

Circular Economy in Amsterdam and Helsinki – Exchanging best practices

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## Forefront circular economy solutions for construction and infrastructure sectors

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## **Introduction GBN Groep**

- Founded in 1998
- Nationwide coverage (30 locations)
- > 50 employees

Area's of expertise

- Circular materials corridor
- Soil Recycling & Landmass coordination
- Asphalt Recycling
- EoL Concrete Recycling
- Railway stone Recycling
- Immobilisation
- Artificial Grass Recycling



## **Vision**

GBN Group works on a daily basis on achieving circular objectives and creating a circular economy.

Our company's **mission** is to reduce Earth Overshoot day by making materials circular one by one.





## Why?

GBN recognizes that the earth is out-of-balance by the overconsumption of our society.

As a society we have to work on a circular and sustainable economy in order to balance the earth.

Our mission is to eliminate Earth Overshoot Day.



















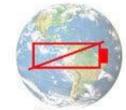












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## How?

With its practical knowledge, GBN Groep contributes to the closure of these chains.

This requires **cooperation** at all levels and throughout the **entire chain**.

With the **development** of the 'Circular Raw Materials Corridor', **materials** are **coordinated** with each other.



### **Areas of Expertise**

Circular raw materials corridor Soil Recycling & Landmass coordination **Asphalt** Recycling **EoL Concrete** Recycling Railway stone Recycling **Immobilisation Artificial Grass Recycling** 



### Circular raw materials corridor

Materialinventory



Materialcalendar





Hub







Chain director





### **Materials Inventory**

In order to fine-tune the various flows, it is necessary to have an overview of the various materials and products within the projects.

To this end, GBN makes a materials inventory. With this tool we make an overview of the available materials and products per project.

This inventory provides sufficient information per flow to achieve coordination between the projects.



### Materials calendar

Once inventories have been made of the projects within the region or cluster, these are put in time.

We do this with a materials calendar.

This materials calendar gives us insight into which flows are released from which projects at which times and can be linked to the demand from other projects.

The aim is to bring about an exchange materials and products between different projects.



Hub

After the match has been made, transport has to be organized. And, if necessary, a period must be bridged in which the cargo has no place on either project.

In that case GBN organizes a hub where temporary storage is possible.



#### Chain director

Although an important part of these components can be supported by IT programmes, a chain director is needed who actively takes care of the matchmaking and the organization.

The chain director is an indispensable spider in the web, maintaining contacts between all parties involved and, as a broker, supporting financial and legal coordination.

GBN organizes all of the above components. At the same time, this approach is also open to input from third parties. If, for example, a materials inventory has already taken place, we will use it instead of repeating it ourselves.



## Soil Recycling and landmass coordination

GBN is one of the three largest soil banks in The Netherlands. Exploiting over 28 certified locations and handling over 4 mio tons per year



### **Asphalt Recycling**

New green
asphalt products
using over 99%
recycled
materials



### Railway Stone Recycling

With two washing plants in The Netherlands creating over 400.000 tons of circular aggregates for new railways, concrete and asphalt



### **EoL Concrete Recycling**

# Creating circular concrete reclaiming aggregates, sand and active fines





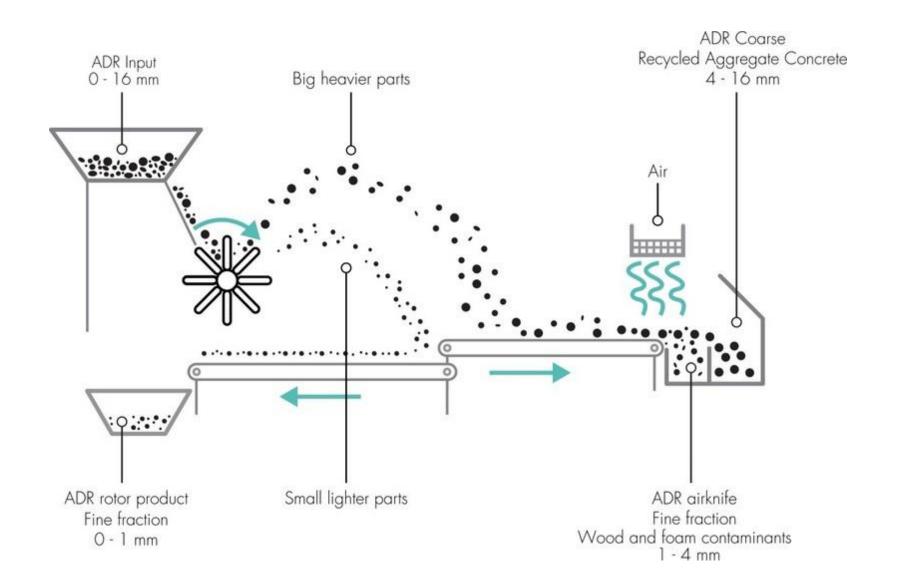
A company found by GBN and TUDelft (Technical University) developing novel recycling technologies for complex building materials from C&DW





