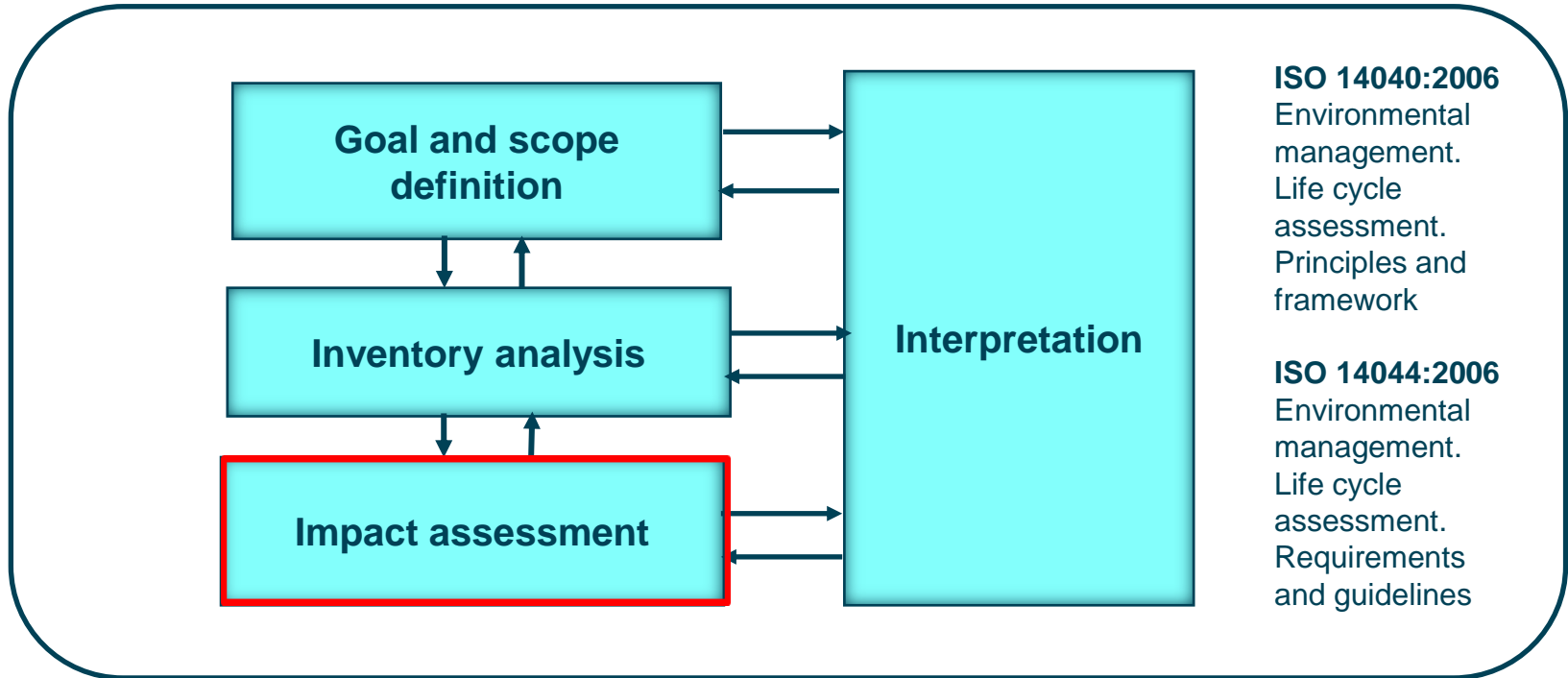


# Inventory Analysis





# Life Cycle Assessment framework



# Impact Assessment - Softwares and Methods

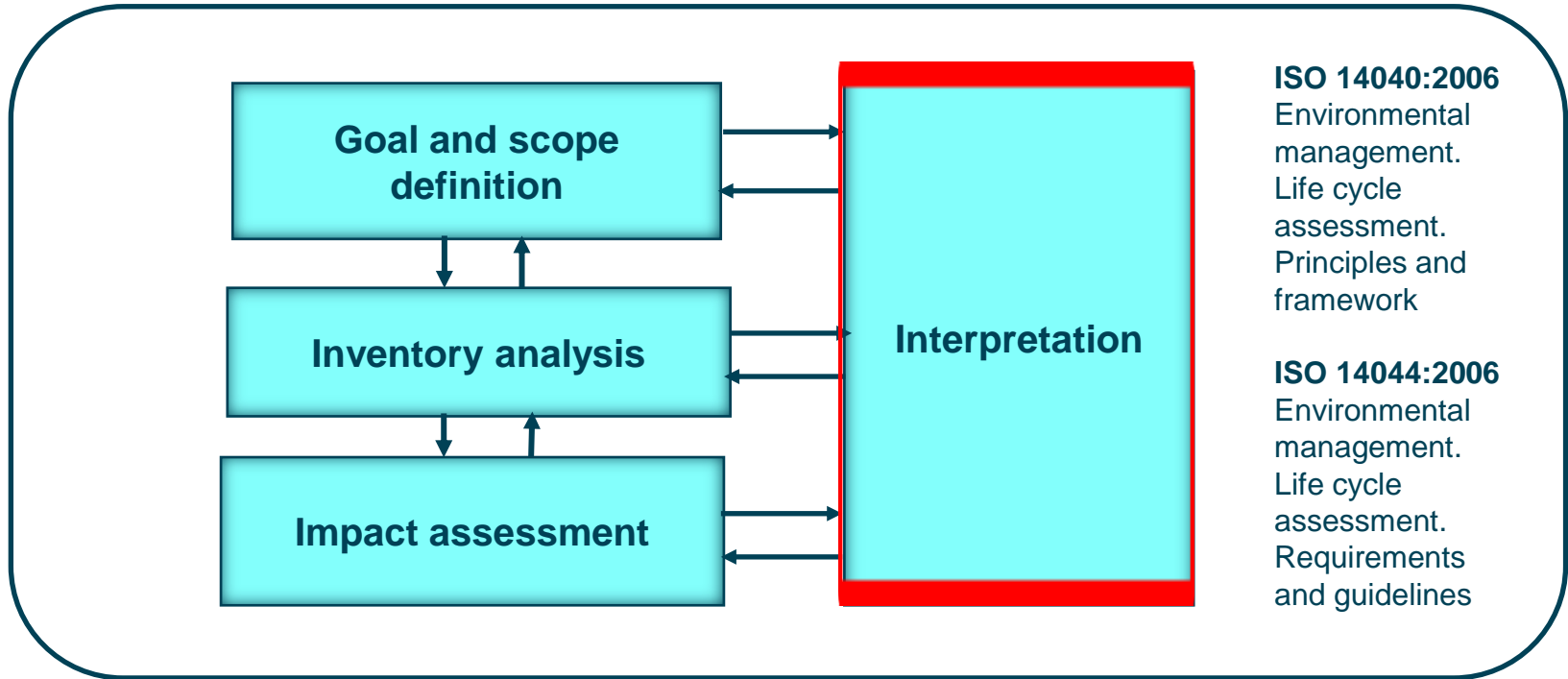


Single Issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IPCC 2021</li><li>• Cumulative Energy Demand</li></ul>

