

LCM of construction waste towards circular economy of buildings: VALDEM project

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Context:

- ❑ Building and construction sector:
 - more than 1/3 of global resource consumption
 - generation of solid waste: 40% of the total waste volume
 - EU: CDW = largest waste stream (1/3 of all EU waste)

- ❑ CDW (Construction & Demolition Waste): mostly not recycled

- ❑ Causes:
 - heterogeneity
 - dispersion
 - economic viability

VALDEM project: objectives

VALDEM aims to improve demolition waste treatment to reach a circular economy in North of France and Wallonia (BE):

Identify waste flow and create new recycling sector

- optimize building EoL management: new deconstruction, sorting and recycling processes
- increase recycling
- generate high quality secondary materials (up-cycling)

Validate the approach by using Life Cycle Assessment

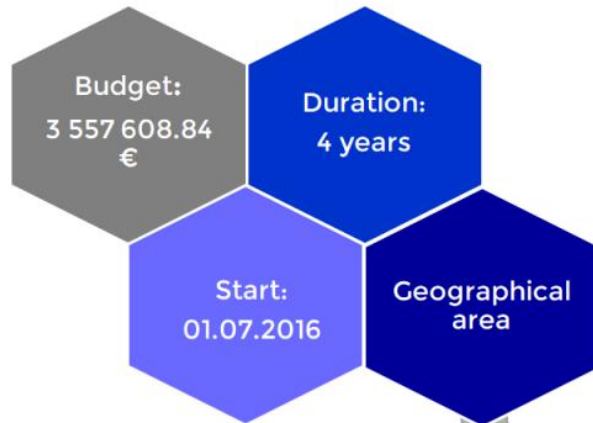
Demonstrate the transferability of the results to industries

Conduct a monitoring of regulations and highlight opportunities

VALDEM project: scope

General information:

<http://www.valdem-interreg.eu/>



Co-founders:

