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What still needs to be done

- Contribute to the main points raised by the reviewers of the first draft (see below).
- Add more references, especially for the targets, regulations, and projections.
- Waste stream groups to check the sections related to their waste streams.
- Add more figures and tables.
- FORMATTING
 - Add logos, headers and and footers to chapter pages
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Main points for discussion

- How to transfer general targets?
general CRM/SRM ? \implies ? waste streams ? \implies ? product groups

We would need a set of constraints for each of the recovery flows and processes, as well as the individual waste flows (by code) in each WS, to backcast this.

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- 29 • Consideration of possible future resource constraints in the scenarios.
- 30 *We suggest covering this in sensitivity analysis and multi-objective-optimisation.*
- 31 • Economic considerations (prices, subsidies, PPP vs. GPD etc.).
- 32 • Geopolitical Considerations (supply risk, trade, etc.).
- 33 • Scenarios relationship with the United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC).
- 34 • E-mobility.
- 35 *Do we hold it level across the scenarios, as planned? Or, do we make changes, since the 'Au-*
- 36 *tolobby' & 'Deutschland GmBh.' have recently killed the ICE ban...*

37 Some quick links to the WIP chapters and appendices

- 38 • Quantification: chapter 4
- 39 • Appendices: chapter 6



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III. PREFACE

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The FutuRaM project aims to quantify the current and future availability of secondary raw materials (SRM), focusing on critical raw materials (CRMs) [1]. This study is concerned with six waste streams in the EU member states, as well as Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom (EU27+4). In this report, the EU27+4 will henceforth be referred to as the EU, unless specified otherwise.

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THE WASTE STREAMS COVERED IN FUTURAM ARE:

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Waste batteries (BAT)

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Construction and demolition waste (CDW)

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End-of-life vehicles (ELV)

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Mining waste (MIN)

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Slags and ashes (SLASH)

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Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

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Work package two (WP2) is conducting foresight studies for materials that are either classified as critical to the EU economy or are significant due to factors such as their large volumes, commercial importance, and environmental impacts [1, 2, 3, 4]. WP2 is tasked with developing a set of coherent scenarios for material use and waste/recovery over time across various sectors in the EU. This report describes the three distinct scenarios and the process by which they were developed.

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THE THREE SCENARIOS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN FUTURAM ARE:

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I. Business-as-usual (BAU)

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II. Recovery (REC)

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III. Circularity (CIR)

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170 This report presents the first phase of the scenario development process — the storyline narrative phase.
171 Three distinct future scenarios have been drafted up to the year 2050: Business as Usual, Recovery,
172 and Circularity. These scenarios are designed to be internally consistent and provide an overview of the
173 potential future landscape of waste management and SRM recovery within the EU.

174 The scenario development process employs a methodology that integrates both forecasting and
175 backcasting techniques to build a comprehensive, future-facing knowledge base that can aid fact-based
176 decision-making [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11].

177 In the next phases of scenario development, future product composition and recovery technology
178 will be assessed, scenario elements will be quantified, and all data will be integrated with the quantitative
179 models for waste generation and SRM recovery.

180 The FutuRaM project aims to offer a nuanced understanding of the potential future waste manage-
181 ment and resource recovery landscape within the EU. This approach provides insights into key drivers,
182 uncertainties, and the possible impacts of policy and technological advancements. Additionally, by align-
183 ing SRM recovery efforts with the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) [12],
184 the project aims to facilitate the commercial exploitation of SRMs and CRMs by manufacturers, recyclers,
185 and investors. With the comprehensive knowledge base that we are developing, FutuRaM aims to
186 support informed decision-making by policymakers and government, as well as industry and community
187 stakeholders.

188 FUTURAM'S THREE FUTURE SCENARIOS



191 Scenario I: Business-as-usual (BAU)

192 The BAU scenario extrapolates current trends into the future with limited change. Using forecasting
193 techniques, it projects a potential future where there are minor advancements in resource efficiency,
194 recovery technology, and the energy transition, but primary extraction of raw materials remains the
195 dominant practice.

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Scenario II: Recovery (REC)

The Recovery scenario imagines a future leveraging advanced technology to significantly enhance SRM recovery from waste streams. It outlines a future where the EU successfully meets its recycling and recovery targets through an effective waste management system and circular design principles [13, 14]. This scenario sees an increased recovery rate of SRMs, extensive use of digitalisation and automation in recycling processes, and new or strengthened waste regulations in line with EU targets.

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Scenario III: Circularity (CIR)

The Circularity scenario captures the ideal of a fully realised circular economy, going beyond end-of-life recovery to minimise waste at every production and consumption stage. It predicts a future where the EU's targets for recycling, recovery, and circularity are met through extensive stakeholder collaboration, new business models, and increased use of renewable energy and circular economy technologies [15, 16, 17].

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VIII. OVERVIEW OF THE SCENARIO STORYLINES

213 Scenario I: Business-as-usual (BAU)



215 See section 3.1 for the full scenario description and waste-stream-specific scenario impact narratives.

216 This scenario envisions the future based on the current situation, extending to 2050 with very little
217 deviation from present consumption patterns and without substantial development of the secondary
218 raw material (SRM) recovery system. While there may be advances in some areas such as resource
219 efficiency, recovery technology, and the energy transition, substantial modifications remain hindered by
220 economic, social, and political constraints. The extraction of primary raw materials continues to be the
221 predominant source utilised to satisfy the EU's growing SRM demand.

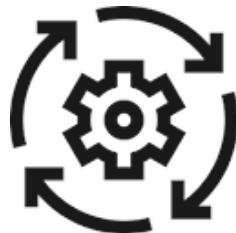
222 In the Business as usual (linear economy) scenario, the following are key characteristics:

- 223 • A forecasting model is used to predict the future based on the current situation and the
224 development of existing trends.
- 225 • EU targets including those for eco-design, recycling and recovery are not met, and the
226 current linear model largely persists.
- 227 • Material demand remains coupled with economic growth, perpetuating a trend of increasing
228 consumption.
- 229 • Primary mining and extraction persist as the leading sources of raw materials, underlining
230 the dependency on traditional extraction methods.
- 231 • Recycling and recovery rates continue to lag, leading to increased production of SRM-
232 containing waste that signals missed opportunities for resource reuse.
- 233 • The EU's dependency on imports of SRMs escalates, heightening the risk of supply disrup-
234 tions [18].
- 235 • Investment in new SRM recovery technologies remains minimal, stifling innovation and
236 advancements in this field.
- 237 • The industrial focus remains on cost-effective material production and use, disregarding the
238 long-term sustainability aspect.
- 239 • Material scarcity and price fluctuations pose potential risks to the EU industry, highlighting
240 the vulnerability of this business model [19].
- 241 • Without any significant updates to environmental regulations, the negative impacts on
242 ecosystems and biodiversity intensify.

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- Mining activity in the EU remains limited and concentrated in only a few member states. Current exploration projects (e.g., for Lithium in PT, FR, UK and rare earths in SE) are not realised.
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- The transitions to renewable energy and e-mobility continue at their current pace.
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Scenario II: Recovery (BAU)



250 See section 3.2 for the full scenario description and the waste-stream-specific scenario impact
251 narratives.

252 In the recovery scenario, the central emphasis is on harnessing sophisticated technologies to salvage
253 SRMs from waste streams at the end of their lifecycle. While there are noticeable strides towards the
254 incorporation of 'circular design' principles and re-X strategies (which focus on reducing, reusing, recycling,
255 repairing, and refurbishing), material demand increases similarly to the BAU scenario. This is, however,
256 mitigated to some extent by the implementation of a comprehensive material recovery system.

257 **Key features of this technology-promoted recovery scenario include:**

- 258
- This scenario uses a combination of forecasting and backcasting methods to envision the
259 future.

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 - The backcasting method is used for scenario factors that are covered by governmental
261 targets, starting with the desired outcome and working backwards to the present.

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 - The forecasting method is used for scenario factors that are not covered by governmental
263 targets, starting with the current situation and extending to the future.

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 - EU targets for recycling and recovery are met, due to the EU's waste management system
265 becoming more expansive, efficient and effective.

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 - Technological innovation drives increased recovery rates of SRMs, enabling the more effi-
267 cient use of waste.

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 - Digitalisation and automation are more extensively used in recycling processes, leading to
269 enhanced productivity and efficiency.

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 - Business models like leasing and take-back schemes emerge, altering traditional consump-
271 tion patterns (here, the focus is on take-back for recycling).

- 272 • Ecodesign mandates are implemented, again, here, with a focus on end-of-life recovery.
- 273 • There is greater exploration and exploitation of alternative sources such as urban mining,
- 274 waste streams, and tailings, presenting novel opportunities for resource acquisition.
- 275 • New waste regulations and guidelines for SRM recovery are implemented, enforcing better
- 276 management and extraction of SRMs.
- 277 • Investment in research and development for SRM recovery technologies experiences an
- 278 upswing, promoting continuous innovation in this field.
- 279 • Closer collaboration and information sharing between industry and government institu-
- 280 tions (e.g., waste tracking and digital product passports) streamline processes and expedite
- 281 decision-making.
- 282 • New jobs are created in the recycling and recovery sector, offering economic benefits and
- 283 improving overall employment rates.
- 284 • SRM production and use become more efficient and cost-effective, fostering economic sus-
- 285 tainability.

286 Scenario III: Circularity



289 See section 3.3 for the full scenario description and the waste-stream-specific scenario impact

290 narratives.

291 In this scenario, we move in the direction of the maximum achievable state of material efficiency

292 as government policy, private innovation and social changes are rapidly driving the transition toward a

293 circular economy. The emphasis here rests heavily on re-X strategies that are implemented in the design

294 phase of products (e.g., repairability and re-manufacturability) and that are actualised by changes in

295 consumer behaviour (e.g. reduction, refusal, engagement in the 'sharing economy' and curtailment of the

296 'throw-away' mindset).

297 Further, being enabled by the widespread adoption of 'circular design' principles and improvements in

298 information transparency (e.g., waste tracking and digital product passports) the system for the treatment

299 of post-consumer waste can divert a significant amount of their inflows (to, for example, re-use and re-

300 manufacture) with the residual fraction being readily segregated into purer, more efficiently recoverable,

301 material streams.

This scenario envisions a future where government policies are in synergy with private sector innovation and societal changes, driving a wholesale transition towards a circular economy. Unlike the recovery scenario, where the focus is on the end-of-life recovery of materials, this scenario emphasises minimising waste at all stages, starting from the design phase itself.

The circular economy scenario is characterised by the following:

- This scenario uses a combination of forecasting and backcasting methods to envision the future.
- The backcasting method is used for scenario factors that are covered by governmental targets, starting with the desired outcome and working backwards to the present.
- The forecasting method is used for scenario factors that are not covered by governmental targets, starting with the current situation and extending to the future.
- EU targets for recycling and recovery are met, as are those for circularity, due to advances in waste management, ecodesign and re-X strategies.
- A circular economy is implemented, prioritising waste reduction, resource efficiency, and a shift from the ‘take-make-dispose’ model.
- A notable increase in SRM recycling and recovery rates, indicating an efficient use of resources.
- A larger emphasis on designing products for reuse and recycling, making waste a valuable resource rather than a problem.
- More extensive use of renewable energy and clean technologies in SRM production and use, supporting a low-carbon economy.
- Collaboration between stakeholders — including industry, government, and consumers — improves, enhancing the implementation of circular practices.
- New business models like leasing and take-back schemes emerge, altering traditional consumption patterns [20].
- Digitalisation and data use are heightened to improve efficiency and traceability, aiding in effective resource management.
- Investment in research and development for circular economy technologies increases, driving innovation and adoption.
- Awareness and education around sustainable consumption and production practices are amplified, leading to behavioural changes in society.
- Reliance on imports decreases, suggesting greater self-sufficiency and sustainability.
- The creation of new jobs within the recycling, recovery and re-X sectors boosts the economy and alleviates social inequality.
- Stricter waste regulations and product design guidelines are introduced, accelerating the transition towards circularity.

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IX. ABBREVIATIONS

Table 1.2: List of abbreviations

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
AI	Artificial Intelligence
BAU	Business as Usual
BATT	Waste Batteries
BRGM	French Geological Survey (Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières)
CDW	Construction and Demolition Waste
CE	Circular Economy
CRM	Critical Raw Material
CU	Chalmers University
EEE	Electrical and Electronic Equipment
ELV	End-of-Life Vehicles
Empa	Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology
EoL	End-of-Life
EoU	End-of-Use
EoW	End-of-Waste
EU	European Union
EU27+4	EU + Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom
EPR	Extended Producer Responsibility
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GTK	Geological Survey of Finland
LCA	Life Cycle Assessment
LCC	Life Cycle Cost Assessment
LMU	Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
LU	Leiden University
MIN	Mining Waste
R&D	Research and Development
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals
RECHARGE	EU rechargeable battery industry association

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ACRONYM	DEFINITION
SGU	Geological Survey of Sweden
SLASH	Slags and Ashes
S-LCA	Social Life Cycle Assessment
SLCA	Sustainability Life Cycle Assessment
SRM	Secondary Raw Material
TRL	Technology Readiness Level
TUB	Technische Universität Berlin
UCL	University College London
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNFC	United Nations Framework Classification for Resources
VITO	Flemish Institute for Technological Research
WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
WEEE Forum	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Forum
WFD	Waste Framework Directive

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X. TERMINOLOGY (ABBREVIATED)

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The following table provides an abbreviated list of terminology used in this report.

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See section 6.1 for a complete list.

Table 1.3: List of terminology (abbreviated)

TERM	DEFINITION
Backcasting	A method for predicting future trends based on a desired future state.
Business-as-usual	A scenario that assumes no significant changes in current trends and policies.
Circular economy	An economic system that prioritises waste reduction and resource efficiency.
Critical Raw Material	A raw material that is economically and strategically important to the EU, but with a high risk of supply disruption.
Forecasting	A method for predicting future trends based on historical data.
Recovery	The process of recovering SRMs from waste streams.
Re-X	A general term for circular strategies such as reuse, repair, refurbishment, remanufacturing and recycling.
Scenario	A plausible and coherent description of how the future may develop based on a set of assumptions.
Secondary Raw Material	A material that has been recovered from waste and can be used as a substitute for a primary raw material.
Storyline	A qualitative description of a scenario, including the key drivers, actors and events.

