

The Circular Economy (CE) and Solid Waste Management

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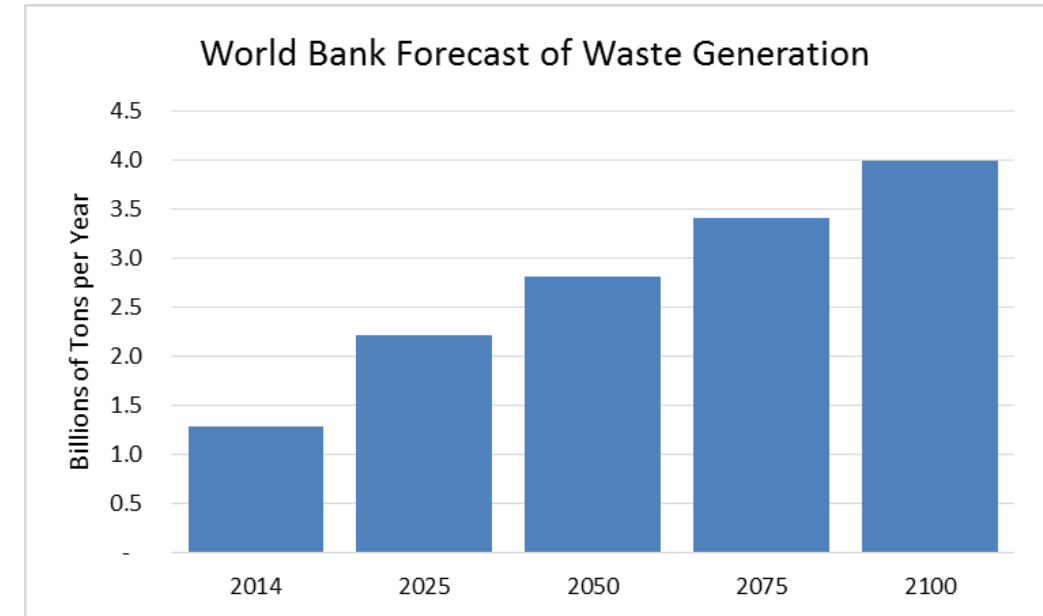
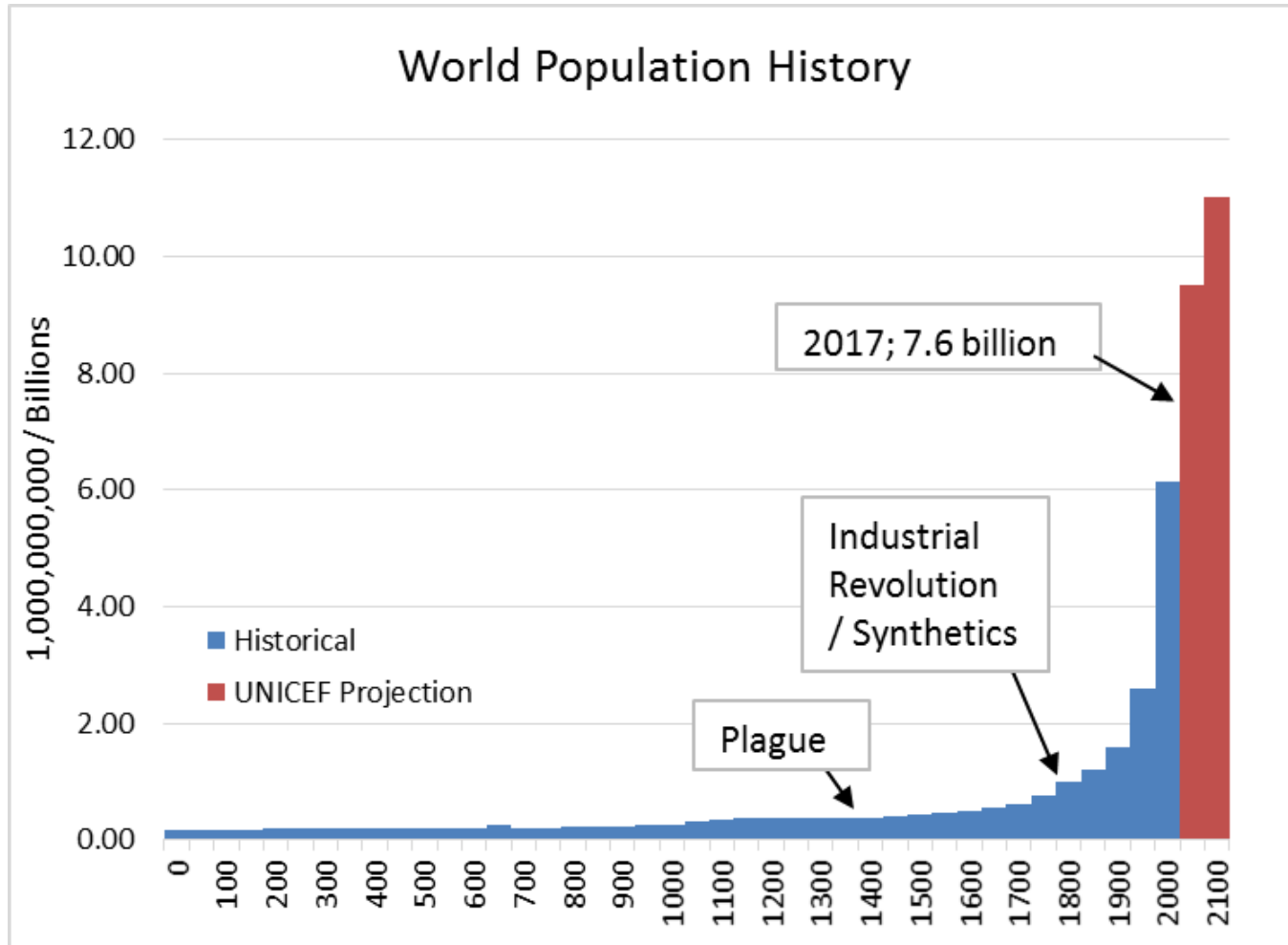
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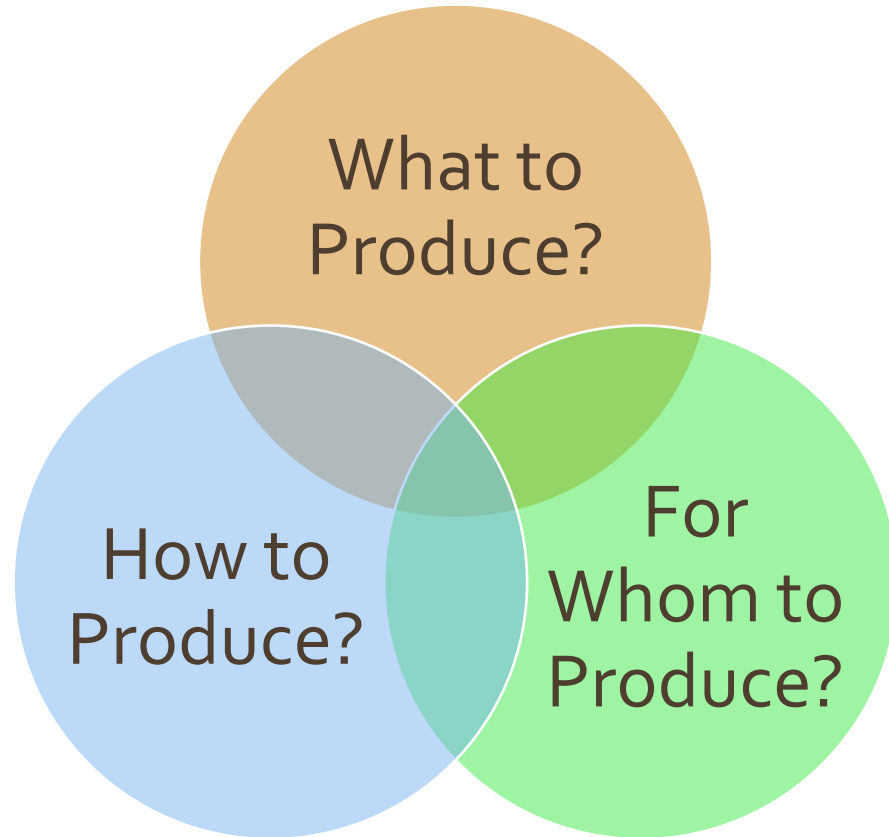
- Earthrise taken by Bill Anders Dec 24 1968 during Apollo 8
- Considered one of the most influential environmental photographs ever taken
- Nixon / Congress est. EPA in 1970, citing it is "literally now or never" referring to protecting environment
- Resources have limits, we live in a closed system and we are all connected