Global
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IMPACT World +</li><li>• ReCiPe 2016</li></ul>

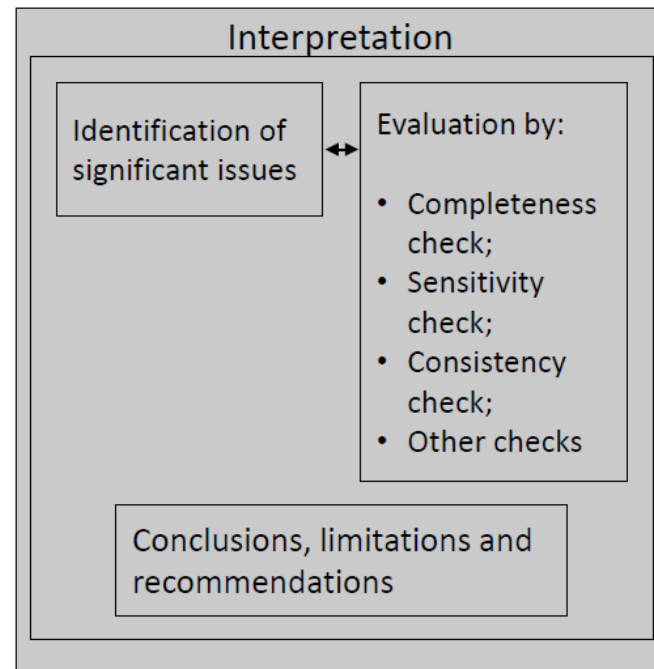
European
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CML</li><li>• EPD</li><li>• Ecological Scarcity</li></ul>