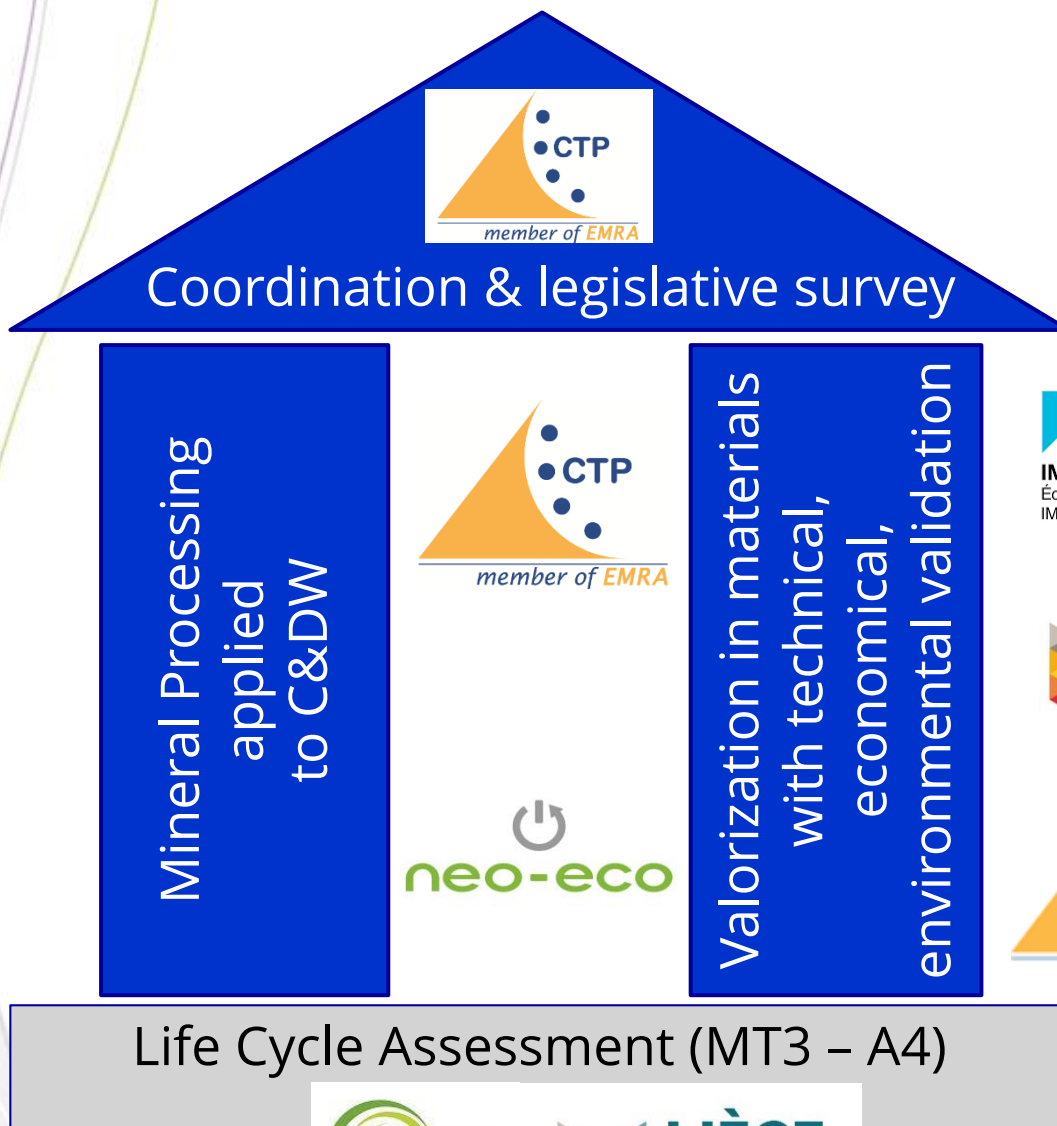


62.000 km²
10.800.000 habitants/inwoners



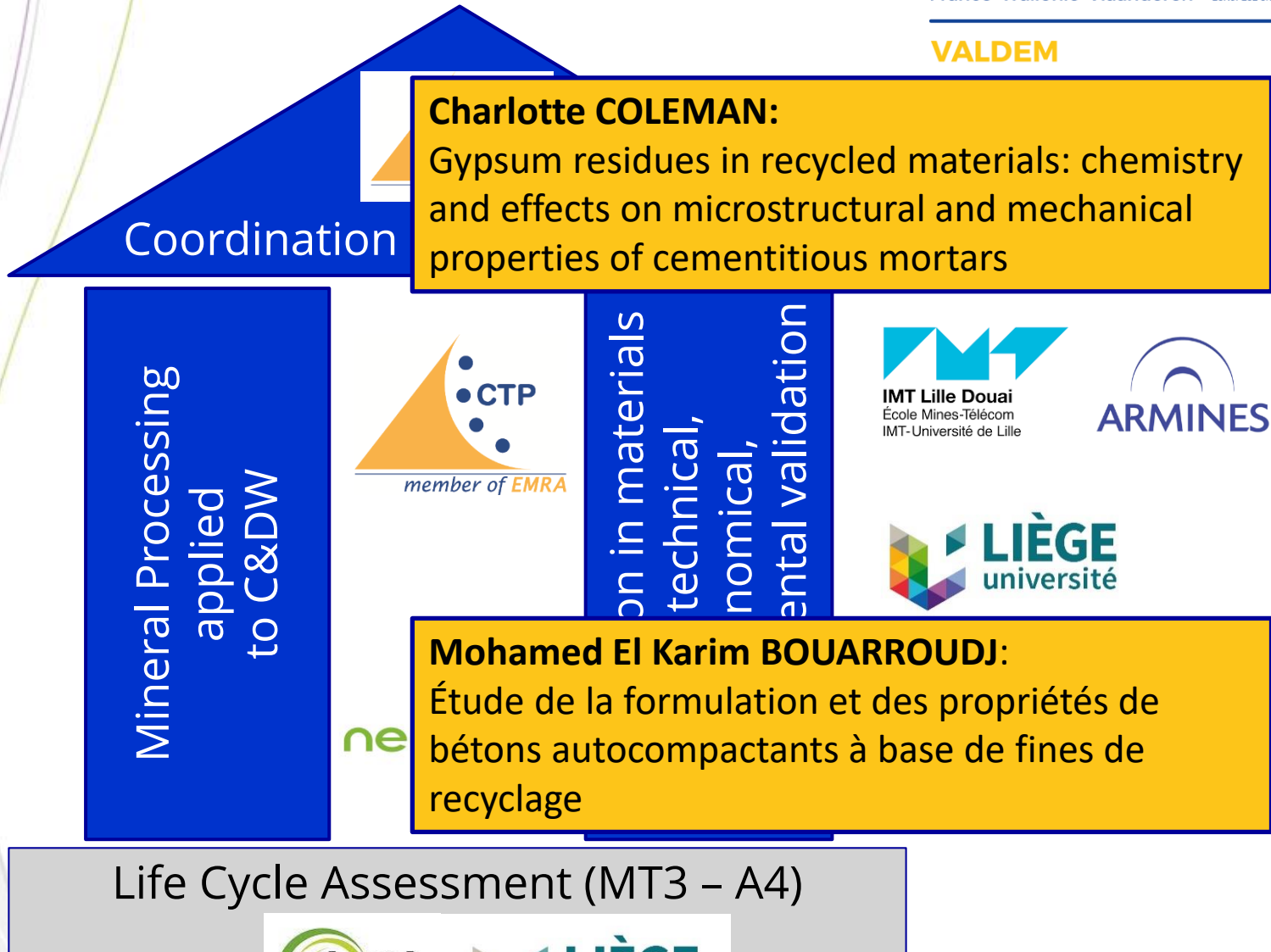
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Life Cycle Management: general scope



Life Cycle Management: activities

Upstream

Downstream

Assess environmental burdens link to collection, sorting and treatment of construction and demolition waste