Sustainability in Question?



- US = 5% of the world's population but Utilizes about 25% of the Resources and Generates about 20% of Waste
- Is this sustainable / equitable?

What Do Economic Systems Do?



Types of Economic Systems

- Traditional System
- Market System
- Command System
- Mixed System

Market Economy Theory

- Prices based on supply and demand
- Efficient Allocation of Resources
- Perfect Markets Rarely Exist
 - E.g., Uncompensated Impacts to Others
 - Referred to as "Externality"
 - Need for Regulation

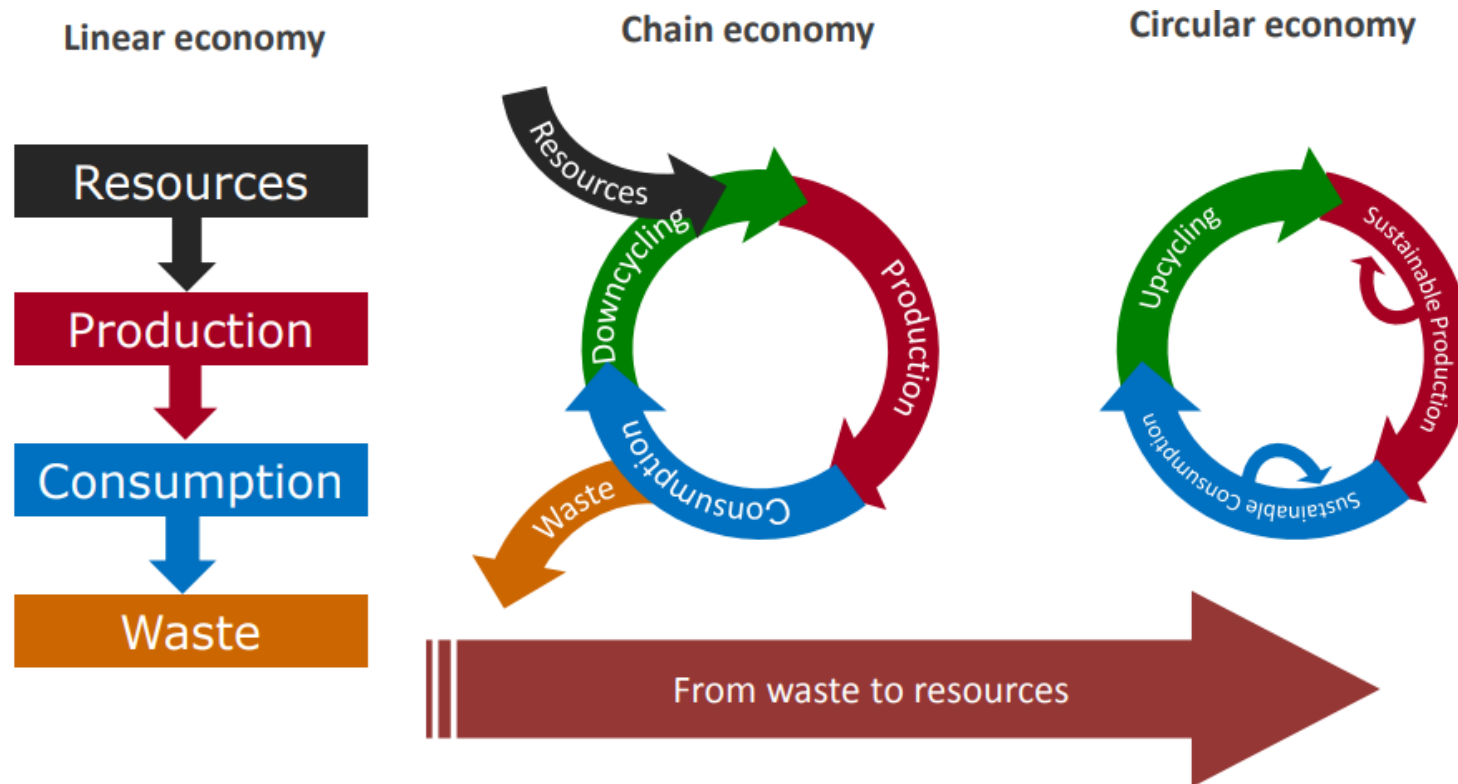
Our Current System of Consumption & Externalities

- Take → Make → Discard
 - Is Resource Intensive
- Pollution is an Example of a Negative Cost Externality of This System
- 2013 Report for Oregon DEQ by Dr. Jeffrey Morris Estimated that Cost at \$0.61 per bottle for lightweight PET bottles.
 - He Argues That The Market is Therefore Inefficient Because it doesn't Price in the Cost of Pollution to Others Around Us.
 - <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/mmexternalities.pdf>



Concept & Comparison of the Circular Economy

- Main focus of the Circular Economy is to Optimize the Value of Raw Materials and Minimize the Wasting of Materials
