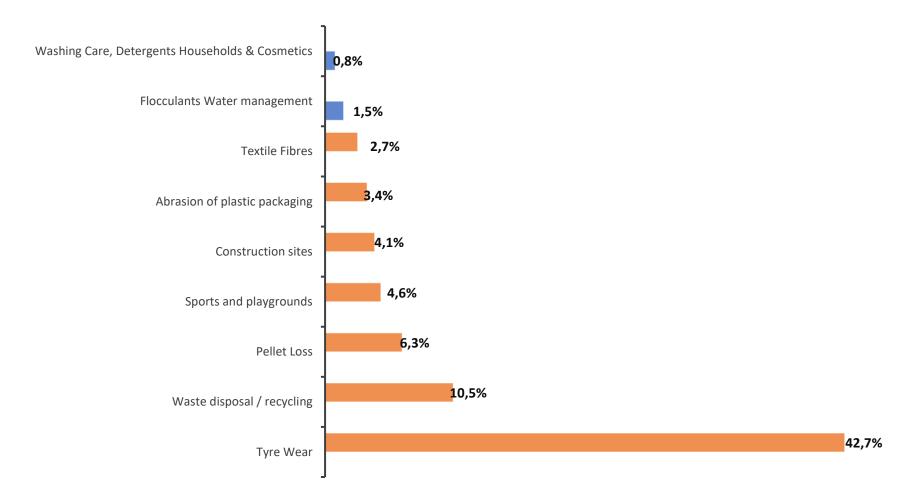


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Microplastic sources in numbers





Microplastics in the environment– Why is there an urgent need for action?

Unintended (!) releases are enormous

Abrasion, aging, decay, washing (textile fibres),...

Valuable resources are lost

The recovery of microplastics from the various environmental compartments is hardly possible

- Long-term effects on soil organisms and the food chain are to be expected (ECHA 2020)
 - 1. Plastics can act as carriers of toxic substances into deeper soil layers
 - 2. Additives in particular are the focus of current investigations
- Measures are mandatory -> principle of caution



Biodegradable plastics from a microplastics perspective



• 300.000 tons of plastic packaging per year (AT) High potential for reduction and substitution(degradable materials)



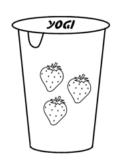


• Composting ≠ recycling for packaging regulations for proper disposal and labeling are necessary no references to compostability and biodegradability

Collection & recycling of biodegradable plastics
 Adaption of existing collection systems and recycling facilities for biodegradable plastics









































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Reduction of microplastic emissions





- Reduce packaging: as little as possible as much as necessary
- Re-use instead of single-use
- Stop intended microplastic use in products
- Switch to biodegradable plastics according to the EN 13432 standard
- Establishing material recycling for biodegradable plastics



Focus of our work

- 1. Public relations & knowledge transfer
- 2. Bundling expertise within the partner-network
- 3. Show Best-Practices
- 4. Provide evidence to policy makers











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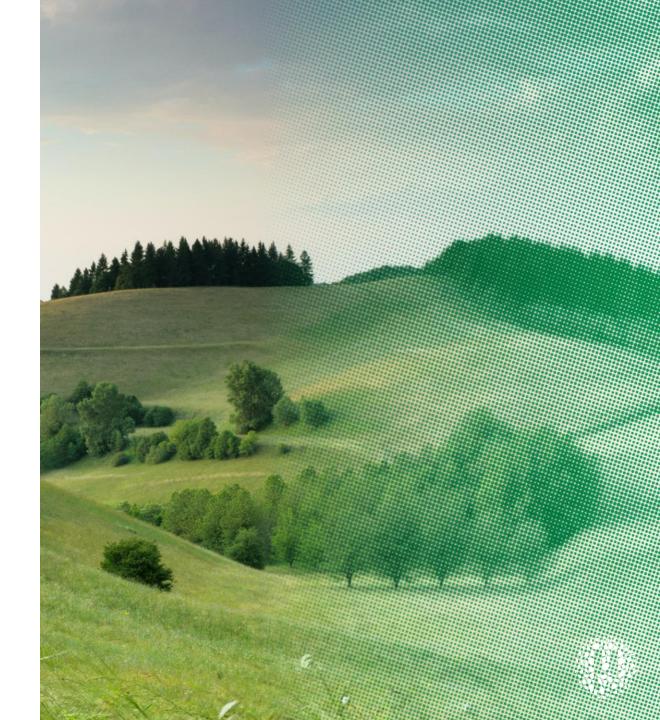
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