# Life Cycle Assessment framework



## What is the study telling us?

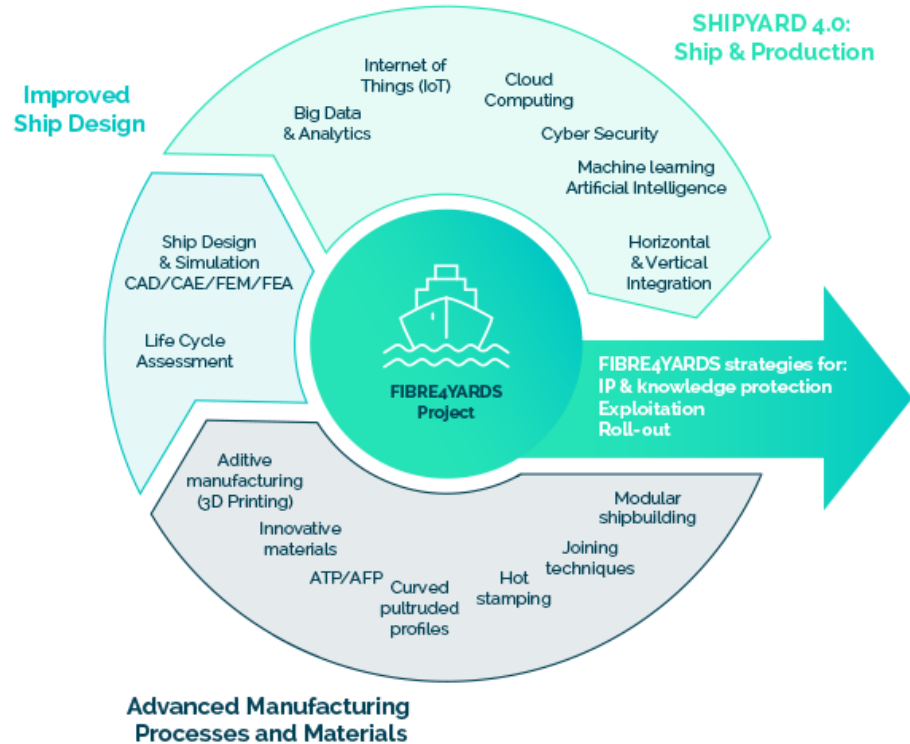
- ❑ **Evaluation – Are our results significant?**
  - Completeness – is all relevant information complete? Anything missing?
  - Sensitivity – how are results affected by data & methodological choices
  - Consistency – are assumptions, methods & data consistent with goal and scope?
- ❑ **Identification – Which issues are important?**
- ❑ **Conclusions, limitations & recommendations**



# Fibre4Yards Concept



The main objective of **FIBRE4YARDS** is to maintain European global leadership in ship building and ship maintenance, through implementation of the Shipyard 4.0 concept in which advanced and innovative FRP manufacturing technologies are successfully introduced.



# The main benefits of applying FRP in shipbuilding industry

**AIDIC**



## ***Benefits for shipowners due to the overall weight reduction***

Bunkering Consumption Reduction, increased cargo/passenger capacity, reduction of powering needs



## ***Benefits for shipowners derived from the reduction of maintenance costs***

FRP are corrosion immune and offer superior fatigue resistance which results in a life-cycle costs reduction



## ***Environmental benefits during operation thanks to FRP application***

Substantial reduction of greenhouse gas emissions due to lower power needs, better underwater acoustic signature, reduction of noise pollution at ship accommodation spaces

## Objectives

- ❑ To perform LCA analysis of **advanced and innovative Fibre-Reinforced Polymers (FRP)** manufacturing technologies developed in the project to assess the environmental impact over the entire life cycle of FRP ships.
- ❑ To provide recommendations for optimal solutions of the environmentally friendly FRP production technology for the shipbuilding industry.