Assess environmental burdens link to product manufacture from CDW

Challenges

Lack of consistent, specific, detailed and reliable data

Lack of a consensual methodology for allocation in recycling

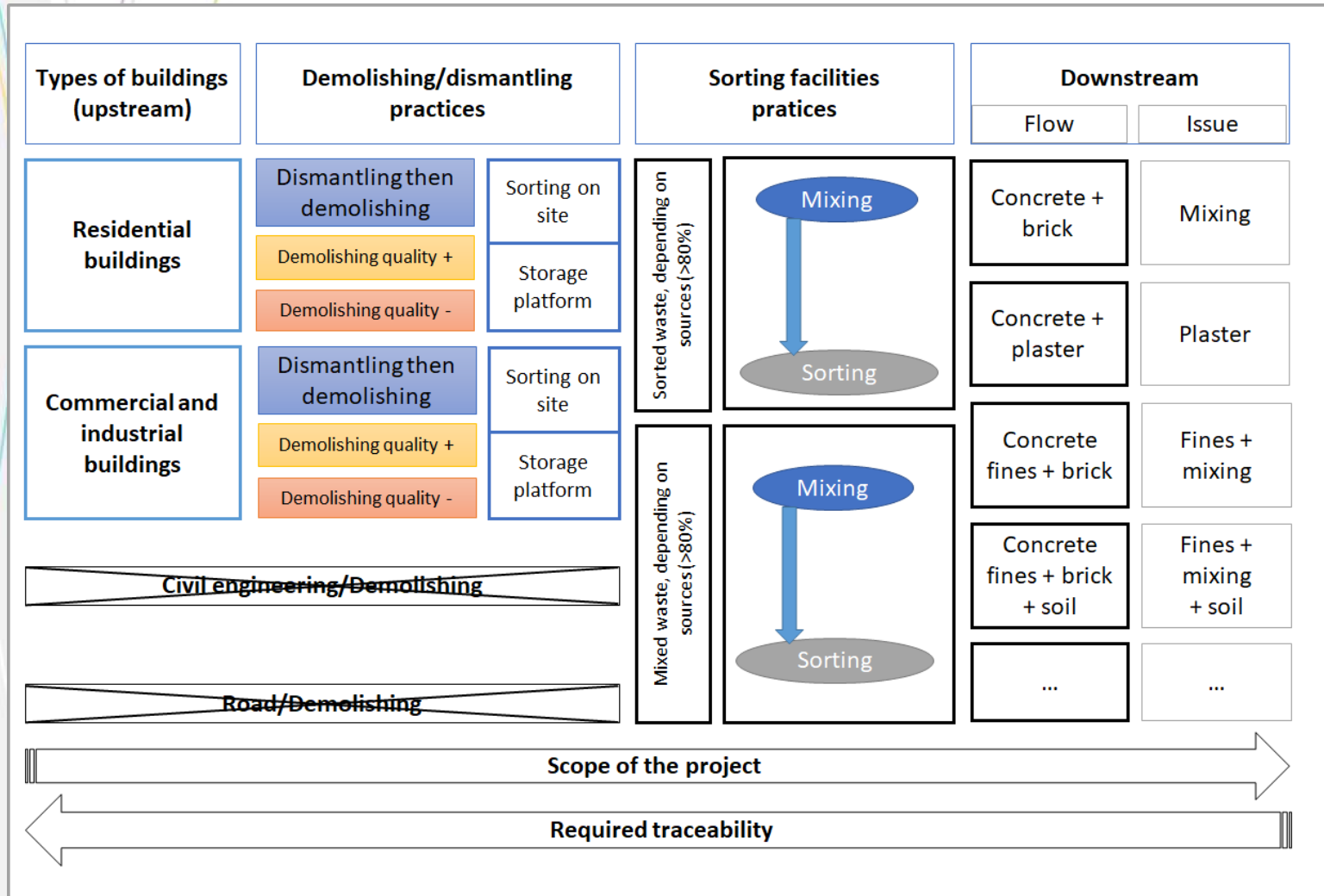
Approach

Data collection at different scale (micro with sorting facilities, recyclers ... and macro: regional and national statistics ...)

State of the art of current research regarding allocation in recycling (PEF ...)

Connecting with related initiatives and projects (Recybeton, Studies from SNED, FEDEREC, KU Leuven ...).

Life Cycle Management: detailed scope



Life Cycle Management: concrete actions

Identify hot spots and key aspects → meta-analysis

- waste inventory (recycling parks)
- potential waste flows (regional data)

Comparative LCA:

- technical informations from consortium partners
- evaluation of benefits and impacts of proposed solutions
- limit impact transfer to generate the maximum value for the stakeholders

Transfer of results to the main actors (recycling operators, building contractors, product manufacturers,...) in the 3 regions

Life Cycle Management: outputs

Bring scientific and concrete elements (based on data from the ground and at macro-level)
on how recycling of CDW can improve environmental impact of buildings along their life (current and futur)
and move forward to a circular economy in construction sector

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