XI. DESCRIPTION OF FUTURAM WORK PACKAGE TASK 2.1

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XI.1. Associated milestones

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Table 1.4: WP2.1 – Milestone list

M#	MILESTONE NAME	WP	DUE DATE	RESP. PARTNER	MEANS OF VERIFICATION
MS11	Mapping of published scenarios and Storyline/scenario description	2	Dec. 2023	ULEI	Datasets on available scenarios are fed into D1.1 and qualitative descriptions of 3 futures for the six waste streams are circulated

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XI.2. Associated subtasks

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Table 1.5: WP2.1 – Subtask list

WP	TASK	SUB-TASK	NAME	WS	DESCRIPTION	START	END	PARTNERS	STATUS
2	2.1	2.1	Scenario mapping	Cross-cutting	Map various studies from the academic, policy, and grey literature for future scenarios and assess the applicability within FutuRaM	M01	M05	WEEE Forum, UNITAR, BRGM, CU, GTK, LMU, RECHARGE, SGU, TUB, LU, VITO, Empa, UCL	✓
2	2.1	2.2	Scenario methods	Cross-cutting	Compile various methodologies for scenario development and assess their applicability for developing scenarios on material recovery and circular economy for Europe	M02	M05	WEEE Forum, UNITAR, BRGM, CU, GTK, LMU, RECHARGE, SGU, TUB, LU, VITO, Empa, UCL	✓
2	2.1	2.3	Scenario storylines	Cross-cutting	Flesh out the storylines of the 3 main scenarios	M05	M08	UNITAR, CU, TUB, LU	✓
2	2.1	2.4	Qualitative scenario development	Cross-cutting	Use the chosen methods and qualitative methods to develop the three main scenarios to be used in FutuRaM (e.g. BAU, increased material recovery, and full circular economy)	M07	M11	UNITAR, CU, SGU, LU, VITO, UCL	✓(V2)

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367 **2.1. THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR**

368 **SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT**

369 The conceptual framework for scenario development is based on the following principles.

370 **The scenarios should:**

- 371 • Be based on the best available scientific knowledge and data.
- 372 • Provide a coherent and consistent picture of possible futures.
- 373 • Provide decision makers with knowledge related to the possible consequences of their decisions.
- 375 • Consider a range of plausible future outcomes, accounting for uncertainties and alternative trajectories.
- 376 • Be developed in a participatory and collaborative manner, involving relevant stakeholders and experts.
- 379 • Be transparent and well-documented, allowing for replication and further analysis (e.g., publication in peer-reviewed journals and open-access repositories).
- 380 • Be flexible and adaptable, allowing for updates and adjustments as new information becomes available.
- 383 • Consider the interconnections and interactions between different sectors, waste streams, and policy domains.
- 386 • Take into account the broader societal, economic, and environmental context in which the waste streams operate.
- 388 • Incorporate a long-term perspective, considering the potential impacts and implications over several decades.
- 390 • Capture both quantitative and qualitative aspects, integrating data-driven modelling with qualitative narratives and storylines.
- 392 • Be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect evolving knowledge, technological advancements, and policy developments.
- 393 • Be used as a tool for learning and exploration, encouraging dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders.
- 395 • Inform policy and decision-making processes, providing insights into the potential consequences of different choices and interventions.
- 396 • Be communicated effectively to a wide range of audiences, ensuring accessibility and clarity of information.
- 397 • Contribute to the advancement of knowledge and understanding in the field of waste management, resource recovery, and circular economy.

401 By adhering to these principles, the FutuRaM project aims to develop robust, informative, and policy-
402 relevant scenarios that support sustainable decision-making and contribute to the transition towards a
403 more circular and resource-efficient economy.

2.2. SCENARIO STORYLINE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Building scenarios involves several steps and various methodologies, these will differ depending on the specific context and objectives of the exercise [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23, 24].

The following section provides an overview of the scenario development process used in FutRaM. Figure 2.1 provides a visual representation of the process.

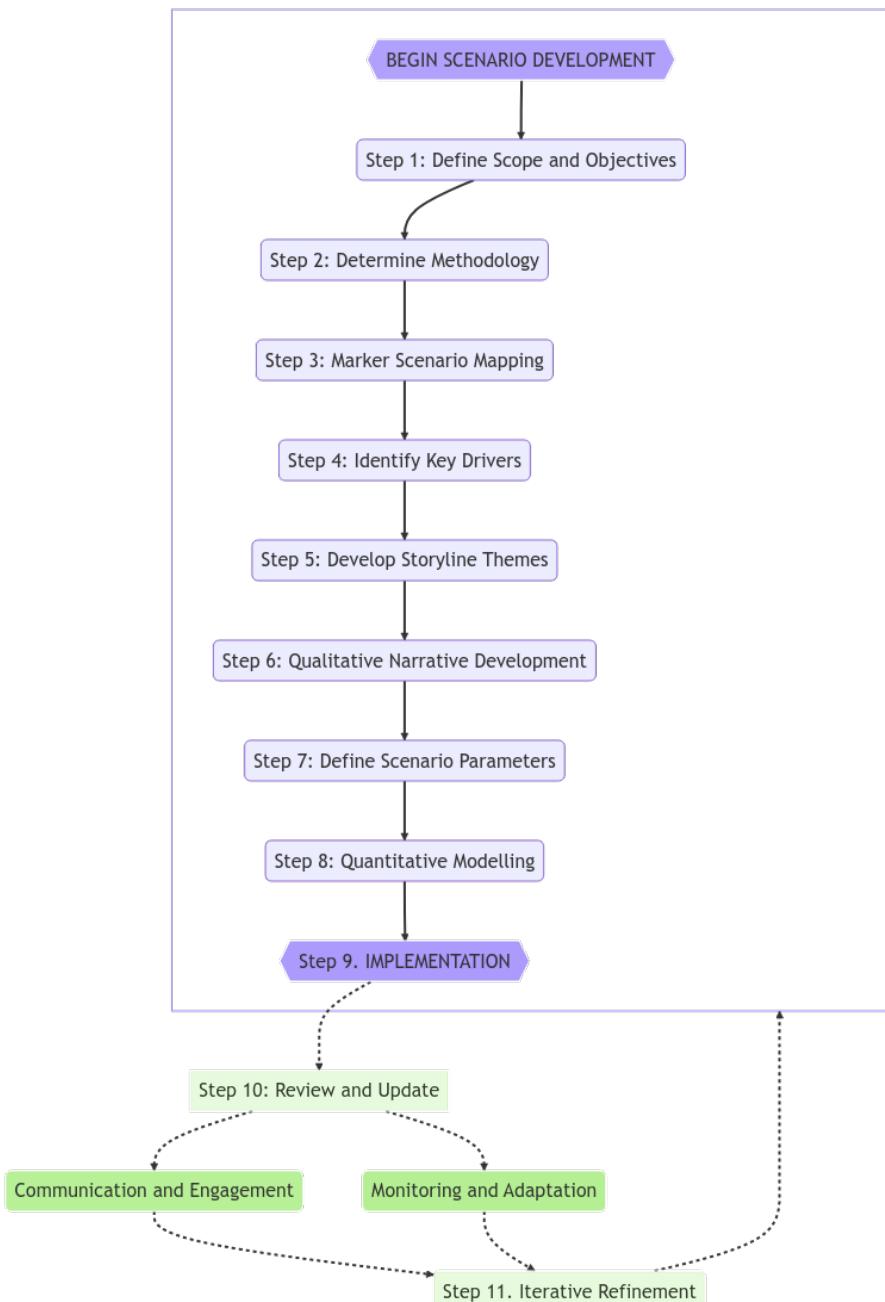


Figure 2.1: Scenario storyline development process

409 2.2.1. Step 1: Define the scope and objectives

410 Scope and objectives of the scenario development process

411 The scope and objectives of the scenario development process are defined in the context of the
412 overall aim, scope, and objectives of the FutuRaM project.

413 Aim of FutuRaM:

415 FutuRaM will develop the Secondary Raw Materials knowledge base on the availability and recover-
416 ability of secondary raw materials (SRMs) within the European Union (EU), with a special focus on critical
417 raw materials (CRMs). The project research will enable fact-based decision-making for the recovery and
418 use of SRMs within and outside the EU, and disseminate the data generated via an accessible knowledge
419 base developed in the project.

420 Scope of FutuRaM:

422 FutuRaM will establish a methodology, reporting structure, and guidance to improve the raw materials
423 knowledge base up to 2050. FutuRaM will focus on six waste streams: batteries; electrical and electronic
424 equipment; vehicles; mining; slags and ashes; and construction and demolition.

425 It will integrate SRM and CRM data to model their current stocks and flows and consider economic,
426 technological, geopolitical, regulatory, social and environmental factors to further develop, demon-
427 strate and align SRM recovery projects with the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources
428 (UNFC) [12].

429 This will enable the commercial exploitation of SRMs and CRMs by manufacturers, recyclers, and
430 investors, and the knowledge base developed in the project will support policymakers and governmental
431 authorities.

432 Selected objectives of the FutuRaM project in general are presented in Table 2.1.

433 WP2 – scope definition:

434 Given this context, the scope of the scenario development process is to develop
435 a set of plausible scenarios that explore the future of waste management, resource
436 recovery, and circular economy in the EU.

437 The scenarios will be used to identify key drivers and uncertainties that will influence
438 the future of waste management and resource recovery. The scenarios will also be used
439 to evaluate the potential impacts of different policy interventions and technological
440 advancements.

441 Thematic scope

Table 2.1: Selected objectives of the FutuRaM project

NEED	ACTION
A successful transition to a climate-neutral, circular and digitised EU economy relies heavily on a secure supply of raw materials.	FutuRaM will quantify the future availability of SRMs for three future scenarios for the EU material economy. Forecast material demand, SRM supply for each scenario, and raw material imports to evaluate EU material autonomy.
Presently, several socioeconomic scenarios have been developed at national, EU, and/or global scales to assess the energy and mobility transition. Still lacking are specific scenarios for the SRM and CRM recovery systems	FutuRaM will develop stock-flow models for six waste streams based on holistic scenarios to map current and future material use in the economy of the EU-27 plus Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and United Kingdom. FutuRaM will extend existing model approaches by a set of distinct scenarios which cover circular economy, high SRMs recoverability, and business as usual.

The scenarios will be centred on the six waste streams of FutuRaM: WEEE, ELV, BAT, CDW, MIN, and SLASH. Additionally, consideration will be given to sectors and policy domains that are relevant to these waste streams and the general context of the system. These include manufacturing, energy, and transportation, as well as policies related to the environment, the economy, society, technology, and geopolitics.

Geographic scope

The scenarios will be developed for the EU-27 plus Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom (EU27+4). The scenarios will consider the current and future waste management practices and resource recovery technologies in these countries.

Additionally, the scenarios will consider the current and future policies and targets related to waste management and resource efficiency in these countries. To some extent, the scenarios will also consider the current and future trade relationships between these countries and other countries around the world.

Temporal scope

The scenarios will be developed for the time horizon of 2025–2050. This time horizon is aligned with the long-term targets of the EU, including the EU Green Deal, the EU Circular Economy Action Plan, and the EU Industrial Strategy.

The discrete stages in the forecasts are planned to be: 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045 and 2050.

The temporal resolution of the scenarios will be determined during the quantification

phase of the scenario development process.

While it is possible to develop scenarios with a high (or even continuous) temporal resolution, that of these scenarios will be determined based on the availability and quality of data. It is important to acknowledge that providing too high a temporal resolution may lead to a false sense of accuracy and precision.

Furthermore, the scenarios will be developed with the understanding that the further into the future we look, the more uncertain the predictions become [spaniol2017scenarios, kahn1967scenarios, 8].

WP2 – Aims and objectives definition

Table 2.2: FutuRaM WP2 aims and objectives

AIM	OBJECTIVE
Quantifying the current and future availability of secondary raw materials (SRM), particularly critical raw materials (CRM), for the identified waste streams from 2025 until 2050.	Developing a set of plausible scenarios that encompass these waste streams and provide quantitative estimates of the current and future availability of SRM and CRMs.
Informing private and public sector decision-making processes by assessing the impacts of different legislative and policy strategies related to waste management and resource efficiency	The scenarios will cover a range of such strategies, grouped in coherent sets in each of the three storylines including recycling, reuse, remanufacturing, and landfilling. Integration of the scenario with the system model will allow assessment of the impacts of these strategies not only on the availability of SRM and CRMs, but also on the environment, the economy, and society.

Consideration of EU legislation and policy targets

The scenarios developed in FutuRaM consider targets that the EU is setting for specific elements, materials, and waste streams. The targets incorporated into FuTuRaM's scenarios are aligned with the ambitions of the EU's Green Deal [25] and its Critical Raw Materials (CRM) act [2].

Additionally, the consumer-product-centric waste streams BATT, ELV, and WEEE have specific EU legislation that is directly applicable to them and will be considered in detail in the scenarios [26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31].

GENERAL POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

The EU Green Deal [25] is a set of policy initiatives by the European Commission with the overarching aim of making the EU climate-neutral in 2050.

This policy portfolio is a response to the Paris Agreement and the United Nations

482 Sustainable Development Goals. It covers a wide range of economic sectors with an
483 emphasis on investments towards building local, 'sustainable' industries.

484 The scope of FutuRaM is aligned with the EU Green Deal's goal of ensuring the
485 sustainable sourcing and use of raw materials, reducing dependency on imports, and
486 promoting resource security. These goals can conflict with each other; however, the
487 modelling in FutuRaM will explore the trade-offs between them (e.g., optimising local
488 sourcing may result in higher negative externalities).

489 **The EU Circular Economy Action Plan [15]** is a policy framework developed by the
490 European Commission to promote the circular economy in the European Union.

491 It sets out a comprehensive set of measures and targets to improve resource effi-
492 ciency, reduce waste, and foster sustainable production and consumption. The Action
493 Plan includes initiatives related to product design, waste management, recycling, and
494 resource efficiency, among others. The Action Plan is a key element of the European
495 Green Deal and is closely linked to the EU Industrial Strategy.

496 **The Circular Economy Action Plan:**

- 497 • Aims to promote the transition to a more circular economy in the EU.
- 498 • Sets out a range of measures to promote the sustainable use of resources,
499 reduce waste, and increase recycling.
- 500 • Includes proposals for new legislation, such as an EU-wide framework for
501 the circular economy, and revisions to existing legislation, such as the WEEE
502 Directive.
- 503 • Emphasises the importance of product design for the circular economy and
504 proposes measures to promote eco-design and repairability.
- 505 • Includes initiatives to promote the use of secondary raw materials, such as
506 the establishment of a European Raw Materials Alliance.
- 507 • Aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resource efficiency
508 in the EU.
- 509 • Calls for increased cooperation and dialogue among stakeholders in the cir-
510 cular economy.

511 **The Critical Raw Materials Act (CRM Act) [2]** is an EU regulation that aims to ensure
512 a secure and sustainable supply of raw materials to the EU.

513 The Act identifies a list of strategic raw materials, which are crucial to technologies
514 important to Europe's green and digital ambitions and for defence and space applica-

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tions, that are subject to potential supply risks. The regulation will cover the entire raw
materials value chain, from primary extraction to manufacturing to potential recovery
as a secondary raw material.