Out of die UV  
curved pultrusion  
**IRURENA**



Hot stamping  
**INEGI**



ATP  
3D printing  
**10XL**



Adaptive moulds  
**CURVE WORKS**

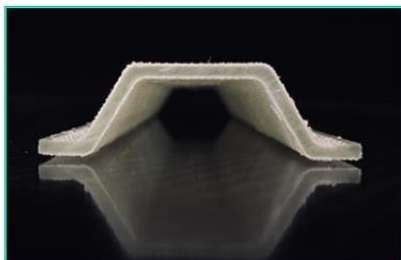


Vacuum infusion  
Demosntrator  
assembling

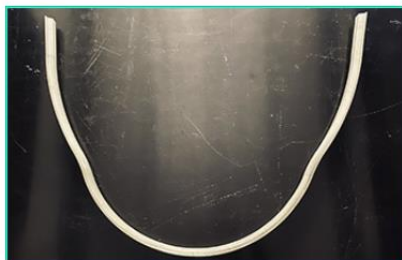
FRP manufacturing technologies

# The targeted technologies

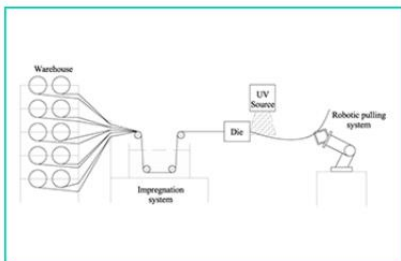
## Out of die UV cured pultrusion for manufacturing curved profiles



Transversal section ©INDUSTRIAS QUIMICAS IRURENA

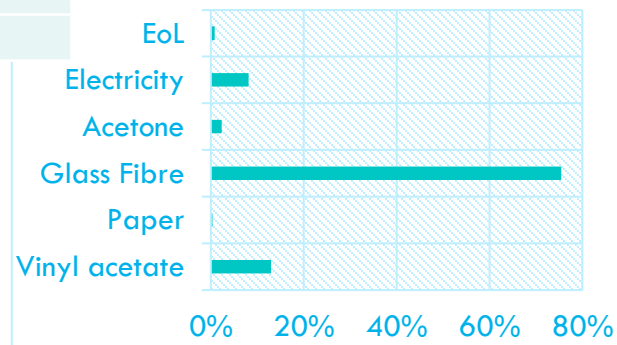


Vessel profile ©INDUSTRIAS QUIMICAS IRURENA



Free shape diagram ©INDUSTRIAS QUIMICAS IRURENA

	%
Vinyl acetate	12,96%
Paper	0,31%
Glass Fibre	75,46%
Acetone	2,33%
Electricity	8,13%
EoL	0,82%





# The targeted technologies

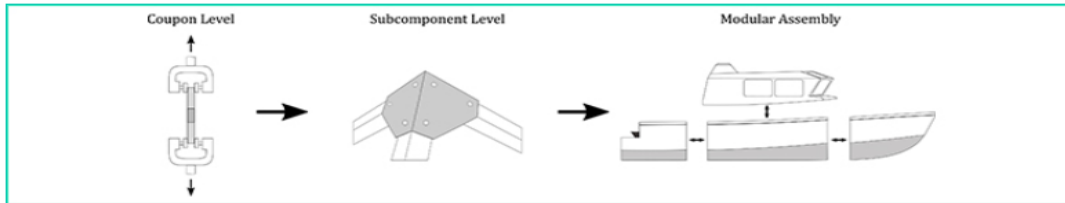
## Hot stamping of thermoplastic materials and Connection techniques