- Can be used as a means to promote Zero Waste concepts



Source: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/pdf/platform/3rd_meeting/francoise_bonnet_2.2.pdf

Circular Economy

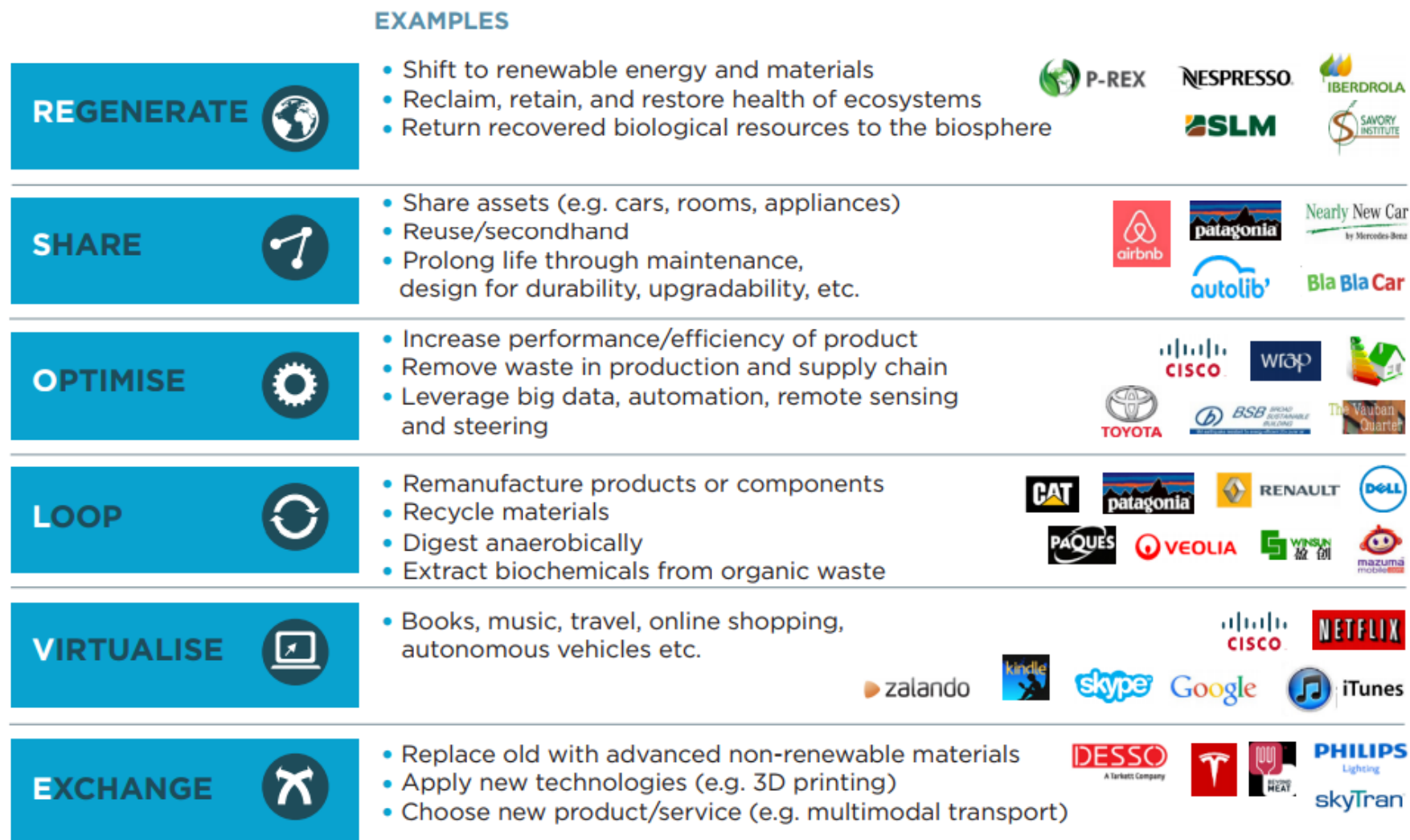
- Ellen MacArthur Foundation Funded 2015 Report prepared by McKinsey “Growth Within: A Circular Economy Vision for A Competitive Europe”
 - https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/assets/downloads/publications/ElleMacArthurFoundation_Growth-Within_July15.pdf
- Found that European Economy Is Wasteful in Spite of the Fact that Europe Must Import the Majority of Its Raw Materials (e.g., 60% of all fossil fuels and metals)
 - Europe Landfills or Incinerates 60% of materials, while 40% recycled
 - Europe lost 95 percent of the material and energy value, while material recycling and waste based energy recovery captured only 5 percent of the original raw material value.
 - Even recycling success stories like steel, PET, and paper lose 30–75 percent of the material value in the first use cycle. On average, Europe uses materials only once.
- Study Examined 3 human needs that together account for 60% of European household spend and 80% of resource use — mobility, food, and housing.