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For example: According to the CRM act, by 2030, a single 'third country' (ex-EU,
ex-Schengen) should produce no more than 65% of the EU's annual consumption of
each strategic raw material.

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Clear benchmarks have been set for the domestic capacities of the EU in 2030:

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 - Extract at least 10% of the EU's annual consumption
 - Process at least 40% of the EU's annual consumption
 - Recycle at least 15% of the EU's annual consumption

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These benchmarks have been included in the scenarios developed in FutuRaM.
Specifically, in the Recovery scenario (REC), where the emphasis is on the recovery of
materials from waste streams, and the Circularity scenario (CIR) where the emphasis
is on the implementation of 're-X' strategies, such as recycling, remanufacturing, and
reuse.

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Many of these targets, benchmarks and mandates — despite being included in
legislation — are considered too optimistic to be included in the Business-as-usual
scenario (BAU) as they often make expectations whose attainment is likely highly
unrealistic without radical reform of the waste management system. For example, the
targets in the Bsuggest near-complete recovery for several elements.

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The targets that result from the planned and ongoing review processes are non-negotiable
and legally binding and thus should be incorporated into our scenarios. These targets,
however, are only applicable to post-consumer products, namely WEEE, BAT and
ELV. This envisioned future in which legally binding targets for collection, reuse and/or
material recycling are achieved can be implemented as the Recovery scenario.

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If there are no targets set for a specific consumer product category, then approach
targets similar to the WEEE directive and in line with the EU Green Deal. For the Recov-
ery, and especially for the Circularity scenario, FutuRaM will also consider the effects
of proposed ecodesign requirements for sustainable products (e.g., longer lifetimes,
increased reusability, repairability, recyclability).

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However, for waste that does not consist of discarded consumer products, but

547 instead results from industrial production activities, in particular for MIN and SLASH, we
548 must still produce specific scenarios related to mining, metallurgy, and waste and fuel
549 combustion. The production of new mining wastes will depend on new local mining
550 activity.

551 Predicted production in the EU until 2050 will be forecast (equally across the three
552 scenarios) and the flows into the MIN waste stream can be calculated with the respective
553 transfer coefficients. The recovery of historical MIN stock, which is a target of the CRM
554 Act, should be modelled differently. It requires a hypothesis about the percentage of
555 historical tailings recoverable by commodity and country.

556 The scenarios will account for increasing resource use effectiveness and production
557 process efficiency thus indicating lower volumes and quality of generated production
558 residues (both by-products and waste such as red mud, waste rock, slags, etc.) per unit
559 of product (expressed either as product mass or product value), whether that product is
560 a metal (e.g., a copper cathode), metal alloy (e.g., aluminium alloy n° 5183) or metal
561 product (e.g., cold rolled stainless steel sheet).

562 Excepting the BAU storyline, WEEE, ELV, and BATT waste material recovery will
563 follow the targets in the EU.

564 For SLASH and MIN, we will evaluate recent trends in waste generation and extract
565 plausible ranges of generation toward 2050.

566 For CDW, embedded WEEE will follow EU targets, and bulk waste will incorporate
567 storylines and scenarios that are congruent with predicted demolition rates (where
568 renovation is the alternative emphasised in the CIR storyline).

569 Various drivers will be assigned to move between these ranges and will be key to
570 the specific, harmonized storyline for the scenario. Finally, the targets and storylines
571 will be aligned with assumptions on technology development.

572 *Consideration of geopolitical developments*

573 The storylines also attempt to consider geopolitical considerations and thus supply
574 chain resiliency for satisfying the product demand in the scenarios. We must omit,
575 however, possible changes in waste flow volumes and composition that could arise
576 from any material supply constraints.

577 The reasoning for this is that it would needlessly confusate the interpretation of the
578 modelling results as the incertitude of these potentialities is very high and this realm is
579 outside the scope of FutuRaM's mandate and expertise.

580 The most volatile aspect of the 'criticality calculation' is the risk profile of the producing
581 country. For many material-exporting nations, this is not something that can be
582 reliably forecast, especially not over the next 30 years. Thus, it will be assumed that the
583 growth in material demand for (among other needs) the energy and mobility transitions
584 can be satisfied either by an increase in mining and metallurgy activities within the EU
585 or by growing imports from raw material-producing countries outside the EU.

586 That is, if we go for increased domestic EU production to minimize geopolitical
587 supply risk, it may indicate more EU production residue generation even under in-
588 creased production efficiency and resource effectiveness. The increase of domestic
589 industrial activity, as a response to an envisioned increased internal demand, supposes
590 an equivalent rise of societal approval for mining and refining activities on EU territory.

591 If the increased demand is, however, satisfied by imports from non-EU countries,
592 which we know have domestic resource consumption also growing significantly due to
593 the energy and mobility transition, our assumption would be to shift the mining and
594 refining activities from EU countries towards resource-rich non-EU countries.

595 This shift would also imply an increased risk for geopolitical instability and/or security
596 of supply of critical raw materials to the EU.

597 This situation is front of mind for many in policy and business and the EU is 'applying
598 a policy mix that aims to increase domestic capacity, diversify suppliers, and support
599 the multilateral rules-based trade environment.'

600 However, '...most experts predict that reshoring or nearshoring will be of limited im-
601 portance. With time, though, resilience may improve through international cooperation,
602 diversification and the accelerated uptake of digital technologies.' [32]

603 **Note: supply constrictions will be considered in the model's sensitivity analysis
604 and the codebase will be designed to allow for the optimisation of the SRM recovery
605 system based on any supply-demand value statements.**

606 2.2.2. Step 2: Determine methodology

607 *Methodology types and selection criteria*

608 The second step in the scenario development process is to determine the methodology
609 to be used. This involves identifying the most appropriate methods and tools for the
610 specific context and objectives of the scenario development process. The methodology
611 should be selected based on the following criteria:

Relevance:

The methodology should be relevant to the specific context and objectives of the scenario development process.

Applicability:

The methodology should be applicable to the specific context and objectives of the scenario development process.

Feasibility:

The methodology should be feasible given the available resources (e.g., time, budget, expertise, data, etc.).

Transparency:

The methodology should be transparent and well-documented, allowing for replication and further analysis.

Flexibility:

The methodology should be flexible and adaptable, allowing for updates and adjustments as new information becomes available.

Accessibility:

The methodology should be accessible to a wide range of stakeholders, ensuring that it can be understood and used by non-experts.

Effectiveness:

The methodology should be effective in achieving the objectives of the scenario development process.

Efficiency:

The methodology should be efficient in terms of time, cost, and resources required to implement it.

Acceptability:

The methodology should be acceptable to stakeholders, ensuring that it is perceived as fair and legitimate.

Further details are given in this section, and the table in section 6.2 provides an overview of the methods and tools considered, along with a brief description of each and its relevance to the specific context and objectives of the FutuRaM scenario development process.

Choice of methodology

The grant proposal for the FutuRaM project outlined that there should be at least three scenarios developed, namely business as usual, recovery, and circularity. This remains

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the case; however, during the scenario development process, additional scenarios or
scenario dimensions were considered, including supply chain security and the energy
transition.

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Considered dimension — Supply chain security:

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Due to various political developments in 2022, the question of the security of the EU's supply chains for CRMs was brought into focus. This led to the proposal from stakeholders to consider a scenario dimension that would explore the security of the EU's supply chains for CRMs.

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Considered dimension — Energy transition:

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The energy transition is a key topic in the EU's policy agenda, and the FutuRaM project is concerned with the role of CRMs in the energy transition. Therefore, the proposal was made to consider a scenario dimension that would explore the energy transition in the EU.

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Method — Multi-criteria analysis and cross-impact analysis

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In order to assess the potential inclusion of these additional scenario dimensions, a multi-criteria analysis and a cross-impact analysis were conducted [33]. The addition of extra dimensions increases the possible number of scenarios significantly. By assessing the consistency and plausibility of these combinations with a matrix-based method, it was possible to reduce the number of scenarios.

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For example, low progress in the energy transition is unlikely to concur with high progress in recycling/circularity indicators and can be excluded. In contrast, different levels for the supply chain security dimension would result in an additional scenario, as this dimension is considered independent of the others.

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Ultimately, supply chain security was eliminated as a scenario dimension. This is due to the consortium's inability to speculate on geopolitical developments and the added incertitude it would introduce to the scenarios.

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The potential of supply constraints will, however, be considered in the future sensitivity analysis of the model, as well as potentially through an array of explorative multi-object optimisation procedures. This can produce projects to answer the question, 'What would happen to the SRM system if element x is constrained, and what would be the optimal response to this constraint?'

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Method — Delphi

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The Delphi method [34] was used in the initial stages of the scenario-building process

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to gather and aggregate the opinions of experts or stakeholders. Internal consultation
with consortium members who were experts in their respective waste streams or other
aspects of the recovery system was conducted.

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The method involves steps such as the selection of experts, generation of initial
questionnaires, iterative rounds of responses, and convergence and consensus building.
For the later stages of the process, further rounds of consultation will be conducted
with external stakeholders, including representatives from industry, academia, and
government.
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Choice of Scenario Type

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The general types of scenarios are summarized in Table 2.3. In the context of futures
studies, various approaches and methodologies are employed to understand the po-
tential trajectories of future developments [6, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23].

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We can classify scenario studies into three primary categories, each addressing
distinct questions about the future. These categories are tailored to better align with
the specific objectives of scenario usage:

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Predictive Scenarios (Answering ‘What Will Happen?’):

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Pros: These scenarios offer insights into potential future outcomes, aiding in long-term
planning.

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Cons: They are contingent on assumptions and may not account for unexpected
events.

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Applicability: Predictive scenarios are valuable when the aim is to forecast future
developments under certain conditions.

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Explorative Scenarios (Answering ‘What Can Happen?’):

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Pros: Explorative scenarios explore a wide range of potential future scenarios, fostering
preparedness for various outcomes.

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Cons: They do not prioritize the likelihood or desirability of scenarios.

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Applicability: These scenarios are beneficial when considering multiple potential
futures and the need to adapt to diverse outcomes.

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Normative Scenarios (Answering ‘How Can a Specific Target Be Reached?’):

708 **Pros:** Normative scenarios focus on achieving predefined objectives and offer guidance
709 on strategies to attain them.

710 **Cons:** They are inherently normative, starting with specific goals in mind.

711 **Applicability:** Normative scenarios are suitable when the objective is to work towards
712 predefined targets and develop actionable plans to reach them.

713 The choice of scenario category is influenced not only by the characteristics of the
714 system under study but also by the user's worldview, perceptions, and study objectives.
715 Additionally, the user's perspective plays a crucial role in determining the most suitable
716 approach. For instance, the decision to employ predictive, explorative, or normative
717 scenarios hinges on the user's goals and the nature of the questions they seek to answer.

718 Furthermore, considerations regarding the predictability of the future and the po-
719 tential for influencing it can impact the selection of scenario types. For example, some
720 users may argue that uncertainty in certain parameters makes long-term predictions
721 less meaningful, while others may see value in using forecasting and optimisation
722 models to stimulate discussions and inform decision-making processes.

723 In practice, a combination of qualitative and quantitative techniques can be em-
724 ployed to create scenarios tailored to specific needs. For instance, a blend of techniques
725 may be used to generate forecasts, especially when external factors are uncertain.
726 Likewise, strategic scenarios often begin with external scenario generation and proceed
727 to identify available policy options.

Table 2.3: Types of scenario (adapted from [6, 7])

SCENARIO CATEGORY	SCENARIO TYPE	OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	SYSTEM STRUCTURE	FOCUS ON FACTORS
Predictive <i>what will happen?</i>	Forecasts	Typically quantitative, sometimes qualitative	Often short	Typically one	Typically external
	What-if	Typically quantitative, sometimes qualitative	Often short	One to several	External and, possibly, internal
Explorative <i>what can happen?</i>	External	Typically qualitative, quantitatively possible	Often long	Often several	External
	Strategic	Qualitative and quantitative	Often long	Often several	Internal under influence of the external
Normative <i>how can a target</i>	Preserving	Typically quantitative	Often long	One	Both external and internal
	Transforming	Typically qualitative with quantitative elements	Often very long	Changing, can be several	Not applicable

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**The scenarios developed in the FutuRaM project are a combination of predictive
and normative:**



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What will happen if current trends continue?

This scenario is predictive in nature, based on the assumption that the current trends and developments in waste management and resource recovery systems will continue into the future.



Recovery:

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What will it take to achieve the EU's targets for material use and recovery? Focus on technology

This scenario is normative, focusing on manipulating the technology and infrastructure of the recovery system to achieve the EU's targets and mandates.



Circularity:

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What will it take to achieve the EU's targets for material use and recovery? Focus on re-X strategies

This scenario is a combination of normative and explorative, considering the targets and mandates of the EU's circular economy action plan and exploring re-X strategies in the recovery system.

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The methodology and scenario types were selected based on their relevance, applicability, feasibility, transparency, flexibility, accessibility, effectiveness, efficiency, and acceptability to the scenario development process.

2.2.3. Step 3: Marker-scenario mapping

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This preliminary step in the scenario development process involves conducting a literature study to identify existing scenarios that are relevant to the FutuRaM project. This step is crucial as it serves several important purposes and provides valuable insights for the overall scenario development process. It helps the scenario development team to build on existing knowledge, identify relevant scenarios, gain insights and inspiration, fill knowledge gaps, and enhance credibility and comparability.

Building on existing knowledge:

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Conducting a literature study allows the FutuRaM project team to tap into existing knowledge and expertise in the fields of waste management, resource recovery, and



760 circular economy. It provides a foundation of existing scenarios that have been developed by other researchers, organizations, or institutions. By building on this existing knowledge, the FutuRaM project can leverage the insights, methodologies, and findings from previous scenario studies, saving time and resources.
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764 **Identifying relevant scenarios:**

765 Marker scenario mapping helps identify scenarios that are relevant to the specific
766 objectives and scope of the FutuRaM project. By reviewing the literature, the project
767 team can assess the applicability of existing scenarios to their research questions and
768 determine which scenarios align with the waste streams, sectors, and policy domains
769 being considered. This step ensures that the scenarios selected for further analysis are
770 well-suited to address the project's goals.

771 **Gaining insights and inspiration:**

772 Reviewing existing scenarios provides the FutuRaM project team with valuable insights
773 and inspiration for the development of their own scenarios. It allows them to understand
774 the different approaches, assumptions, and methodologies used in previous scenario
775 studies. This knowledge can inform the design and structure of the FutuRaM scenarios,
776 helping to ensure a rigorous and well-founded approach.