Hot stamping ©INEGI



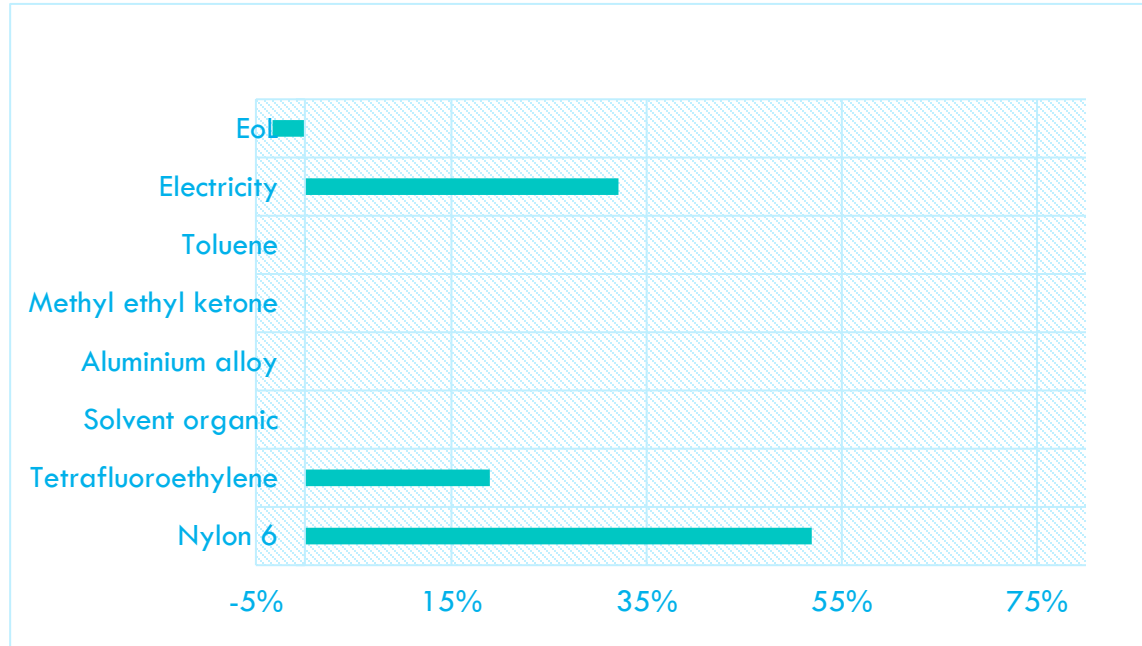
Hot stamped and over-injected part  
©INEGI



Modular assembly ©INEGI

# The targeted technologies

## Hot Stamping Technology (INEGI)

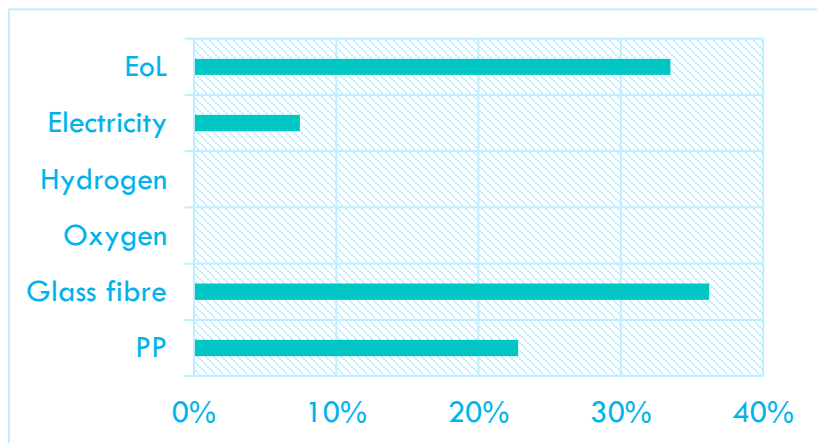


	%
Nylon 6	51,92%
Tetrafluoroethylene	18,96%
Solvent organic	0,099%
Aluminium alloy	0,002%
Methyl ethyl ketone	0,103%
Toluene	0,107%
Electricity	32,13%
EoL	-3,31%