Circular Economy

FIGURE 10 THE RESOLVE FRAMEWORK

- Ellen MacArthur Foundation 2015 Report (continued)

- ReSOLVE Framework Explained



Source: Company interviews; Web search. S. Heck and M. Rogers, *Resource revolution: How to capture the biggest business opportunity in a century*, 2014.

Circular Economy

- Ellen MacArthur Foundation 2015 Report (continued)
- ReSOLVE Framework
 - Opportunities to Lower Total Cost of Ownership
 - Based on Technologies in Next 5-10 Years

FIGURE 12 **COST-REDUCTION POTENTIAL**

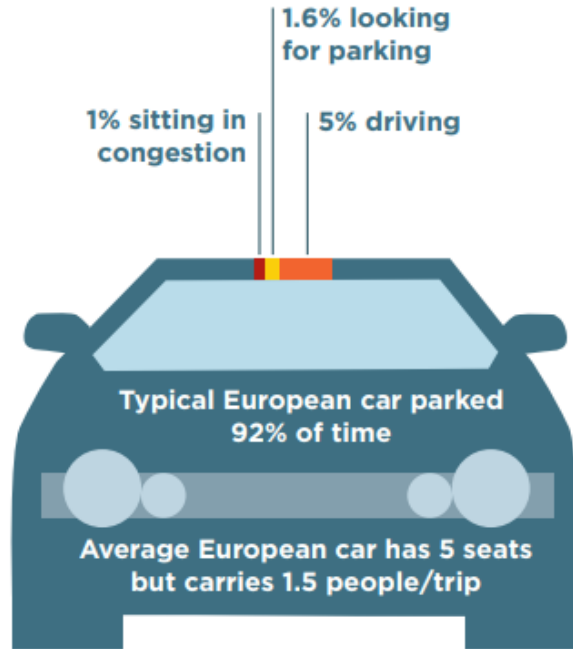
Total annual cash-out costs per household; EU average 2012, €, improvement potential for 2050¹



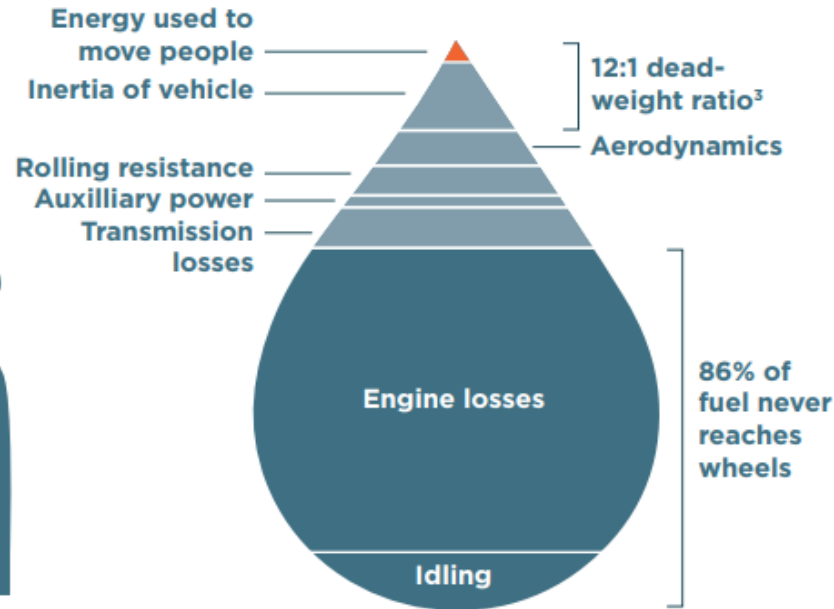
FIGURE 3 STRUCTURAL WASTE IN THE MOBILITY SYSTEM