777 **Filling knowledge gaps:**

778 Marker scenario mapping helps identify any gaps or areas of limited knowledge in the
779 existing scenario landscape. It allows the FutuRaM project team to identify topics or
780 aspects that have not been adequately addressed in previous scenarios. This awareness
781 of knowledge gaps can guide the project team in focusing their efforts on areas where
782 new insights and contributions can be made, leading to a more comprehensive and
783 innovative scenario development process.

784 **Enhancing credibility and comparability:**

785 By conducting a literature study and referencing existing scenarios, the FutuRaM project
786 can enhance the credibility and comparability of their own scenarios. The project
787 team can reference and compare their findings, assumptions, and results with those
788 from previous studies, contributing to the overall body of knowledge in the field. This
789 promotes transparency, robustness, and consistency in the scenario development
790 process and allows for better benchmarking and evaluation of the FutuRaM scenario
791 set.

792 *Content of the marker scenario mapping for application to FutuRaM's scenarios*

793 Table 6.3 in section 6.3 presents an overview of the marker scenarios considered in the
794 FutuRaM project. The table is not intended to be exhaustive but rather to provide an

795 overview of the different scenarios that have been developed in the fields of waste
796 management, resource recovery, and circular economy.

797 **2.2.4. Step 4: Identification of key drivers of change**

798 In this step, the key drivers of change that will shape the future of the scenarios are
799 identified. Key drivers are the factors or forces that have a significant influence on the
800 waste management system and its development over time. These drivers can be social,
801 economic, technological, environmental, or policy-related.

802 The purpose of identifying key drivers of change is to understand the factors that
803 will have the greatest impact on waste management and to ensure that the scenarios
804 capture the range of possible outcomes influenced by these drivers.

805 The process of identifying key drivers involves a combination of literature review,
806 expert consultations, and stakeholder engagement. It requires a comprehensive anal-
807 ysis of relevant trends, uncertainties, and emerging issues that may affect the waste
808 management system.

809 The key drivers identified in this step will be used to develop the storyline themes
810 and scenario parameters in the next step.

811 Figure 2.2 illustrates the process of identifying key drivers of change.



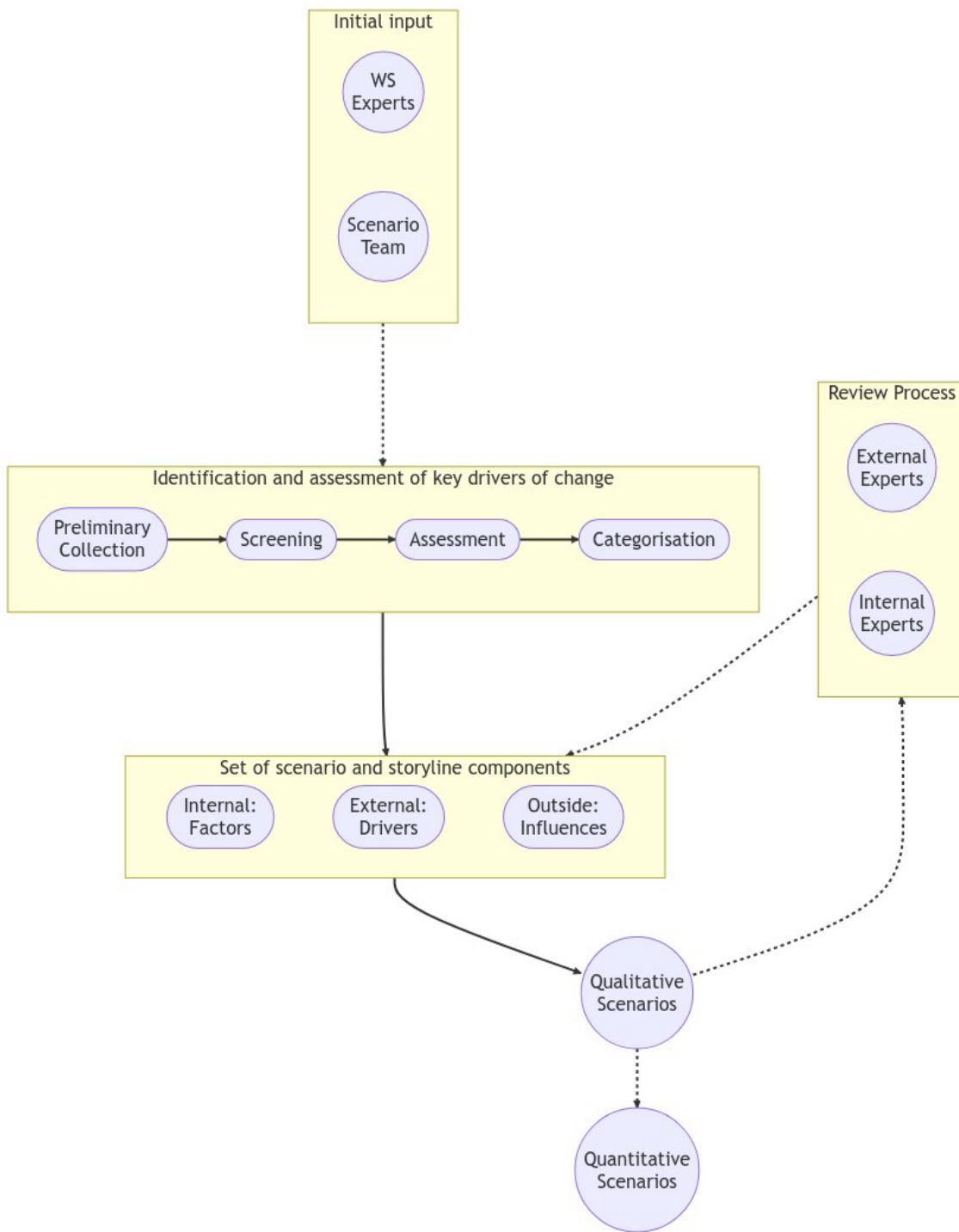


Figure 2.2: An illustration of the process used for identifying key drivers of change

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Methodology and results of this stage in FutuRaM's scenario development:

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The overall goal of this process is to identify and include elements in the storylines and scenarios that are relevant, plausible, and influential in shaping the future.

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The selection, screening, and categorisation steps ensure that the elements chosen

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817 for the development of storylines and scenarios are consistent, coherent, and aligned
with the objectives and scope of the scenario exercise.

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1. Preliminary collection:

819 This step involved gathering a pool of potential elements that could be included
820 in the storylines and scenarios.

821 These elements were derived from expert input from waste streams and the
822 scenario development team, including taking knowledge from the literature review
823 and existing scenarios identified in Step 2 – Marker scenario mapping.

824 This step was conducted using the PESTLE analysis framework. The PESTEL (or
825 PESTLE) framework is a strategic tool used to understand the macro-environmental
826 factors that can affect a system.

827 A PESTEL analysis can help identify opportunities and threats linked to each of
828 these factors, understand the broader context, and shape scenarios accordingly [35,
829 36].

830 The acronym PESTEL stands for:

831 **Political:** These factors refer to the impact of government policies, regulations,
832 and political stability. This includes issues like tax policy, labour laws, environmental
833 regulations, trade restrictions and reforms, tariffs, and political stability.

834 **Economic:** These factors relate to the broader economic environment, including
835 factors like economic growth, exchange rates, inflation rates, interest rates,
836 disposable income of consumers and businesses, and the general health of the
837 economy.

838 **Sociocultural:** These factors include societal trends and characteristics that could
839 affect your business. They include demographic trends (like age, gender, and
840 ethnicity), cultural trends, lifestyle preferences, consumer attitudes, and broader
841 societal expectations.

842 **Technological:** These factors refer to the impact of emerging technologies,
843 research and development activities, automation, the rate of technological
844 change, and the adoption of technology within your market.

845 **Environmental:** These factors refer to ecological aspects that can affect a sys-
846 tem. This includes environmental regulations, consumer attitudes towards
847 sustainability, climate change, and other natural events.

848 **Legal:** These factors include laws and regulations with which your business must
849 comply. These can include labour law, consumer law, health and safety law,
850 and restrictions on the import or export of goods.

851 The 68 elements identified in the initial screening stage are listed in section 6.4.

852 2. Screening:

853 In the screening step, the collected elements are evaluated and assessed based on
854 specific criteria. This was conducted through a literature study and internal consulta-
855 tion of scientists in the project. This evaluation helps determine the relevance,
856 reliability, and significance of each element for the development of storylines and
857 scenarios. Many elements were aggregated, especially if they were deemed to
858 follow similar trends to others (e.g., recyclability mandates and improved recy-
859 clability in project design). Elements that did not meet the predefined criteria or
860 were deemed irrelevant, ‘un-modellable’ or unreliable were excluded from further
861 consideration (e.g., corruption, data protection, and supply chain conflict).

862 The 28 elements that were identified in this stage are listed in section 6.5.

863 In Figure 2.3, an excerpt of a spreadsheet illustrates part of the screening process for
864 the FutuRaM scenarios, which was informed by the waste streams. In this exercise,
865 the elements were evaluated based on their relevance to the waste streams and
866 their potential impact on the waste management system. The elements were also
867 assessed based on their plausibility and likelihood of occurrence in the future. The
868 elements that were deemed relevant, plausible, and influential were included in
869 the storylines and scenarios.

THIS TABLE IS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE RELEVENCE OF EACH SCENARIO ELEMENT TO INDIVIDUAL WASTE STREAM FLOWS

DRIVER/FACTOR	ELV			BAT				WEEE						
	Bulk metals	Critical raw materials	Average	Portable Batteries	Industrial Batteries	Automotive (SLI) Batteries	EV Batteries	Average	CAT-I - Temperature exchange	CAT-II Screens	CAT-III Lamps	CAT-IVa Large equipments	CAT-IVb PV	CAT-Small equipments
Population				5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.
Resource shortage	3.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	4.25	4.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	4.
Treatment cost				4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.
Digital product passports	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.
Obsolescence	1.00	5.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.75						
Digitalization	1.00	5.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.75						
SRM prices				4.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.
Product prices				3.00	4.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.
Recyclability mandates	4.00	5.00	4.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.
Conflict in supply chain	4.00	5.00	4.50	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.
Obligatory recycling standards for treatment facilities				3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.
Improved durability	4.00	5.00	4.50	3.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	2.50						
Composition change				3.00	3.00	0.00	4.00	2.50						
Subsidies				2.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	2.25	3.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	2.
Availability of recovery technologies				3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	2.25	1.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.
Taxation (raw materials, landfill)	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.
Obligatory removal of CRMs from waste				3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	2.25	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.
Corruption	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	2.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.
Supply chain due diligence laws	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	2.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.
Improved recyclability	4.00	5.00	4.50	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	1.50						
Ecodesign				2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	1.50						
Trade barriers	3.00	5.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.
Industrialisation of Europe	4.00	5.00	4.50	0.00	2.00	0.00	3.00	1.25	3.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	1.
Reduced consumerism	5.00	3.00	4.00	0.00	1.00	4.00	0.00	1.25	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	2.
Accessibility/infrastructure				#DIV/0!	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	3.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	4.
New mines in rich EU countries?	3.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.75	3.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	2.
Militarisation	3.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25						
Sharing economy	4.00	4.00	4.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	1.
Repairability mandates	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	3.
Renewable energy targets				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.

Figure 2.3: An excerpt of a spreadsheet used as part of the screening process

870 **3. Assessment:**

871 Once the screening process was complete, the remaining elements were aggregated
872 and categorized based on their thematic relevance or characteristics. This categorisation helps organize the elements into meaningful groups or themes that align with the objectives and scope of the scenarios.

873 The 21 elements that were identified in this stage are listed in Table 2.4. Note that CIR and REC are very similar for many scenario elements, the main difference being the way in which the targets are achieved. That is, for CIR, re-X strategies are promoted, whereas, for REC, the focus is on technological advancements in the recovery system. This distinction will have a significant impact on how the scenarios are quantitatively modelled and on the subsequent outcomes of these models.

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Table 2.4: List of drivers and factors identified in the screening phase

DOMAIN	DRIVER/FACTOR	DEFINITION	INTER	BAU	REC	CIR
TECH	Recovery technology	Implementation and advancements in waste recovery technologies	TRUE	I	III	III
TECH	Product technology	Changes in product function or composition	TRUE	I	III	III
TECH	Integration of SRM system across EU	Integration of a secondary raw material recovery system across EU countries	TRUE	I	III	III
ENV	Increased drive for environmental protection	Growing concern and motivation for environmental conservation	TRUE	I	III	III
ECO	Progress toward renewable energy targets	Advancements and achievements in renewable energy generation	TRUE	III	III	III
ECO	Subsidies and taxation to promote circularity	Financial incentives or taxes to encourage circular economy	TRUE	I	II	III
SOC	Participation in re-X activities	Engagement in refuse-reduce-repair-reuse activities	TRUE	I	I	III
POL	Stricter environmental regulations	Tightening of environmental laws and regulations	TRUE	II	III	III
POL	Stricter waste management regulations	Strengthening of waste management laws and regulations	TRUE	II	III	III

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DOMAIN	DRIVER/FACTOR	DEFINITION	INTER	BAL	REC	CIR
POL	Supply chain due diligence laws: implementation and enforcement	Obligations for identifying and mitigating negative impacts in supply chains	TRUE	I	III	III
POL	Compliance with waste targets	Meeting specific waste management and recycling targets	TRUE	I	III	III
ENV	Resource shortages	Limited availability of natural resources	FALSE	na	na	na
ECO	Raw material vs SRM prices	Price dynamics and competition between raw materials and secondary raw materials	FALSE	na	na	na
ENV	Climate change impactsmitigation	Effects and actions related to climate change	FALSE	na	na	na
ECO	International trade and co-operation (vs. autarky)	Collaborative trade agreements and global cooperation	FALSE	na	na	na
ECO	Energy prices	Costs and fluctuations in energy prices	FALSE	na	na	na
ECO	Economic growth	Overall economic expansion and development	FALSE	na	na	na
ECO	Re-industrialisation of EU	Shift towards increased industrial activities in the EU	FALSE	na	na	na

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DOMAIN	DRIVER/FACTOR	DEFINITION	INTER	BAL	REC	CIR
SOC	NIMBY to projects	Opposition to local projects and developments	FALSE	na	na	na
SOC	Population and urbanisation	Growth and urban development of population	FALSE	na	na	na
ECO	CO2 market price	Price and market dynamics of carbon emissions	FALSE	na	na	na

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882 4. Categorisation

883 The scenario elements were then assessed based on their potential impact on the
884 waste management system. For each element, an assessment was made as to
885 whether it was within the scope of FutuRaM to include them as variables in the
886 models, and therefore also the scenarios and their storylines.

887 Those deemed to be within the scope are ‘internal’ and will be intensively re-
888 searched and modelled (e.g., composition and design changes).

889 Those deemed to be outside the scope are ‘external’ and will be included in the
890 storylines, will vary over time, but will not vary across the three scenarios (e.g.,
891 population and GPD).