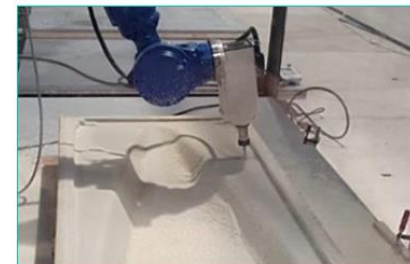
# The targeted technologies

**AIDIC**

## ❑ Automatic Tape Placement (ATP) and Automatic Fibre Placement (AFP) and Additive manufacturing: 3D printing



Robotic 3D printing ©10XL



Robotic CNC routing ©10XL



Robotic automatic tape placement ©10XL

# The targeted technologies

## □ Adaptive moulds for composite panel assemblies



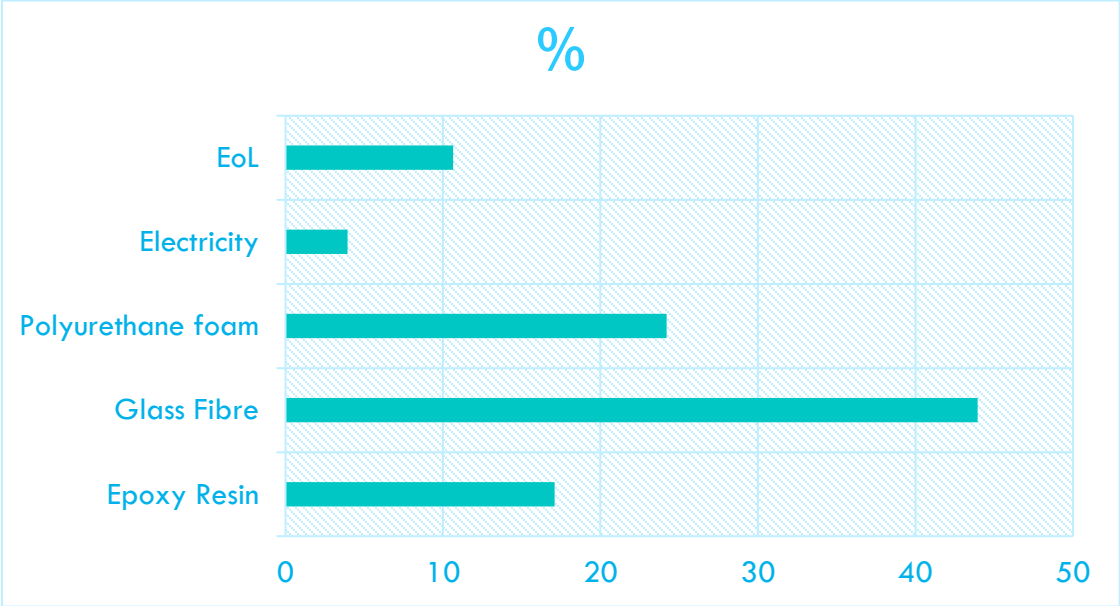
Curve Works adaptive mould "Bee" is 2.5 x 1.3 m. used for higher curvature parts.  
©CURVE WORKS



Curve Works adaptive mould "Ant" is 3.8 x 1.8 m. used for large parts. ©CURVE WORKS

# The targeted technologies

## GWP100 for Adaptive Mould Technology (Curve Works)



	%
Epoxy Resin	17,09
Glass Fibre	43,94
Polyurethane foam	24,20
Electricity	3,94
EoL	10,65