● Productive use

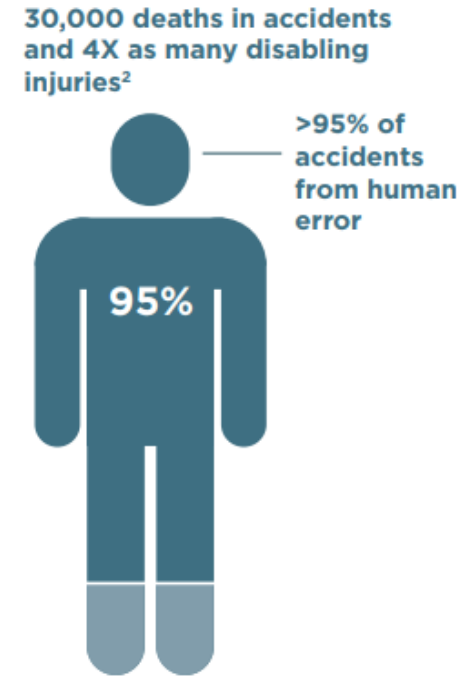
CAR UTILISATION¹



TANK-TO-WHEEL ENERGY FLOW - PETROL



DEATHS AND INJURIES/ YEAR ON ROAD



LAND UTILISATION: **5%** Road reaches peak throughput only 5% of time and only 10% covered with cars then **50%** 50% of most city land dedicated to streets and roads, parking, service stations, driveways, signals, and traffic signs

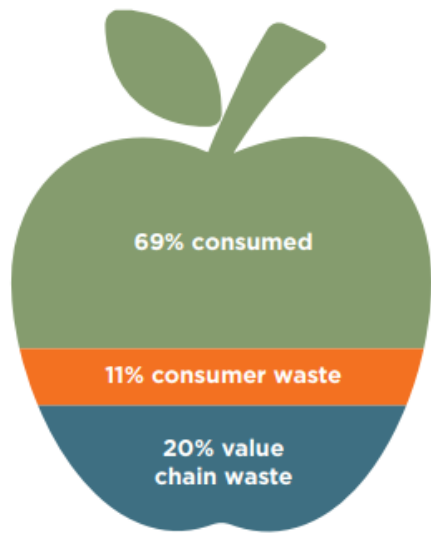
¹ Based on car parked number for France and productive vs. unproductive driving time in US. ² For every death on Europe's roads there are an estimated four permanently disabling injuries. ³ Based on average car weight of 1.4 tonnes and average occupation of 1.5 passengers of 75 kg.
Source: EU Commission mobility and transport, accident statistics; www.fueleconomy.gov; EEA car occupancy rates data; S. Heck and M. Rogers, *Resource revolution: How to capture the biggest business opportunity in a century*, 2014; Centre d'études sur les réseaux, les transports, l'urbanisme et les constructions publiques.