892 Those deemed to be outside the scope and also outside the influence of the waste
893 management system are ‘outside’ and will not be included in the storylines or
894 scenarios, though, in some cases, may be considered in the sensitivity analysis
895 (e.g., supply constraints).

896 *Justification for keeping certain elements outside of the scenario models:*

897 The purpose of the FutuRaM project is not to provide all-encompassing scenarios
898 that attempt to capture every possible future development. Such scenarios are
899 inherently inaccurate and can give a false sense of certainty to the model’s out-
900 comes. Instead, the focus of FutuRaM is specifically on the Sustainable Resource
901 Management (SRM) system and its implications for the future. Therefore, the
902 scenarios developed within FutuRaM should selectively incorporate elements that
903 have a direct impact on the SRM system.

904 Furthermore, the scenarios should prioritize elements that can be considered as
905 ‘policy knobs’, meaning variables or factors that can be adjusted or controlled to
906 test different settings. By including these, the scenarios can explore the effects of
907 different policy decisions or interventions on the SRM system’s outcomes. This
908 targeted approach ensures that the scenarios generated are relevant to the project’s
909 objectives and facilitate meaningful analysis.

910 It is crucial to avoid excessive complexity and convolution in scenario modelling.
911 When there are too many convoluted elements included, the results of the mod-
912 elling exercise can become, at best, difficult to understand and interpret. At worst,
913 the outcomes may become practically useless due to the overwhelming interac-
914 tions and uncertainties introduced by the complex elements. Therefore, careful
915 consideration is necessary to strike a balance between incorporating essential fac-
916 tors and maintaining the clarity and usefulness of the scenario modelling results.

917 *Examples:*

918 **Resource shortages:** Resource shortages can be highly unpredictable and subject
919 to various external factors such as geopolitical events, natural disasters, or tech-
920 nological advancements. The precise timing and extent of resource shortages
921 are challenging to forecast accurately, making it difficult to include them within
922 the model without introducing significant uncertainty. This is especially true
923 for the long-term time horizon of the FutuRaM scenario set. This factor will,
924 however, be considered in the sensitivity analysis of the model and additionally,
925 the codebase will be designed to allow for the optimization of the SRM recovery
926 system based on any supply-demand value statements.

927 **Raw material vs SRM prices:** The dynamics and competition between raw mate-
928 rials and secondary raw materials can be complex and influenced by various
929 market factors, technological advancements and policy interventions. As with
930 resource shortages, these dynamics are challenging to forecast accurately, mak-
931 ing it difficult to include them within the model without introducing significant
932 uncertainty. It will, however, be possible to couple the model with a market
933 model to explore the effects of different price dynamics on the SRM system's
934 outcomes. This could be considered in a multi-objective optimization proce-
935 dure performed as an extension to the model.

936 **2.2.5. Step 5: Develop storyline themes**

937 Given that the scenario themes and directions were broadly dictated by the FutuRaM
938 project charter, the rough shapes of the storyline narratives were already defined. That
939 is: the effects on the availability of SRMs from the development of the SRM recovery
940 system and the development of re-X strategies.

941 **2.2.6. Step 6: Qualitative narrative development**

942 The scenario storylines will be described in detail in the next section. This step involved
943 taking the themes defined by the charter and the elements identified in the previous
944 steps and working with the internal waste stream groups to develop qualitative esti-
945 mates about how each of these elements (at their different levels) may have an impact
946 on the amounts and composition of the SRM flows in their purview.

2.2.7. Step 7: Definition of scenario parameters

The scenario parameters are the set of quantitative values or functions that will be used to define the scenario inputs for the model. These parameters will be defined in the next stages of the project.

2.2.8. Step 8: Quantitative modelling

The scenario quantification will be performed in the next stages of the project.

2.2.9. Step 9: Implementation

The scenario implementation will be performed in the next stages of the project.

2.2.10. Step 10: Review process

The review process is intended to ensure that the elements included in the storylines and scenarios are relevant, plausible, and consistent with the scenario objectives and scope.

The first stage of the review process is to open the scenario development process to the wider FutuRaM consortium. This will be done by sharing the scenario development process and the results of the assessment and categorisation step with the consortium and inviting feedback and suggestions. The feedback will be used to refine the elements and their categorisation and to identify any elements that may have been missed in the initial assessment.

The second stage will involve opening the scenario development process to external stakeholders and subject matter experts.

The scenario review process will be performed repeatedly over all stages of the project. This document is a living document and will be updated as the project progresses.

Conclusion of methodology section

The methodology used for the FutuRaM scenario development ensured that the selected elements were relevant, plausible, and influential. The use of the PESTEL analysis framework and Delphi method during the preliminary collection phase provided a comprehensive overview of the macro-environmental factors.

975 Furthermore, the screening process and the assessment by internal experts ensured
976 that the selected elements were coherent, consistent, and aligned with the objectives
977 and scope of the scenario exercise.

978 The final list of scenario elements is suited to the goal of the FutuRaM project — to
979 quantify the future availability of SRMs and to evaluate EU material autonomy — and
980 will be used to develop the three FutuRaM scenarios into a quantitative model.





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3.1. SCENARIO I: BUSINESS-AS-USUAL

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3.1.1. Storyline narrative

This scenario envisions the future based on the current situation, extending to 2050 with very little deviation from present consumption patterns and the secondary raw material (SRM) system [37]. While there may be advances in some areas such as resource efficiency, recovery technology, and the energy transition, substantial modifications remain hindered by economic, social, and political constraints. The primary extraction of raw materials continues to be the primary source to meet the EU's demand.

In the Business As Usual (BAU) scenario, we are projecting the trajectory of the present into the future, extending up to the mid-century mark, 2050, with minimal disruption to existing consumption habits and the secondary raw material (SRM) system. This scenario unfolds on the assumption that the current pace and direction of technological, economic, and social development continue unhindered, and is characterised by a strong persistence of today's patterns.

In this scenario, we see moderate improvements in resource efficiency, advancements in recovery technology, and a slow transition towards greener energy sources. However, these developments are only minor tweaks to the existing system, failing to disrupt or fundamentally alter the established structure. The potential for transformational change remains largely untapped due to various hurdles. Economic constraints, social resistance to change, political inertia, and entrenched interests act as barriers to change, stifling efforts towards a more sustainable SRM system.

Primary extraction of raw materials remains the dominant source for raw materials consumed in the EU, continuing the linear 'take-make-dispose' model of resource consumption. Base metals are well recycled, given their developed markets and economies of scale but rare/special metals are wasted because recycling technologies and economics do not allow for their recovery. Recycling and recovery rates remain stubbornly low, resulting in significant CRM waste. Meanwhile, material demand continues to rise in tandem with GDP growth, further exacerbating the resource pressure.

Moreover, the environmental impacts of mining and extraction persist as a signif-

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ificant concern. These operations continue to degrade ecosystems, leading to loss of
biodiversity and contributing to climate change [38]. Simultaneously, the EU becomes
increasingly dependent on imports of SRMs, raising concerns about supply chain secu-
rity and geopolitical risks [38].

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Innovation in SRM recovery technologies is hampered by a lack of investment and
regulatory support. The focus remains predominantly on cost-effective material produc-
tion and use, with little regard for environmental implications or long-term sustainability.
Material scarcity and price fluctuations, therefore, may become a considerable risk to
the EU industry, limiting stable penetration of new recovery technology and threatening
economic stability.

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Moreover, the tightening of environmental regulations is restricted, inadequately
addressing emerging challenges or incentivising sustainable practices. The lack of
regulatory progress may further exacerbate environmental damage and biodiversity
loss.

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In essence, the BAU scenario is characterised by a continuation of current trends
and practices, a future where the potential for a sustainable SRM system is unrealised
due to the stranglehold of prevailing economic, social, and political constraints.

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In the Business-as-usual (linear economy) scenario, the following are key character-
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• A forecasting model is used to predict the future based on the current situa-
tion and the development of existing trends.
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• Many EU targets for recycling and recovery are not met, and the current
linear model largely persists.
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• Material demand keeps pace with GDP growth, perpetuating a trend of in-
creasing consumption. Primary mining and extraction persist as the leading
sources of raw materials, underlining the dependency on traditional extrac-
tion methods.
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• Recycling and recovery rates continue to lag, leading to an accumulation of
SRM waste that signals missed opportunities for resource reuse.
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• The environmental repercussions of mining and extraction, such as land
degradation and water pollution, continue to be a pressing concern, reflect-
ing the ecological toll of this linear model.
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• The EU's dependency on imports of SRMs escalates, heightening the risk of
supply disruptions. While supply disruption can serve to stimulate invest-

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ment in new SRM recovery, volatility stifles innovation and advancements in
this field.

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- The industrial focus remains on cost-effective material production and use, disregarding the long-term sustainability aspect.
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1065 3.1.2. Waste stream specific scenario impacts



BATT (Battery waste) [13, 14, 30, 31]

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In the business-as-usual (BAU) scenario, the management of end-of-life batteries remains largely unchanged. The lack of technological innovation and regulatory incentives leads to a continued low recovery rate of valuable materials from battery waste.

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- A growing volume of battery waste due to the increased use of electronic transport and renewable energy storage systems.

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 - Lack of technological innovation and regulatory incentives lead to low recovery rates for certain battery types and certain elements.

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 - Collection systems for battery waste remain sporadic and unstandardised.

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 - Primary extraction remains the dominant source of battery materials.

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 - Share of LIB will increase (EV, LMT, Industrial LIB uptake)

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 - LIB Battery Chemistries will change and new LIB technologies will enter the market. Though, not with a focus on recycling and recovery.

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 - Larger portable batteries: shift towards Li-ion batteries

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 - Small format batteries in EEE: no significant change in battery chemistry.

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 - Use of critical resources continues but is already decreasing (BATT chemistry already changing towards less CRM content)

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 - Large-scale reuse of batteries is minimal

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 - Collection rates do not fulfil the EU targets

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 - Recycling efficiencies do not fulfil the EU targets

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- Recovery rates do not fulfil the EU targets

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ELV (End-of-Life Vehicles) [14, 29, 39, 40]

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The BAU scenario maintains the current approach to end-of-life vehicles, with minimal improvements in the recovery and recycling process. The absence of effective technologies and regulatory incentives results in low recovery rates of valuable materials from ELVs.

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- Legislation banning new ICEVs from 2035
- Current recovery technologies are unable to significantly improve the extraction of valuable materials from ELVs.
- Consumer demand continues to drive high production of new vehicles.
- ELV collection systems remain at their current efficiency.
- A significant proportion of vehicle components continue to end up as waste.
- Gradual and slow improvement of recycling chain technology efficiency
- No new legislation to improve recovery and support circular strategies in comparison to 2023

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WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) [27, 28, 41, 42, 43, 44]

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In the BAU scenario, the treatment of WEEE does not significantly change. The lack of technological progress and effective regulation results in low recovery rates of valuable materials from WEEE.

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- Limited improvements in the recovery of valuable materials from WEEE.
- High consumer demand for new electronics continues to drive high WEEE generation.
- Ineffective collection systems and lack of public interest result in significant amounts of WEEE ending up in landfills.
- No significant growth in collaboration between government and industry for WEEE recovery.
- The majority of WEEE continues to be treated with common domestic waste, with low recycling rates.

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- 1116 • No groundbreaking technologies and practices to improve recovery and
1117 circularity.
- 1118 • Reuse of products and components is not widely utilised
- 1119 • Changes in legislation (e.g., circular economy and product design targets,
1120 targets for collection and recycling) are not strictly implemented.
- 1121 • The BAU and the REC scenarios are similar from the put-on-market perspec-
1122 tive (e.g., production and consumption remain the same), but it's the recov-
1123 ery stage that makes the difference.



MIN (Mining Waste)

The BAU scenario sees the continuation of current practices in mining waste management. The absence of advanced recovery technologies and regulatory incentives leads to low recovery rates of valuable materials from mining waste.

- 1128 • Limited technological advancements lead to static recovery rates of valuable
1129 materials from mining waste.
- 1130 • Continued reliance on primary extraction as the dominant source of raw
1131 materials.
- 1132 • Minimal advances in collaboration between government and industry for
1133 mining waste recovery.
- 1134 • Low levels of traceability and management of mining waste.
- 1135 • Mining waste remains a significant environmental challenge.
- 1136 • Mining waste recovery projects remain too expensive.
- 1137 • Little incentive for the private sector and public sector, except for monitor-
1138 ing environmental risks of existing deposits.



CDW (Construction and Demolition Waste) [45]

In the BAU scenario, the management of Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW) remains largely unchanged.

- 1142 • Focus on new construction to meet demand, no changes in CDW genera-
1143 tion rate.

- 1144 • Continue meeting the 2020 EU target from the Waste Directive [45] of
1145 70% CDW recovery (including preparation for re-use, recycling and other
1146 material recovery, including backfilling)
- 1147 • Recovery of metals remains on already high levels (90%) [46].
1148 • Recovery of minerals remains on already high levels (70%) by using them
1149 as aggregates in road construction and backfilling [46].
1150 • Recycling of wind turbines stays around 85% (mainly metals), permanent
1151 magnets continue to be recycled as part of the metal fractions.[CITATION]
1152 • Base metals are recovered as they have been, though there are limited im-
1153 provements in recovery technologies and regulatory incentives.
1154 • Excluding wind turbines, there is no particular focus on the recovery of CRMs
1155 from CDW, where they constitute only a small fraction of the total mass
1156 (e.g., embedded in scrap steel).



SLASH (Slags and Ashes)

In the BAU scenario, SLASH continues to be treated generally as low or negative-value waste. The absence of economically profitable recovery technologies or regulatory mandates leads to low improvements in the recovery rates of CRMs from SLASH.

- 1161 • Increased generation of SLASH because SRMs are not recovered and end up
1162 in incineration and smelter residues.
- 1163 • Low quality of SLASH due to:
 - 1164 – poor sorting and separation of waste streams (e.g., consumer electron-
1165 ics and batteries, end up in general waste streams and are incinerated)
 - 1166 – high 'contamination' from the above-described failures of segregation.
 - 1167 – large proportion coming from mixed waste incineration
- 1168 • Lack of technological advancements results in low recovery rates of valuable
1169 materials from SLASH.
- 1170 • Continued high generation of SLASH due to the reliance on traditional en-
1171 ergy sources.
- 1172 • Minimal incentives for the recovery and reuse of materials from SLASH.
- 1173 • Low levels of traceability and management of SLASH.