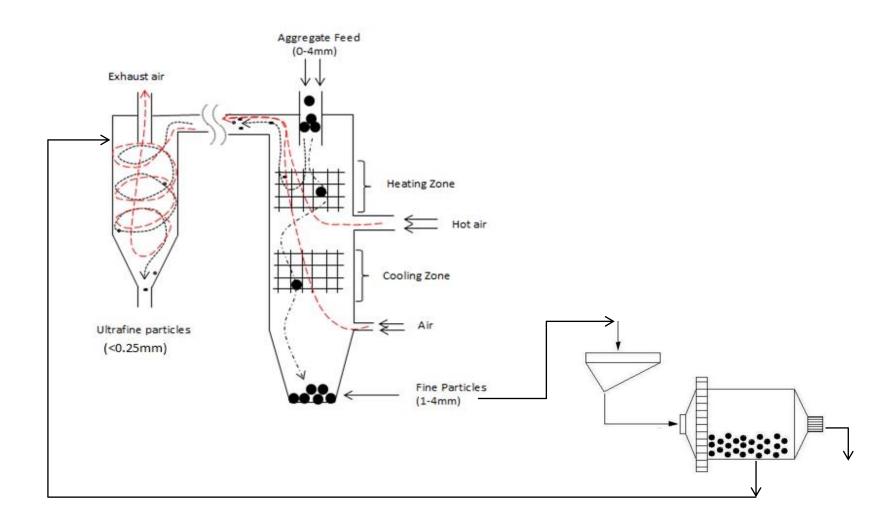


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### H2020 project HISER, VEEP & ICEBERG

GBN participates in several European research projects in the field of concrete recycling. The main objective in HISER, VEEP and ICEBERG is to develop and demonstrate novel costeffective holistic solutions (technological and non-technological) for a higher recovery of raw materials from ever more complex construction and demolition waste (C&DW) by considering circular economy approaches throughout the building value chain (from End-of-Life Buildings to new Buildings).





### **C**oncrete Agreement

### **Ambitions towards 2030**

CO2: 49% CO2 reduction in

2030 (1990)

Circularity: 100% of all EoL concrete will be used in new concrete in 2030



### **Immobilization**

Creating a 93% circular low grade concrete from recycled materials transforming into a building product



# GBN Artificial Grass Recycling

#### The situation

In several countries in Europe and beyond, there is an **urgent need** for **clean**, **safe** and **circular processing** of **end-of-life synthetic turf**.

A large number of municipalities, sports clubs and other organizations are looking for ways to dispose of worn out artificial grass in a responsible manner.



### The solution

**GBN Artificial Grass Recycling** (AGR) offers the solution by **processing the structural** annual supply of **end-of-life artificial grass** into new, high-quality, **circular raw materials**.

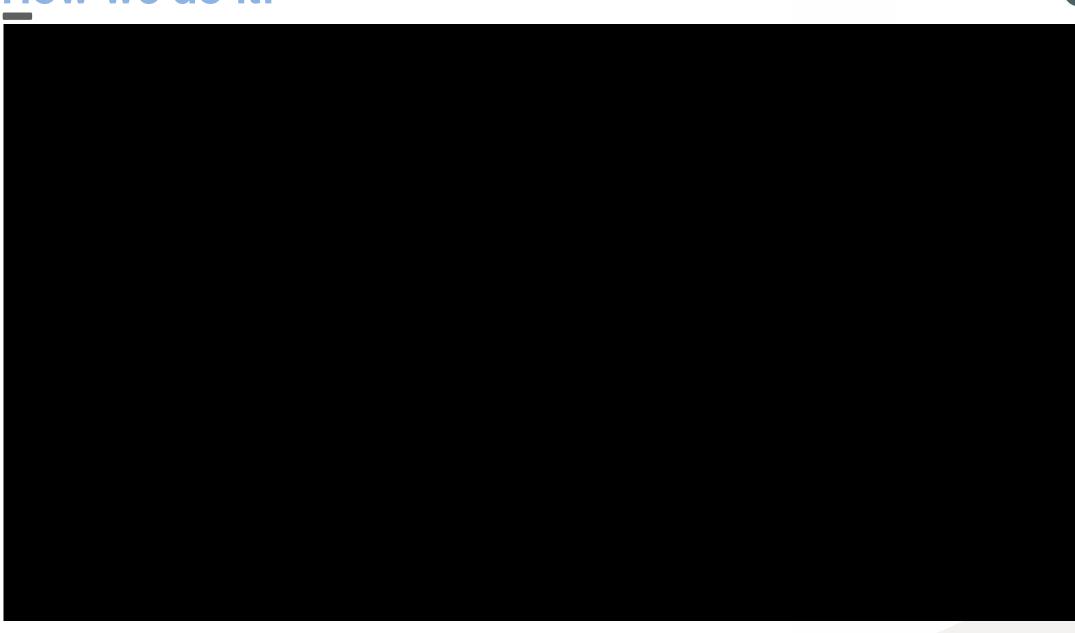
The start is in the Netherlands: in January 2020, GBN AGR's first innovative circular processing plant opened its doors in the middle of the circular cluster of the Port of Amsterdam.

The factory was **completed** in **less than 1 year**. From idea **to production**!



### How we do it!





# Certification and guaranteed circular recycling

This **recycling process** boasts **a unique innovation** certificate from the **Kiwa** institute.

As a result, **GBN AGR** can **guarantee**, and has set the **benchmark** for, circular recycling and a **consistent supply of high-quality**, circular raw materials.



# LET'S **CREATE CIRCULAR ECONOMY TOGHETER**



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