FIGURE 4 **STRUCTURAL WASTE IN THE FOOD SYSTEM**

● Productive use

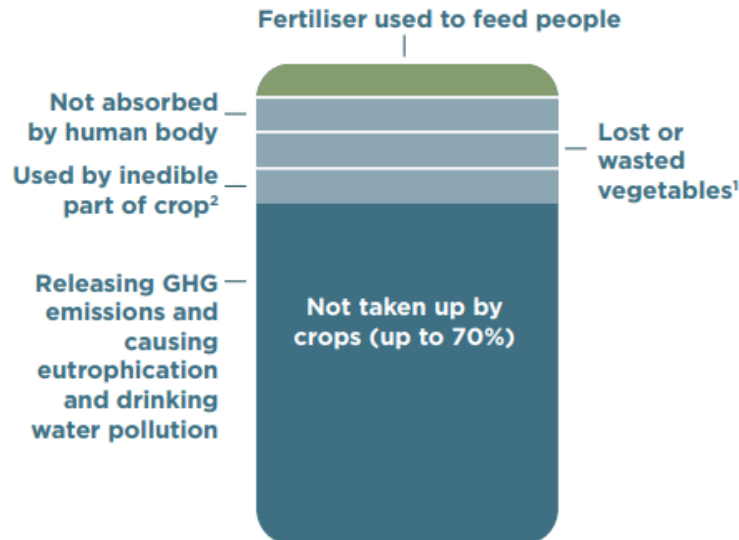
FOOD WASTE

31% of food produced is lost or wasted



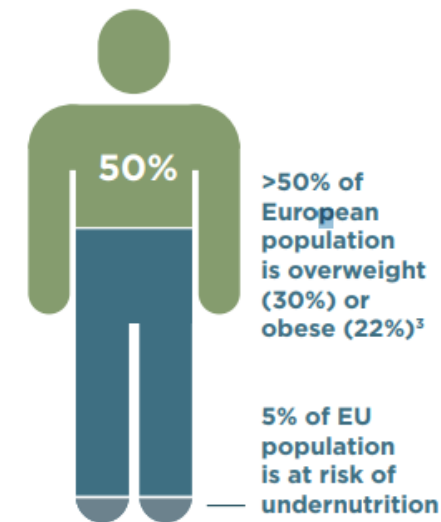
FERTILISER UTILISATION

95% of fertilisers do not provide nutrients to human body



MALNUTRITION DEATHS AND DISEASES

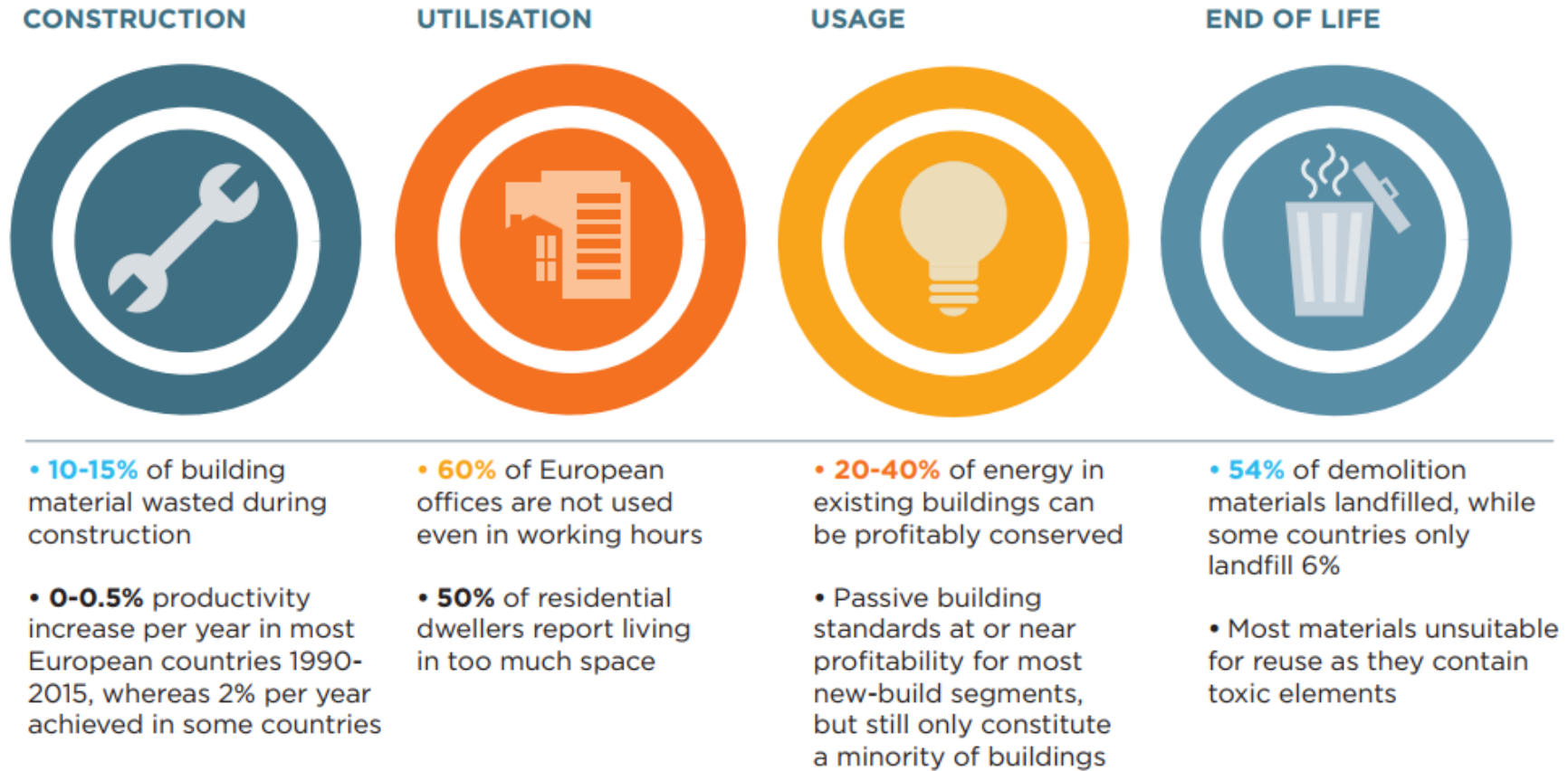
Obesity causes 5% of deaths



LAND DEGRADATION: 30-85% -30-85% of European agricultural land is affected by soil degradation (range depending on definition and data set used)

1 In Europe -46% of edible mass of fruit and vegetables is lost or wasted (FAO, Global food losses and food waste, 2011).
 2 On average 23% of vegetable crops are not edible (peels, leaves, etc.). 3 BMI >25 (overweight) or >30 (obese).
 Source: FAO, *Global food losses and food waste - Extent, Causes and Prevention*, 2011; MGI, *Overcoming obesity: An initial economic analysis*, 2014; WHO website obesity data; EEA, *Towards efficient use of water resources in Europe*, 2012; IFDC; Olle Ljungqvist and Frank de Man, *Under-nutrition - a major health problem in Europe*, 2009; Holly Gibbs and Meghan Salmon, *Mapping the world's degraded lands*, 2015.

FIGURE 5 STRUCTURAL WASTE IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

**URBAN PLANNING:**

- **50%** of most city land dedicated to infrastructure
- **11 million households** experience severe housing deprivation
- **Congestion cost 2%** of GDP in many cities

Source: Norm Miller, *Workplace Trends in Office Space: Implications for Future Office Demand*, University of San Diego, 2014; GSA Office of Governmentwide Policy, *Workspace Utilization and Allocation Benchmark*, 2011; Flexibility.co.uk, *Shrinking the office*; IEA Statistics © OECD/IEA (<http://www.iea.org/stats/index.asp>) Energy Statistics and Balances of Non-OECD Countries, Energy Statistics of OECD Countries, and United Nations, *Energy Statistics Yearbook*; European Commission, *Service contract on management of construction and demolition waste*, 2011.