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- SLASH continues to be a significant environmental challenge due to the high volume generated.
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- Some products from SLASH are recovered in low added value, for example, as aggregates for roads or additives in cement.
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3.2. SCENARIO II: RECOVERY



3.2.1. Storyline narrative

In the recovery scenario, the central emphasis is on harnessing sophisticated technologies to salvage SRMs from waste streams at the end of their lifecycle. While there are noticeable strides towards the incorporation of 'circular design' principles and re-X strategies, they are mostly seen at the end-of-life and material demand is akin to that observed in the BAU scenario. This is, however, mitigated by the implementation of a comprehensive material recovery system.

In this scenario, the central actor is the waste treatment sector, with the spotlight falling on the enhancement of recovery technology. The implementation and optimisation of cutting-edge technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), automation, and advanced robotics, play a significant role in revolutionising waste treatment processes. These technologies streamline waste sorting, improve the quality of recovered materials, and increase the overall efficiency of the recovery process.

This scenario calls for an emphasis on policy development and standardisation to foster EU-wide development, integration, and compliance. Here, the role of governments and policy-makers becomes crucial in setting more ambitious recovery targets, developing conducive regulatory frameworks, and enforcing compliance. This multi-pronged approach also involves strengthening cross-border cooperation, harmonising waste management standards, and promoting knowledge and technology transfer among EU member states.

To realise more ambitious environmental impact reduction targets, significant progress needs to be made in both technological and policy aspects. Enhancing technological capabilities will improve recovery rates, while robust policy measures will ensure these advancements are integrated into the wider economy in a regulated manner. The future of this scenario depends on the successful fusion of advanced technology, regulatory harmonisation, and a commitment to continuous improvement in waste management and SRM recovery.

1209 Key characteristics of this technology-promoted recovery scenario include:

- 1210 • This scenario uses a combination of forecasting and backcasting methods to
envision the future.
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- 1212 • The backcasting method is used for scenario factors that are covered by
governmental targets, starting with the desired outcome and working back-
wards to the present.
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- 1215 • The forecasting method is used for scenario factors that are not covered by
governmental targets, starting with the current situation and extending to
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- 1218 • EU targets for recycling and recovery are met, due to the EU's waste man-
agement system becoming more expansive, efficient and effective.
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- 1221 • Technological innovation drives increased recovery rates of SRMs, enabling
the more efficient use of waste.
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- 1223 • Digitalisation and automation are more extensively used in recycling pro-
cesses, leading to enhanced productivity and accuracy.
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- 1225 • There is greater exploration and exploitation of alternative sources such as
urban mining, waste streams, and tailings, presenting novel opportunities for
resource acquisition.
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- 1227 • New waste regulations and guidelines for SRM recovery are implemented,
enforcing better management and extraction of SRMs.
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- 1230 • Investment in research and development for SRM recovery technologies
experiences an upswing, promoting continuous innovation in this field.
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- 1232 • Closer collaboration and information sharing between industry and govern-
ment institutions streamline processes and expedite decision-making.
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- 1234 • New jobs are created in the recycling and recovery sector, offering economic
benefits and improving overall employment rates.
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- 1236 • SRM production and use become more efficient and cost-effective, foster-
ing economic sustainability.
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- 1238 • Environmental impact from mining and extraction is reduced, signalling a
more sustainable approach to resource acquisition.
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- 1240 • The EU's dependence on primary extraction is reduced, with SRM recovery
becoming a more significant source of raw materials.

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3.2.2. Waste stream specific scenario impacts

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BATT (Battery waste) [13, 14, 30, 31]

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Under the recovery scenario, end-of-life batteries become a crucial source of secondary raw materials, primarily due to the increased adoption of electric vehicles and renewable energy storage systems. Technological innovation drives the recovery and recycling process, ensuring valuable materials are extracted from waste batteries for reuse.

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- Increase in end-of-life batteries due to the growth of electric vehicles and renewable energy storage.
- Advanced recovery technologies facilitate the efficient extraction of valuable materials from battery waste.
- Standardised collection systems enhance the quantity and quality of battery waste available for recovery.
- Industry and government collaboration lead to investments in research and development of battery recovery technologies.
- Battery passports have a strong impact on collection, material recovery rates and recycling rates.
- Collection
 - Portable battery collection increases according to the trend seen in the WEEE waste stream.
 - Improved collection of light means of transport (LMT) batteries.
 - Improved regulation and collection of Industrial batteries.
- Material recovery
 - Improved recycling technologies
 - Battery Pass will improve material recovery
 - Higher recovery rate for lithium
 - Increase in recycling by average weight
 - Recycling of plastics

- 1270 • Ambitious goals of recycling/recovery rates compete with reuse, so reuse
1271 remains low.
- 1272 • Improved public awareness means that fewer batteries end up in the municipi-
1273 al waste stream and there is less hoarding.
- 1274 • Against this: there is competition for the batteries from the reuse vs. recy-
1275 cling market.
- 1276 • Design for recycling (DFR):
 - 1277 – Material and composition selection for recycling [14].
 - 1278 – Higher requirements on disassemblability.
 - 1279 – Information available to promote efficient recovery.



ELV (End-of-Life Vehicles) [14, 29, 39, 40]

1280 The recovery scenario envisions a more effective and technology-driven end-of-life
1281 vehicle treatment process. Advancements in recovery technologies allow for improved
1282 extraction of valuable materials from vehicles at their end of life, although consumerism
1283 still drives high demand for new vehicles.

- 1285 • Innovations in recovery technologies allow for a higher recovery rate of
1286 CRM-containing materials from ELVs.
- 1287 • The total number of vehicles produced remains high due to consumer de-
1288 mand.
- 1289 • Improved systems for ELV collection are established, ensuring efficient man-
1290 agement of ELV waste.
- 1291 • Increased collaboration between the government and industry leads to in-
1292 vestments in ELV recovery technologies.
- 1293 • Focus on managing end-of-life of vehicles
- 1294 • EU recovery targets are reached (currently implemented/proposed targets,
1295 but also increased and new targets)
- 1296 • Common/bulk materials (Fe, Non-Fe, plastics etc.,) and precious metals (Au,
1297 Ag, Pd, Pt) reach high mass recycling rates and high element recycling rates.
1298 Other CRMs currently not recovered reach a moderate level of recovery.
- 1299 • For instance,

- 1300 – More advanced dismantling and processing steps (e.g., components and materials)
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- 1302 – More specialised recovery of certain components and materials (e.g., electric motors including permanent magnets and embedded REE) as suggested in the proposal for a revised ELV directive.
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- 1304 – More public and private interest in developing recycling chains
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- 1306 – Increase in collection rate due to increase in participation from the public and businesses, i.e., target-based incentives with strong regulations and monitoring
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- 1309 • Design for recycling (DFR):
- 1310 – Higher requirements on ‘disassemblability’.
- 1311 – Information available to enable recovery.



1312 **WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) [27, 28, 41, 42, 43,**

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1314 Under the recovery scenario, WEEE becomes a significant resource for secondary raw
1315 materials. Technological advancements in the sector improve the efficiency of WEEE
1316 treatment, although the consumerism-driven demand for new electronics remains
1317 high.

- 1318 • Advanced technologies enable higher recovery rates of valuable materials
1319 from WEEE
- 1320 • Despite advancements in design for recyclability, WEEE generation remains
1321 high due to the consumer demand for new electronics
- 1322 • Standardised and segregated collection systems for WEEE are implemented,
1323 improving the supply of materials for recovery
- 1324 • Increased industry-government collaboration leads to further development
1325 in WEEE recovery technologies
- 1326 • Consumer behaviour remains a significant hurdle for more efficient WEEE
1327 management
- 1328 • Higher recycling rate – make full use of the disposed parts. For instance:
 - 1329 – more automation of the dismantling and processing steps (e.g., AI)
 - 1330 – recycling technologies improvements (e.g., small components recov-
 - 1331 ery is also happening)

- 1332 – more effective collection infrastructure
- 1333 – financial support provided to recyclers/operators
- 1334 – bans on WEEE exports push for increased domestic recycling [47]
- 1335 • ‘Design for recovery’ principle — Ecodesign mandates changes in weight and composition of EEE so complexity and the type of materials used
- 1336 • Higher public awareness and participation on WEEE issue and management
- 1337 • Higher compliance from the public, the producers and the businesses
- 1338 • Strong regulations and monitoring are in place with higher collection and recycling targets which are set and implemented and fines are set for those who fail to achieve the targets
- 1340 • Focus is given more to the EoL management of WEEE



MIN (Mining Waste)

Under the recovery scenario, technological advancements enable the extraction of residual valuable materials from mining waste, transforming it into a valuable resource.

- 1344 • Technological advancements facilitate the extraction of valuable materials from mining waste.
- 1345 • Despite progress in recovery technologies, primary extraction remains the dominant source of raw materials due to high consumer demand.
- 1346 • Government and industry collaboration support the development of technologies for the recovery of materials from mining waste.
- 1347 • Increased traceability and management of mining waste through digitalisation.
- 1348 • Mining waste remains a significant environmental challenge.



CDW (Construction and Demolition Waste) [45]

Under the recovery scenario, Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW) becomes an important resource for secondary raw materials, though mostly base metals and aggregates. Despite some progress in eco-design and material efficiency, the construction industry continues to generate significant amounts of waste or ‘downcycled’ materials.

- 1356 • Focus on new construction to meet demand, no changes in CDW generation rate.

- 1362 • Advanced recovery technologies allow for higher recovery rates of valuable
1363 materials from CDW.
- 1364 • Eliminating the disposal of any avoidable CDW, through the implementation
1365 and expansion of incentives and regulatory measures.
- 1366 • The focus of this scenario is to reduce the amount of CDW that ends up in
1367 treatment plants without any useful applications, e.g., landfilling, incinera-
1368 tion, and land spreading.
- 1369 • This scenario is characterized by a high recovery rate, achieved via:
 - 1370 – increased investment and enhanced regulatory system in waste man-
1371 agement,
 - 1372 – leading to more waste recovery infrastructure,
 - 1373 – widespread application of selective demolition and on-site waste sort-
1374 ing.
- 1375 • Recovery of minerals is intensified with a stronger focus on closed-loop
1376 recycling (e.g., concrete waste is used as aggregates in concrete; recovery of
1377 cement is explored).
- 1378 • Recovery of other materials like glass, plastics, and wood is also intensified.
- 1379 • Better separation of waste at source leads to a higher quality of secondary
1380 raw materials.
- 1381 • Improved recycling of wind turbine blades is notable, especially regarding
1382 plastics; permanent magnets are recycled at a functional level.



SLASH (Slags and Ashes)

In the recovery scenario, SLASH are recognized as a potential resource for secondary raw materials. Advances in recovery technologies enable the extraction of valuable metals from SLASH, however, the total volume of CRMs recovered from this material remains low, except in cases of supply constraint.

- 1389 • Advanced recovery technologies allow for the extraction of valuable metals
1390 and minerals from SLASH.
- 1391 • Despite improvements in energy production, SLASH generation remains
1392 significant due to the continued reliance on traditional energy sources.

- 1393 • New regulations incentivize the recovery and reuse of materials from SLASH.
- 1394 • Digital solutions enhance the traceability and management of SLASH.
- 1395 • SLASH remains a significant environmental challenge due to the volume generated.
- 1396 • Transferring down-cycling to recycling or even upcycling.
- 1398 • Recycling technology improvements (e.g., cement additives using biomass ash are under investigation)
- 1400 • More functional collection infrastructure.
- 1401 • Financial support provided to recyclers/operators.
- 1402 • Introduction of SRM/CRM recovery targets. For example, recovery of P from biomass ash for fertilizer. Recovery of Zn and Pb from Zn and Pb smelter slag.
- 1405 • Higher awareness and participation of relevant sectors on SLASH issues and management.
- 1406 • Strong regulations and monitoring are in place with higher collection and re-cycling targets.

3.3. SCENARIO III: CIRCULARITY



3.3.1. Storyline narrative

In this scenario, we move in the direction of the maximum achievable state of material efficiency as government policy, private innovation and social changes are rapidly driving the transition toward a circular economy. The emphasis here rests heavily on re-X strategies that are implemented in the design phase of products (e.g., repairability and re-manufacturability) and that are actualised by changes in consumer behaviour (e.g reduction, refusal, engagement in the 'sharing economy' and curtailment of the 'throw-away' mindset).

Further, being enabled by the widespread adoption of 'circular design' principles and improvements in information transparency (e.g., waste tracking and digital product passports) the system for the treatment of post-consumer waste can divert a significant amount of their inflows (to, for example, re-use and re-manufacture) with the residual fraction being readily segregated into purer, more efficiently recoverable, material streams.

This scenario envisions a future where government policies are in synergy with private sector innovation and societal changes, driving a wholesale transition towards a circular economy. Unlike the recovery scenario, where the focus is on the end-of-life recovery of materials, this scenario emphasises minimising waste at all stages, starting from the design phase itself.

The emphasis is on re-X strategies that are integrated right from the product design stage. This includes repairability, where products are designed to be easily fixed rather than replaced; and re-manufacturability, where products or their components are designed to be restored to their original state, extending their lifespan and reducing the need for new resources. This scenario calls for a drastic change in consumer behaviour, where reduction in consumption and waste, refusal of non-sustainable options, and active participation in the 'sharing economy' become the norm rather than the exception.

In the circularity scenario, the widespread adoption of 'circular design' principles becomes a cornerstone of production. In a circular design approach, products are designed and produced in a way that considers their entire lifecycle, including eventual disassembly and reuse. This means that every component of the product can either be biologically broken down without any harm to the environment or technically reprocessed into new products, creating a closed loop of materials.

Additionally, this scenario envisions an improvement in transparency, with measures such as waste tracking and digital product passports becoming standard. Waste tracking allows for efficient management of waste flows, aiding in effective resource planning, while digital product passports provide information about a product's composition and how it can be properly disassembled, reused, or recycled.

3.3.2. Waste stream specific scenario impacts



BATT (Battery waste) [13, 14, 30, 31]

In the circularity scenario, battery waste treatment undergoes a massive transformation. The shift towards electric vehicles and renewable energy storage significantly increases the quantity of end-of-life batteries. However, thanks to new regulations, technological advancements, and business models, the majority of battery components are recycled or reused.

- Massive increase in end-of-life batteries due to the shift to electric vehicles and renewable energy storage.
- New regulations incentivise battery manufacturers to design for recycling.
- Battery recycling technologies improve, enabling higher recovery rates of valuable metals.
- Standardised collection systems for battery waste are established, improving the efficiency of the recycling process.
- Service-based business models like leasing ensure manufacturers retain ownership of the batteries, promoting circularity.
- Greater transparency through digital product passports aids in effective battery waste management.

- 1470 • Battery passport and publicly accessible Information from the new Battery
1471 Regulation (SoH, SoC, Predicted lifetime/warranty, etc.) given by the eco-
1472 nomic operator that places the battery on the market enables high re-use
1473 rates.
- 1474 • Increased repairability/modularity.
- 1475 • Reduced demand from ‘sharing economy’ and more ‘sustainable’ transport
1476 choices.
- 1477 • New emerging technologies more suited for reuse/repair.
- 1478 • Ambitious targets set by business and public policy.