# The targeted technologies

AIDIC

## □ Manufacturing and testing of demonstrators



Demonstrator - topside ©NAVAL GROUP



Demonstrator - deck ©NAVAL GROUP



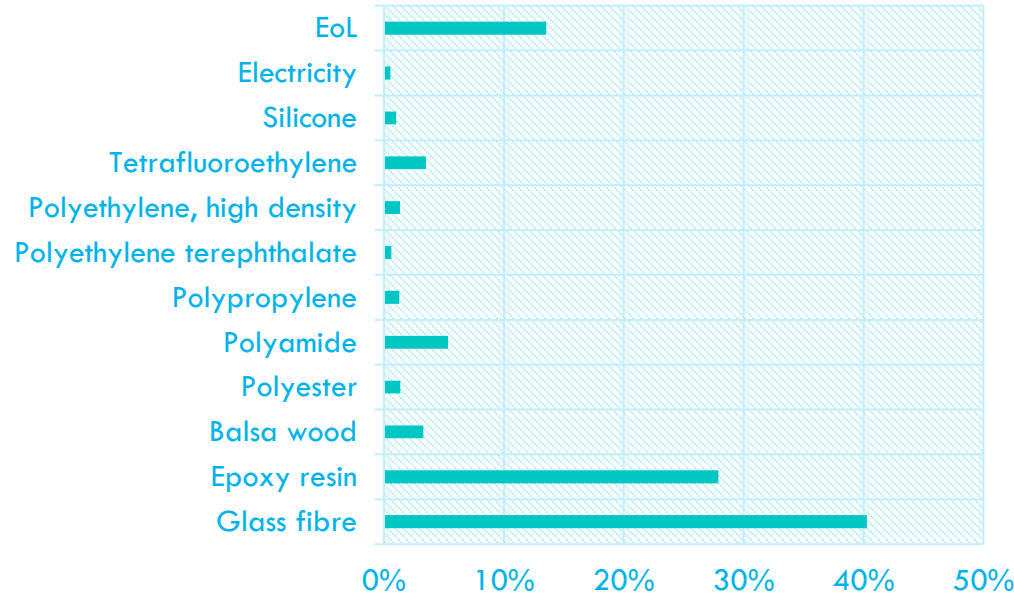
Demonstrator - deck ©NAVAL GROUP



Superstructure Frigate La Fayette (1980 - 1990)

# The targeted technologies

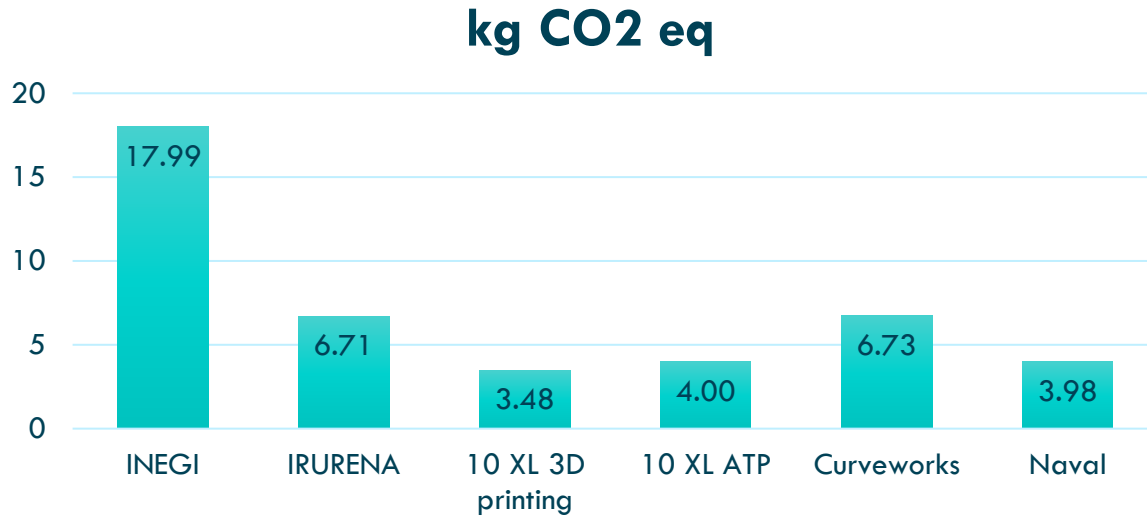
## GWP100 for Vacuum Infusion (NAVAL Group)



	%
Glass fibre	40,27
Epoxy resin	27,90
Balsa wood	3,29
Polyester	1,36
Polyamide	5,34
Polypropylene	1,28
Polyethylene terephthalate	0,62
Polyethylene, high density	1,33
Tetrafluoroethylene	3,51
Silicone	1,03
Electricity	0,54
EoL	13,53

# Results

Comparison of environmental loads produced by each FIBRE4YARDS technology in CO2 emission, kg eq, EoL included



kg CO2 eq.

INEGI	17,99
IRURENA	6,71
10 XL 3D printing	3,48
10 XL ATP	4,00
Curveworks	6,73
Naval	3,98



# Conclusions



- The work proposed by FIBRE4YARDS project aims **to redefine shipbuilding for small and medium shipyards.**
- With FIBRE4YARDS approach FRP ship construction **will become modular** and will increase its efficiency and quality.
- All technologies developed will be implemented in a new shipyard 4.0, which will be digitally interconnected with all suppliers and technology providers.

**Thank you for your attention!**



 <https://www.fibre4yards.eu/>

 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/fibre4yards/>

If not acknowledged, images courtesy of the consortium partners.

This presentation reflects only the consortium's view. The European Commission and the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) are not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains.



This project has received funding from European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement n° 101006860.