- Ellen MacArthur Foundation 2015 Report (continued)

- Cradle to Cradle
 - Tech & Bio Cycles

FIGURE 8 OUTLINE OF A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

PRINCIPLE

1

Preserve and enhance natural capital by controlling finite stocks and balancing renewable resource flows
 ReSOLVE levels: regenerate, virtualise, exchange



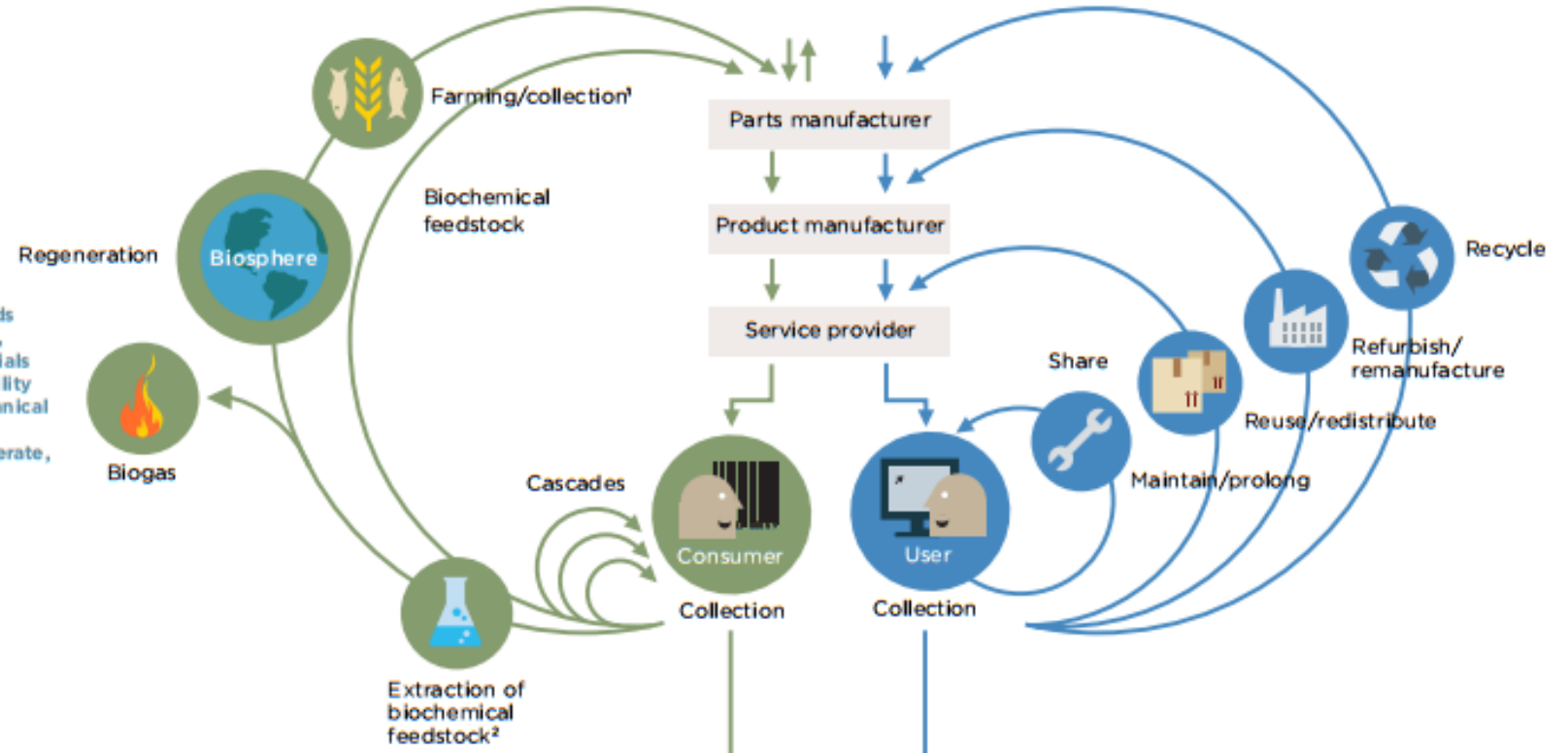
Renewables flow management

Stock management

PRINCIPLE

2

Optimise resource yields by circulating products, components and materials in use at the highest utility at all times in both technical and biological cycles
 ReSOLVE levels: regenerate, share, optimise, loop



PRINCIPLE

3

Foster system effectiveness by revealing and designing out negative externalities
 All ReSOLVE levels

Minimise systematic leakage and negative externalities

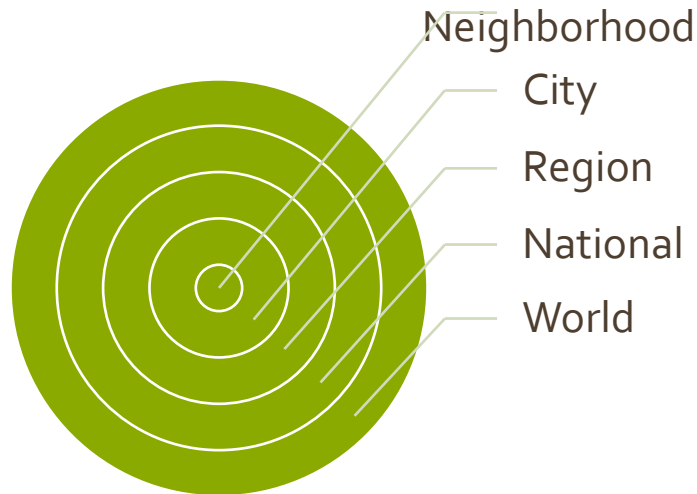
1. Hunting and fishing
 2. Can take both post-harvest and post-consumer waste as an input
 Source: Ellen MacArthur Foundation, SUN, and McKinsey Center for Business and Environment; Drawing from Braungart & McDonough