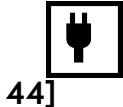
ELV (End-of-Life Vehicles) [14, 29, 39, 40]

1480 For End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), the circular economy model affects the way vehicles
1481 are designed, used, and discarded. Emphasising extended vehicle life through repair and
1482 remanufacturing, this scenario also focuses on the recovery of materials from vehicles
1483 at the end of their life.

- 1484 • Vehicle design shifts towards repairability, upgradability, and recyclability,
1485 increasing the lifespan of vehicles.
- 1486 • Standardised systems for ELV collection are established, ensuring efficient
1487 waste management.
- 1488 • Innovative technologies enable higher recovery rates of metals and other
1489 valuable materials from ELVs.
- 1490 • Service-based models like vehicle leasing and sharing could reduce the total
1491 number of vehicles produced.
- 1492 • Digital product passports provide information about vehicle components,
1493 aiding in effective recycling or reuse.
- 1494 • Focus on managing the use-phase of vehicles.
- 1495 • Circular strategies take place before material recovery so that material recov-
1496 ery is “delayed”.
- 1497 • Information available to enable these strategies.
- 1498 • EU vehicles policy has implications for materials in vehicles, such as ‘lightweight-
1499 ing’ and downsizing
 - 1500 – Increase in average occupancy and average vehicle-kilometres per trip.

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- Decrease in average lifetime (in terms of years): As the utilisation factor increases.

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- Increase in circular strategies due to an increase in participation from the public and businesses, i.e., target-based incentives with strong regulations and monitoring.



WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) [27, 28, 41, 42, 43,

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In the circularity scenario, WEEE becomes a valuable resource instead of a disposal challenge. Thanks to product design changes and the application of advanced recovery technologies, a significant percentage of the materials in WEEE is reclaimed and fed back into the production cycle.

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- Electronic products are designed for longevity, repairability, upgradability, and recyclability.
 - Advanced technologies enable higher recovery rates of precious metals from WEEE.
 - Collection systems for WEEE are improved, ensuring a steady supply of materials to feed the recovery system.
 - Digitalisation and data use enhance traceability and efficiency in WEEE management.
 - Service-based models for electronics promote the use of products as a service rather than ownership, reducing WEEE generation [20].
 - Increased durability and lifespans.
 - Increased repairability.
 - More sharing and product-service systems, correspond to a reduction in the lifetime (for some equipment).
 - More reuse practices (expanded second-hand market).
 - Less hoarding.
 - Higher formal collection and recycling rate.
 - Focus is given more to the production and use phase rather than the EoL (End-of-Life).



- 1531 • ‘Design for circularity’ principle: Ecodesign mandates repairability, durability, no obsolescence, modularity, and that continual software upgrades are possible [48, 49].
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- 1534 • Electronically compatible chargers and battery packs can be used by different products.
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- 1536 • The above also means that chargers and batteries are not integrated into the product and that the product is designed to be easily disassembled.
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- 1538 • Strong regulations and monitoring are in place with higher reuse and circular targets, which are set and implemented, and fines are imposed on the member states that fail to achieve the targets.
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- 1541 • Support and development of circular strategies infrastructure (e.g., easy information access for repairability, repair shops, accessibility to spare components on the market, etc.).
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- 1544 • Greater use of connected products, smart technologies, and the IoT. Used to monitor and diagnose product performance in situ which, can extend product and component life.
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MIN (Mining Waste)

1547 In this scenario, the impact on mining waste is two-fold. Firstly, the need for primary mining is reduced due to efficient resource use and high recovery rates of materials. Secondly, mining waste itself is treated as a valuable resource, with advanced technologies being used to extract residual valuable materials.

- 1552 • A Decrease in primary mining reduces the generation of mining waste.
- 1553 • Advanced technologies are employed to extract valuable materials from mining waste.
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- 1555 • Policies and regulations incentivise the reuse of mining waste in various applications.
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- 1557 • Digital solutions improve tracking and management of mining waste.
- 1558 • Collaboration between stakeholders promotes circular practices in the mining industry.
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CDW (Construction and Demolition Waste) [45]

Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW) is another sector that sees significant improvement in the circularity scenario. Emphasising design for disassembly and the use of recycled and recyclable materials, this scenario reduces the generation of CDW and promotes the recovery of valuable materials from the waste stream.

- Less demolition and new construction results in a reduction of CDW.
- Buildings are designed for disassembly, increasing the lifespan of materials and reducing CDW.
- Longer lifetimes for buildings (more renovation and refurbishment) and wind turbines (less repowering, i.e. changing of wind turbines before the end of theoretical lifespan).
- Wind turbine blades are reused.
- Recycling technologies for CDW improve, allowing higher recovery rates of materials and less 'downcycling'.
- Policies and regulations incentivise the use of recycled materials in construction.
- Standardised systems for CDW collection and separation are established.
- Digital tools like building information modelling (BIM) improve resource management in construction.
- Focus on dismantling and selective deconstruction: constructions are taken apart in a way that individual parts can be reused.



SLASH (Slags and Ashes)

In the circularity scenario, the approach to SLASH dramatically changes. Instead of being treated as waste, SLASH is seen as a valuable secondary raw material. Advances in technology allow for the extraction of valuable metals and minerals from SLASH, that then re-enter the material cycle.

- A shift in perception treats SLASH as a valuable resource instead of waste.
- Advanced technologies enable the extraction of valuable metals and minerals from SLASH.
- New regulations incentivise the use of SLASH in various applications, such as in the construction industry.
- Digital solutions enhance the tracking and management of SLASH.

- 1592 • Collaboration between industries utilises SLASH in new and innovative ways.
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- 1595 • Reduce the generation of SLASH by increasing the efficiency of the manufacturing side. For example, developing higher efficient production of metals and reducing by-products such as smelter slag. For ash from the incineration of solid biomass, maximizing the use of biomass by setting proper temperature, time, and furnace conditions to reduce ash contents and improve the efficiency of power and heat generation. For ash, developing other renewable technologies from bioenergy to reduce the incineration of solid biomass, e.g., biogas.
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6.1. TERMINOLOGY

The following is a suggested terminology for use in our discussions and reports related to scenarios.

This glossary is modelled on that used by [23]. Some additional definitions were sourced from [50].



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Table 6.1: Terminology

TERM	DEFINITION	LEVEL/CONTEXT	ALSO CALLED	SOURCE
Normative scenario	Goal-oriented scenario: identify decisions and investments that must be made to achieve desired future outcomes. Example: Constraining cumulative emissions	Scenario type	Backcasting	[23]
Exploratory scenario	Exploration of plausible alternative developments to test whether decision-making is robust against different outcomes. Generally, involving a qualitative storyline about a possible future, complemented by quantitative analysis. Example: Socio-economic scenarios	Scenario type	Plausible scenarios	[23]
Outlook	To provide a most likely estimate of future trends as a guide for decision-making	Scenario type	Forecast, projection	[23]

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TERM	DEFINITION	LEVEL/CONTEXT	ALSO CALLED	SOURCE
Scenario characteristics	A combination of the vague attributes that make up the qualitative storyline for a scenario. For example, in WEC (2019) the scenario titled Modern Jazz is described as: “A market-led, digitally disrupted world with faster-paced and more uneven economic growth. Recent signals suggest that this entrepreneurial future might accelerate clean energy access on both global and local scales, whilst presenting new systems integration, cyber security and data privacy challenges”	Scenario description	Qualitative storyline descriptors	[23]
Scenario scale	Description of the spatial extent or temporal extent of a scenario. For us, mostly EU toward 2050.	Scenario component		[50]
Scenario dimensions	Uncertainties around which scenarios are constructed, represented as axes in some methods. In our case they might end up being, level of circularity, free-trade/autarky, progress in energy transition	Scenario component		[50]
Scenario literature	Journal articles, grey literature, etc., from which data is sourced that can be used to justify decisions in scenario development	Scenario component		[23]

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TERM	DEFINITION	LEVEL/CONTEXT	ALSO CALLED	SOURCE
Scenario logics	Methods for structuring the relationships between different drivers and assumptions in scenarios	Scenario component		[50]
Time horizon	End date of the scenario's forecast	Scenario attribute		[23]
Snapshot	The position of scenario/s at a particular point of time	Scenario attribute		[23]
Storyline and simulation	Combination of qualitative narrative development and quantitative modelling	Scenario component		[51, 52], in [50]
Marker scenario	Generally, a widely accepted scenario which can be used a guide or to provide background information. E.g., SSP1-5, and the GEC models from the IEA. If applicable, these can be extended upon or combined to help build our models.	Scenario description	Basis scenario	[23]

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TERM	DEFINITION	LEVEL/CONTEXT	ALSO CALLED	SOURCE
SSP	Shared Social Pathways. They “describe plausible major global developments that together would lead in the future to different challenges for mitigation and adaptation to climate change. The SSPs are based on five narratives describing alternative socio-economic developments, including sustainable development, regional rivalry, inequality, fossil-fuelled development, and middle-of-the-road development. The long-term demographic and economic projections of the SSPs depict a wide uncertainty range consistent with the scenario literature.”	Marker scenario examples		[53]
Drivers	Underlying causes of system change that are external from the system of analysis. They come from higher scales and are not affected by what happens within the system.	Scenario component	Factors	[54], in [50]
Factors	Causes of system change that are internal from the system of analysis. Can be (hopefully) quantified, or at least estimated	Scenario component (internal)		[23]

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TERM	DEFINITION	LEVEL/CONTEXT	ALSO CALLED	SOURCE
Factor variables	Discrete elements which are subject to change and have effects on one or more factors	Factor component		[23]
Factor parameters	Discrete elements which are NOT subject to change (possibly based on assumptions and simplifications) and have effects on one or more factors	Factor component		[23]
Trends	An inclination in a particular direction	Attribute of drivers or factors	System development	[23]
Likelihood	The likelihood of an occurrence, an outcome, or a result, where this can be estimated probabilistically	Attribute of drivers or factors	Probability	[50]

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6.2. SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT METHODS

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The following table provides an overview of the methods and tools considered, along with a brief description of each and its relevance to the specific context and objectives of the FutuRaM scenario development process.

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Table 6.2: Scenario development methods

METHOD	DESCRIPTION	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	LIMITATIONS	APPLICATION
Delphi	Structured expert consultation to gather and distil knowledge and judgments	Iterative rounds of surveys/questionnaires, Expert consensus building	Time-consuming process, May be influenced by dominant opinions or group dynamics	Policy development, Technology foresight, Long-term planning
MCA	Decision-support technique to evaluate and rank scenarios based on criteria	Consideration of multiple dimensions in quantifying qualitative factors	Policy assessment, Project evaluation, Strategic planning	
Forecasting	Use of historical data and statistical methods to predict future trends	Reliance on quantitative models, Time series analysis	Assumption of future patterns based on past data, Sensitivity to data quality and accuracy	Economic forecasting, Demand/supply projections, Financial planning

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METHOD	DESCRIPTION	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	LIMITATIONS	APPLICATION
Backcasting	Working backward from a desired future vision to identify necessary steps	Focus on desired outcomes and future targets, Identification of necessary actions	Uncertainty in future outcomes, Difficulty in determining feasible pathways	Sustainable development planning, Policy design, Long-term goal setting
Scenario Planning	Development of multiple future scenarios to understand the range of possibilities	Identification of key drivers and uncertainties, Narrative construction for each scenario	Subjectivity in scenario construction, Lack of predictive accuracy	Strategic management, Risk assessment, Policy analysis
Morphological Analysis	Exploration of different combinations of variables/factors	Matrix-based exploration of variables and combinations	Complexity in analysing a large number of variables and combinations	Technology assessment, Innovation analysis, System design

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METHOD	DESCRIPTION	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	LIMITATIONS	APPLICATION
Cross-Impact Analysis	Analysis of interdependencies and interactions between variables/factors	Identification of relationships and cross-impacts	Assumptions about causal relationships, Difficulty in capturing complex dynamics	Policy analysis, Risk assessment, System modelling
Morphological Box	Systematic exploration of the potential combinations of different components	Identification of component options and combinations	Complexity in analysing a large number of components and combinations	Technology assessment, Innovation analysis, Decision-making
Gausemeier approach	Scenario development method involving the identification of future developments, evaluation of influencing factors, and determination of desired and undesired developments	Systematic analysis of future developments and factors	Relies on expert judgment and subjective assessments	Strategic planning, Innovation management

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METHOD	DESCRIPTION	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	LIMITATIONS	APPLICATION
Schwartz' 8-Step Scenario Model	Scenario building model consisting of eight steps: identify the focal issue, determine the key forces, construct the scenario framework, identify driving forces, assess the uncertainties, develop the scenarios, analyze the scenarios, and monitor and adjust the scenarios	Systematic progression through stages of scenario development	Requires detailed data and analysis	Strategic planning, Decision-making
Schoemaker's 10-Step Scenario Model	Scenario building model consisting of ten steps: identify the focal issue, determine the scope, identify the key driving forces, develop the scenarios, define the scenario logic, assess the scenarios, refine the scenarios, examine implications, formulate actions, and communicate results	Emphasis on thorough analysis and evaluation of scenarios	Can be time-consuming and resource-intensive	Strategic planning, Risk management

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6.3. MARKER SCENARIO MAPPING

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Table 6.3 below presents an overview of the marker scenarios that were considered in the scenario development phase of the FutuRaM project. The table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather to provide an overview of the different scenarios that have been developed in the field of waste management, resource recovery, and circular economy.

