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**<u>SANIT</u>** aryware production: use of waste glass for <u>Saving Energy</u> and <u>Resources</u>

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NOVEDI Project NO VEtro in DIscarica

From GLASS destined to landfill through the production of an INNOVATIVE material to the realization of a ECO-SUSTAINABLE building



START PRODUCTS (currently delivered to landfill)

Mosaic glass, artistic glass, glass from TV screens, Lamps, Textile Fiber glass, Solar and photovoltaic panels

#### FOAM GLASS



FINAL PRODUCT FOAM GLASS

- Low Density
- High mechanical strength
- High resistance to fire
- Low thermal transmissivity







#### END USED

Production of lightweight concrete with high insulating power for the construction of environmentally sustainable buildings

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#### Project LIFE10 ENV/IT/347 «UNIZEO»

« Urea-based nitrogenous fertilizers coated with zeolite: reducing drastically pollution due to nitrogen »

Minerali Industriali S.r.l. **Coordinating beneficiary: Associated beneficiary:** 

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#### Main objectives and expected results :

- Functioning pilot plant with a production capacity of **1000 ton** per year;
- Granules of urea-based fertilizer coated with Zeolitite tested in agricultural lots and one golf course in total 2500 Ha;
- Reduction of needed urea in the tested farmland with 30-40%
- Drastic reduction of nitrates in groundwater and aquifers and nitrogen (ammonia) in air;
- 45%-50% of reduction of loss of nitrogen in atmosphere and leaching;
- Crop yield in the test lots increase with respect to that produced with the normal chemical fertilizers:
- Increased knowledge and awareness amongst target group of growers on water and air pollution by nitrates and the advantage of the new product.









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Reduction of the waste currently destined for landfill



Landscape protection Redu

Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission and energy consumpton

#### **Project: LIFE10 ENV/IT/346 « SASIES »** 'Sludges from agglomerated stones industry for environmental sustainability (acronym SASIES)'

#### **Objectives and expected results:**

- Proven possibility of recycling the entire amount of sludges that come from the processing of siliceous and carbonate agglomerated stones, reducing waste going to landfill, which is currently **345,000 tons at a European level**;
- Saving more than **75%**  $CO_2$  emissions in the processing and disposal of waste;
- Effective recycling of stone sludges from agglomerated stones production, reducing the need to dig raw materials. Reduction of the current costs for waste disposal.









## Sanitaryware production: use of waste glass for saving energy and resources

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**Coordinating beneficiary:** 

Associated beneficiaries:

Minerali Industriali S.r.l. G.E.M.I.C.A. S.r.l. Life Cycle Engeneering SE.TE.C. S.r.l.

#### Main objective:

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Improving the environmental impact of the sanitaryware production process replacing natural raw materials (up to 40-50%) with glass cullet from urban waste disposal and other recycled materials in the ceramic blends formulation.





#### **EARLIER STUDIES**

## Use of processed glass cullet waste in ceramic is supported by the following reasons:

- Chemical compatibility of soda lime glass and vitreous sanitaryware ceramics, since both are characterized by Na<sub>2</sub>O and CaO, acting as main fluxes [M. Dondi, T. Manfredini et al, 1995];

- Abundance of glass phase (50-65%) in the output products [M. Dondi et al., 1999; G. Baldi et al., 2001]: soda lime glass is already a glass phase and contributes both to obtain the dominant amorphous phase in vitreous sanitaryware ceramics and to change the sintering process shifting it to lower temperatures-shorter times than the traditional one;

- Flexibility of VSW-making process, wich renders it possible to mix glass with other raw materials without modifying significantly the manufacturing cycle [G. Baldi et al., 2001; A. Moreno et al.,2000; A. Brusa et al., 1999]



**2009**: Minerali Industriali and the Earth Science Department of the University of Milan started a collaboration to study the introduction of glass cullet in partial replacement of Na-feldspar (traditional flux agent) for sanitary-ware ceramic production.



#### **EARLIER STUDIES**

#### This study has considered three main aspects:

1 - how SLG affects the sanitary-ware ceramic transformations at high temperature, in terms of mullite nucleation and growth, to mark the effects of activation energy reduction and to pose the basis for a successive determination of optimal firing time and temperature;

- 2 how far SLG influences the technological properties of the final product, as a function of time and temperature;
  - 3 how SLG-bearing slips, properly adjusted to warrant processability, transform upon firing, in terms of final phases.

#### Problems to overcome:

•Eventual changes in rheology of the slips;
•Pyro-plasticity effects on large ceramic bodies;
•Effects of thermal gradient upon firing on large and complex shape bodies having SLG;
•Glaze reformulation to match the new thermal cycles.

#### **2012: SANITSER PROJECT**



#### Main actions:

- Definition of new formulations for slips bearing SLG and of production processes using the modified firing time-temperature cycles at lower temperature;
- Glaze composition revision in the light of new firing time temperature cycles;
- Determination of environmental impact parameters (Life Cycle Assessment).

#### **Expected results:**

#### **SAVED PRIMARY RESOURCES: 40-50%**

### SAVED ENERGY: 16-18%



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GLASS CULLET WASTE FROM URBAN WASTE DISPOSAL: 100% RECYCLED POST CONSUMER As definied on section 7.8.1.1 c, UNI EN ISO 14021



SPECIAL GLASSES FOR GLAZE (tv monitor, lamp, neon, boric glass): 100% RECYCLED PRE and POST CONSUMER As definied on section 7.8.1.1 c, UNI EN ISO 14021





#### Vetro GS - 100% Riciclato "post consumer" - Schema di processo







**CERAMIC PITCHER: 100% RECYCLED PRE CONSUMER** As definied on section 7.8.1.1 c, UNI EN ISO 14021



Ceramic pitcher BVC – vitreous china



Ceramic pitcher BFC – Fire clay

Minerali Industriali Group has facilities to recycle the ceramic pitcher throughout Italy, Europe and Latin America.

The ceramic pitcher is regularly recovered, crushed and ground, to be reused alone or in mixture, as a component of the ceramic blends.





Na/K - feldspar resulting from the recovery and treatment of the ornamental stone "wastes", obtained from the historical white granite quarries Montorfano and pink granite Baveno, in the north of Lake Maggiore. In 1992 (renovated in 2012) the Mining Concessions for the exploitation of feldspar and associated minerals are issued by the Mining District of Turin, with **mining projects aimed exclusively at the recovery of the landfills material.** 

The result is an innovative project that converts something considered a mining waste into a raw material, creating a benefit to the environment avoiding the opening of new mines.





> Glass cullet + Ceramic pitcher + F60PB

### HARD MATERIAL COMPONENT H.M.C.

Realization of a dedicated line for the integrated treatment of glass cullet + ceramic pitcher + granit



# Thank you