Circular Economy / Change in the Business Model

- What if we didn't own a product but just paid for the service?
 - Performance Based Economy => focus on service
 - Concept similar to buying a seat on a plane
 - "Turn Too" => Product as a Service
 - Philips sells lighting not the bulb or electricity
 - Lease a Jeans (www.mudjeans.eu) Lease a Suit (www.Dutchspirit.com)
- Buildings as Material Banks (BAMB)
 - 15 partners from 7 European countries are working together with one mission – enabling a systemic shift in the building sector by creating circular solutions.
 - BAMB will enable a systemic shift where dynamically and flexibly designed buildings can be incorporated into a circular economy.
 - The project is developing and integrating tools that will enable the shift: Materials Passports and Reversible Building Design – supported by new business models, policy propositions and management and decision-making models
- Or what if we owned and leased back to the public like our cars?
 - TURO App Allows you to Rent a Car or List a Car

CE and the Link to Solid Waste Management (SWM)

- SWM = Sustainable Materials Management (SMM)
- Plays Important Role in Supporting & Transitioning to the CE
- More Municipalities and Companies Adopting Zero Waste Goals
- SMM Role in CE can be to Support Increasing Diversion & Recycling
 - Cleaner Material / Consumer Education
 - Need for Domestic Markets
 - Prioritize Local First
 - Organics / Composting
 - C&D Recovery
 - Beneficial Ash Reuse
- Support Education
- Support Research





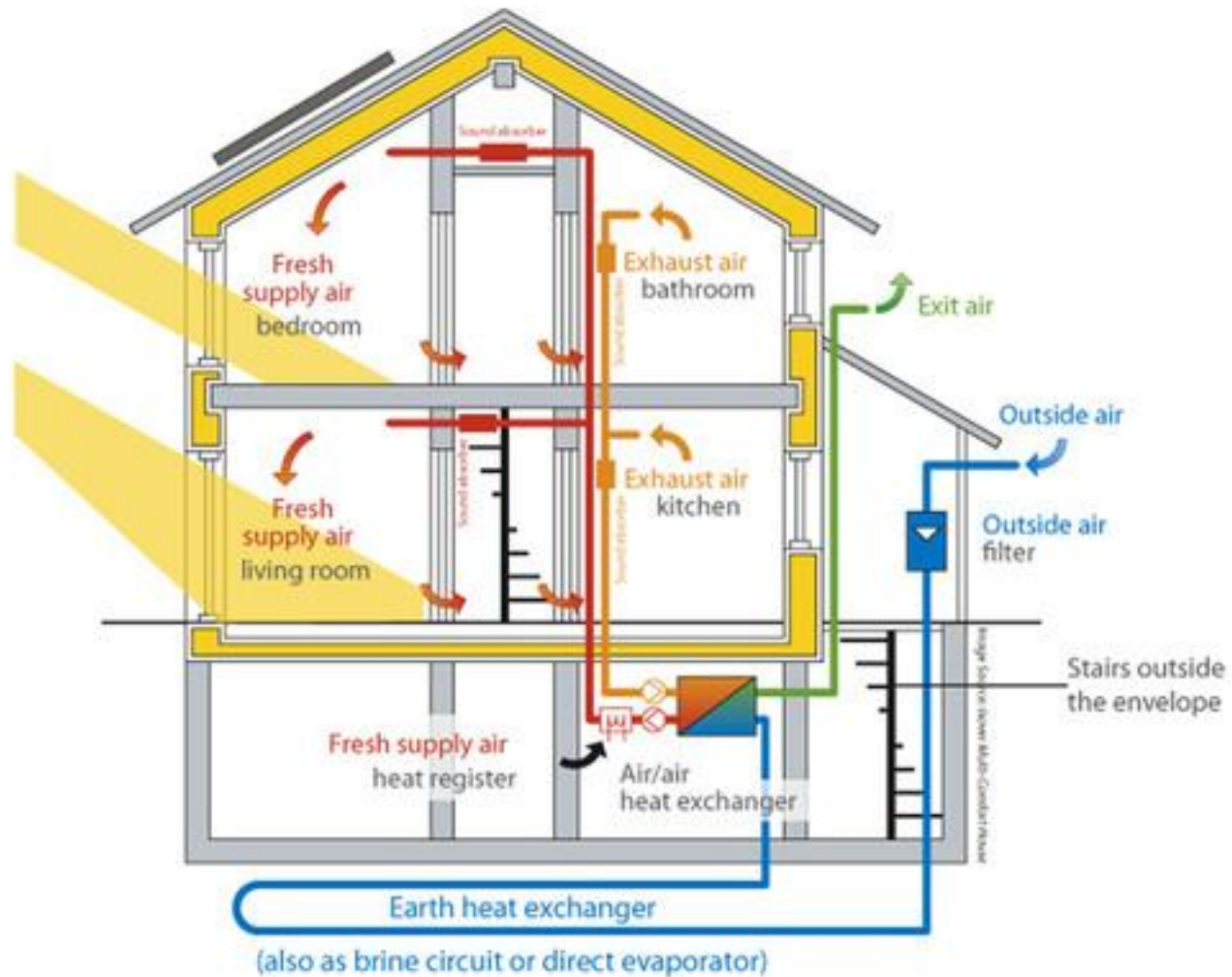
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PASSIVE HOUSE BASICS



Circular Economy / Change in the Business Model

- Price in full cost, including externalities
- Requires Public and Political Support to Change Policy to Support Transition
- Public Policy Has a Big Impact
 - CHINA adopted CE Goals in 2002; Developed in a Number of PILOT Areas