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Table 6.3: Overview of marker scenarios

LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
The Shared Socioeconomic Pathways and their energy, land use, and greenhouse gas emissions implications: An overview	Academic	All (narratives)	Scenario to 2100	Global	5 SSPs	🔗
Environmental Impacts of Global Offshore Wind Energy Development until 2040	Academic	CDW	Scenario: 2019–2040	Global	4 (based on IEA)	🔗
Global greenhouse gas emissions from residential and commercial building materials and mitigation strategies to 2060	Academic	CDW	Scenario: 2020–2060	Global	2 (based on SSP2)	🔗
Modelling global material stocks and flows for residential and service sector buildings towards 2050	Academic	CDW	Scenario: 2020–2060	Global	1 (SSP2)	🔗
The evolution and future perspectives of energy intensity in the global building sector 1971–2060	Academic	CDW	Scenario: 2020–2060	Global	1 (SSP2)	🔗
Tracking Construction Material over Space and Time Prospective and Geo-referenced modelling of Building Stocks and Construction Material Flows	Academic	CDW	Scenario to 2060	Global	6 scenarios concerning per-capita floor area, building stock turnover, and construction material.	🔗

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LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
Global construction materials database and stock analysis of residential buildings between 1970–2050	Academic	CDW	Scenario to 2060	Global	1 (SSP2)	🔗
A comprehensive set of global scenarios of housing, mobility, and material efficiency for material cycles and energy systems modelling	Academic	CDW	Scenario to 2060	Global	Low energy demand, SSP1, SSP2	🔗
Global scenarios of resource and emission savings from material efficiency in residential buildings and cars	Academic	CDW, ELV	Scenarios to 2050	Global	SSP1, SSP2	🔗
Matching global cobalt demand under different scenarios for co-production and mining attractiveness	Academic	BAT	2050	Global	5	🔗
Copper at the crossroads: Assessment of the interactions between low-carbon energy transition and supply limitations	Academic	Copper	2050	Global	2: 2°C and 4°C	🔗
The impact of climate policy implementation on lithium, cobalt and nickel demand: The case of the Dutch automotive sector up to 2040	Academic	ELV, Batteries	Scenario: 2019–2040	NL	2 (Based on policies)	🔗

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LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
The rise of electric vehicles—2020 status and future expectations	Academic	ELV, BAT	up to 2050	Global	various	🔗
Scenarios for the Return of Lithium-ion Batteries out of Electric Cars for Recycling	Academic	ELV, Battery	Scenario to 2050	Global	2	🔗
The dynamic equilibrium mechanism of regional lithium flow for transportation electrification	Academic	ELV, BAT	Scenario to 2050	Global	1 (projection)	🔗
Future material demand for automotive lithium-based batteries	Academic	ELV, BAT	Scenario to 2050	Global	4 (based on IEA)	🔗
Analysis of the Li-ion battery industry in light of the global transition to electric passenger light-duty vehicles until 2050	Academic	ELV, BAT	Scenario to 2050	Global	Combination of SSPs and RCPs	🔗
Circular economy strategies for electric vehicle batteries reduce reliance on raw materials	Academic	ELV, BAT	Scenario to 2050	Global	Reference + 4 technologies	🔗
Summary and critical review of the International Energy Agency's special report: The role of critical minerals in clean energy transitions	Academic	Energy	2050	Global	n/a	🔗

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LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
Review of critical metal dynamics to 2050 for 48 elements	Academic	Energy	Scenario to 2050	Global	1 compiled from various renewable technologies	🔗
Major metals demand, supply, and environmental impacts to 2100: A critical review	Academic	Energy	Scenario to 2100	Global	1 review of 197 studies	🔗
Requirements for Minerals and Metals for 100% Renewable Scenarios	Academic	Energy	Scenario to 2050	Global	1.5 degree scenario	🔗
The 3-machines energy transition model: Exploring the energy frontiers for restoring a habitable climate	Academic	Energy	2100	Global	20, rapid transition stabler 1.5 °C and return to 350 ppm	🔗
Modelling the demand and access of mineral resources in a changing world	Academic	Energy, Construction	2060	Global	RTS, BD2S IEA	🔗
Rare earths in the energy transition: what threats are there for the 'vitamins of modern society'?	Academic	Rare earths	2050	Global	2: 2°C and 4°C	🔗
A slag prediction model in an electric arc furnace process for special steel production	Academic	SLASH	None	Global	n/a	🔗

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LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
Decarbonising the iron and steel sector for a 2°C target using inherent waste streams	Academic	SLASH	Scenario to 2050	Global	1 (2 degree climate goal)	🔗
Environmental Implications of Future Demand Scenarios for Metals: Methodology and Application to the Case of Seven Major Metals	Academic	Various	Scenario to 2050	Global	4 (UN GEO-4)	🔗
Resource Demand Scenarios for the Major Metals	Academic	Various	Scenario to 2050	Global	4 (UN GEO-4)	🔗
Raw material depletion and scenario assessment in European Union – A circular economy approach	Academic	Various	None	EU	n/a	🔗
Material bottlenecks in the future development of green technologies	Academic	Various	Scenario to 2050	Global	1 (BAU)	🔗
Reuse assessment of WEEE: Systematic review of emerging themes and research directions	Academic	WEEE	None	Global	n/a	🔗
A systematic literature review on the circular economy initiatives in the European Union	Academic	Circularity	None	EU	Circular strategies	🔗
Material Flow Accounting: Measuring Global Material Use for Sustainable Development	Academic	Various	Scenario to 2100	Global	1 (BAU)	🔗

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LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
Circular Economy Action Plan	Action plan	Various	Scenario to 2050	EU	35 actions to climate neutrality	🔗
Construction and demolition waste: challenges and opportunities in a circular economy	Report	CDW	None	EU	n/a	🔗
IEA world energy model	Report	Energy	Scenario to 2050	Global	4	🔗
Bloomberg scenarios	Report	Energy	Scenario to 2050	Global	3	🔗
The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions	Report	Energy	None	Global	n/a	🔗
Transitions to 2050 decide now act for climate	Report	Energy	Scenario to 2050	France	4 to reach 2.1C by 2100	🔗
Raw materials demand for wind and solar PV technologies in the transition towards a decarbonised energy system	Report	Energy	Scenario to 2050	EU	low and high material demand scenarios	🔗
Inventaires des besoins en matière, énergie, eau et sols des technologies de la transition énergétique	Report	Energy	Scenario to 2050	France	1	🔗

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LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
Minerals in the future of Europe	Report	MinW	Scenario to 2050	EU	3 (2050 net-zero, digital, circular)	🔗
Minerals, Critical Minerals and the US Economy	Report	MinW	None	US	n/a	🔗
Minéraux stratégiques – État des lieux et propositions pour une vision partagée	Report	MinW	None	FR	n/a	🔗
The Critical Raw Materials (CRM) initiative – Underpinning the strategic approach to the EU's raw materials policy	Report	MinW	None	EU	n/a	🔗
Towards the Circular Economy: Accelerating the scale-up across global supply chains	Report	Circularity	None	Global	n/a	🔗
The Circular Economy in Europe	Report	Circularity	None	EU	n/a	🔗
Global material flows and resource productivity: Forty years of evidence	Report	Circularity	None	Global	n/a	🔗
The circular economy concept: contextualisation and multiple perspectives	Report	Circularity	None	Global	n/a	🔗
Global material flows database	Database	Various	None	Global	n/a	🔗
International Resource Panel	Reports	Various	None	Global	n/a	🔗

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LITERATURE	TYPE	WASTE STREAM	TEMPORAL COVERAGE	LOCATION	NUMBER OF SCENARIOS	LINK
World Business Council for Sustainable Development	Reports	Various	None	Global	n/a	80
Ellen MacArthur Foundation	Reports	Various	None	Global	n/a	80
European Environment Agency	Reports	Various	None	EU	n/a	80
International Energy Agency	Reports	Energy	None	Global	n/a	80
United Nations Environment Programme	Reports	Various	None	Global	n/a	80
United Nations Industrial Development Reports	Reports	Various	None	Global	n/a	80
World Bank	Reports	Various	None	Global	n/a	80
World Economic Forum	Reports	Various	None	Global	n/a	80

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6.4. DRIVERS AND FACTORS IDENTIFIED IN THE INITIAL COLLECTION PHASE

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The following table lists the elements that were identified in the initial phase of driver/factor collection.

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Table 6.4: Drivers and factors identified in the initial collection phase

METHOD	DESCRIPTION
Stricter environmental regulations	Increased regulations and policies aimed at reducing environmental impact
Inflation	Increase in the general price level of goods and services over time
Employment rates	Percentage of the working-age population that is employed
Exchange rates	Value of one currency relative to another currency
Interest rates	Cost of borrowing money or the return on investment
Gasoline price	Cost of gasoline for vehicles
Electricity price	Cost of electricity for consumers or businesses
Raw material prices	Prices of primary materials used in production processes
CO2 market	Trading system for carbon emissions permits or credits
Education level	Level of education attained by individuals or the overall population
Volunteering	Engagement in unpaid activities for the benefit of others
Transparency	Openness, accountability, and information accessibility
Compliance with rules	Adherence to regulations, guidelines, or standards
Cultural values / Consciousness	Beliefs, attitudes, and awareness of individuals and society
Accessibility	Ease of access to goods, services, or infrastructure

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METHOD	DESCRIPTION
Land rights	Legal rights to ownership, use, or access to land
Work-life balance	Equilibrium between work and personal life
Urbanisation	Increase in the population living in urban areas
Water supply constraints	Limitations on the availability or access to freshwater resources
Increased intrinsic drive for env. protection	Growing internal motivation to protect and conserve the environment
NIMBY to projects	Not-In-My-Backyard opposition to the location of certain projects
Climate change impacts (flooding, etc.)	Consequences of climate change, such as increased flooding or extreme events
Climate change mitigation efforts	Actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change
Redundancy	Availability of backup systems or alternative options
Material efficiency	Effective use and management of materials to minimize waste and loss
Energy efficiency of buildings	Performance and efficiency of energy consumption in buildings
Change of products in the scope WEEE directive	Inclusion or exclusion of certain products within the scope of the WEEE directive

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METHOD	DESCRIPTION
GDP/PPP	Gross Domestic Product (GDP) adjusted for purchasing power parity (PPP)
Improved repairability	Enhanced ability to repair and maintain products or equipment
Target enforcement	Implementation and enforcement of specific targets or goals
Data protection	Safeguarding personal data and ensuring privacy
Infrastructure	Physical structures and facilities necessary for the functioning of society
Intellectual property issues	Legal rights and protections for intellectual creations and innovations
Population	Total number of people in a given area or region
Resource shortage	Insufficient availability or scarcity of natural resources
Treatment cost	Cost of waste treatment, disposal, or recycling processes
Digital product passports	Digital documentation providing information about a product's lifecycle
Obsolescence	State of being outdated or no longer in use or demand
Digitalization	Integration and adoption of digital technologies and processes
SRM prices	Prices of secondary raw materials or recycled materials
Product prices	Prices of goods or products in the market

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METHOD	DESCRIPTION
Recyclability mandates	Requirements or regulations promoting the recyclability of products
Conflict in supply chain	Disputes or conflicts within the supply chain of raw materials or products
Obligatory recycling standards for treatment facilities	Mandatory standards for recycling processes in treatment facilities
Improved durability	Enhanced longevity and resistance of products or materials
Composition change	Alteration or modification of the composition of materials or products
Subsidies	Financial support or incentives provided by governments or organizations
Availability of recovery technologies	Existence and accessibility of technologies for material recovery
Taxation (raw materials, landfill)	Imposition of taxes on raw materials or landfill activities
Obligatory removal of CRMs from waste	Required removal or extraction of critical raw materials from waste streams
Corruption	Dishonest or unethical behaviour, typically involving misuse of power
Supply chain due diligence laws	Regulations or laws requiring companies to assess and manage supply chain risks
Improved recyclability	Increased ability of products or materials to be recycled or reused

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METHOD	DESCRIPTION
Ecodesign	Designing products with consideration for their environmental impact
Trade barriers	Barriers or restrictions to international trade or commerce
Industrialization of Europe	Development and growth of industrial activities in European countries
Reduced consumerism	Shift towards decreased consumption and a more sustainable lifestyle
Accessibility/Infrastructure	Availability and adequacy of infrastructure to support accessibility
New mines in rich EU countries?	Establishment of new mines in economically prosperous European countries
Miniaturization	Process of making products or components smaller and more compact
Sharing economy	Economic system based on sharing resources and services
Repairability mandates	Requirements or regulations promoting the repairability of products
Renewable energy targets	Set goals or objectives for increasing the use of renewable energy sources

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6.5. DRIVERS AND FACTORS IDENTIFIED IN THE SCREENING PHASE

The following table lists the scenario elements that were identified in the screening phase of driver/factor collection.



Table 6.5: List of drivers and factors identified in the screening phase

DOMAIN	DRIVER/FACTOR	DEFINITION	BAU	REC	CIR
Economic	CO2 market price	Price of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions in carbon markets	I	I	I
Economic	Economic growth	Rate of economic growth	I	I	I
Economic	Energy prices	Prices of energy resources	I	I	I
Economic	Market saturation	Level of saturation reached in the market for certain products or services	I	I	II
Economic	Raw material vs SRM prices	Price comparison between raw materials and Secondary Raw Materials (SRMs)	I	I	I
Economic	Re-industrialisation of EU	Process of revitalizing industrial activities in the European Union	I	I	I
Environmental	Climate change impacts (flooding, etc.)	Impacts of climate change such as flooding and other related events	I	I	I
Environmental	Climate change mitigation efforts	Efforts made to mitigate the effects of climate change	I	I	I
Environmental	Increased drive for env. protection	Growing motivation and drive to protect the environment	I	III	III
Environmental	Resource shortage	Shortage of natural resources	I	I	I

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DOMAIN	DRIVER/FACTOR	DEFINITION	BAU	REC	CIR
Legal/Political	Ecodesign/re-X mandates	Establishment of ecodesign requirements for specific product groups to improve circularity, energy performance, and other environmental sustainability aspects	I	II	III
Legal/Political	Governance: corruption vs compliance	Contrasting levels of corruption and compliance within governance systems	I	I	I
Legal/Political	International trade and co-operation (vs. autarky)	Level of international trade and cooperation versus self-sufficiency	I	I	I
Legal/Political	Product information transparency	Provision of transparent product information to consumers, manufacturers, importers, repairers, recyclers, or national authorities	I	III	III
Legal/Political	Progress toward renewable energy targets	Progress made in achieving renewable energy targets	I	I	I
Legal/Political	Stricter environmental regulations	Implementation of more stringent rules and regulations for environmental protection	I	III	III
Legal/Political	Subsidies/taxation to promote circularity	Provision of subsidies or implementation of taxation policies to incentivize circularity	I	I	I
Legal/Political	Supply chain due diligence laws	Implementation and enforcement of laws requiring companies to address negative human rights and environmental impacts in their value chains	I	II	III

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DOMAIN	DRIVER/FACTOR	DEFINITION	BAU	REC	CIR
Social	Hoarding	The act of stockpiling and keeping excessive amounts of products	III	II	II
Social	NIMBY to projects	Opposition of local communities to the location of new projects, such as mining, in their vicinity	I	I	I
Social	Participation in re-X activities	"Involvement in activities related to the ""re-"" concepts, including refusing, reducing, repairing, and reusing products"	I	II	III
Social	Population	Size and growth of the population	I	I	I
Social	Urbanisation	Rate of urban population growth	I	I	I
Technical	Digitisation	Adoption and integration of digital technologies	I	I	I
Technical	Integration of SRM system across EU	Integration of a Secondary Raw Materials (SRM) system across the European Union	I	III	III
Technical	Product technology	Changes in product function or composition that lead to changes in waste stream composition and quantity	I	III	III
Technical	Recovery technology	Technologies and processes for recovering materials from waste	I	III	III

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