



H2020 funding – research group perspective

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Research focus: utilization of inorganic industrial residues



**> 20
RESEARCHERS**

**> 20
PROJECTS**

**> 40
COMPANIES**

**> 60
PUBLICATIONS**



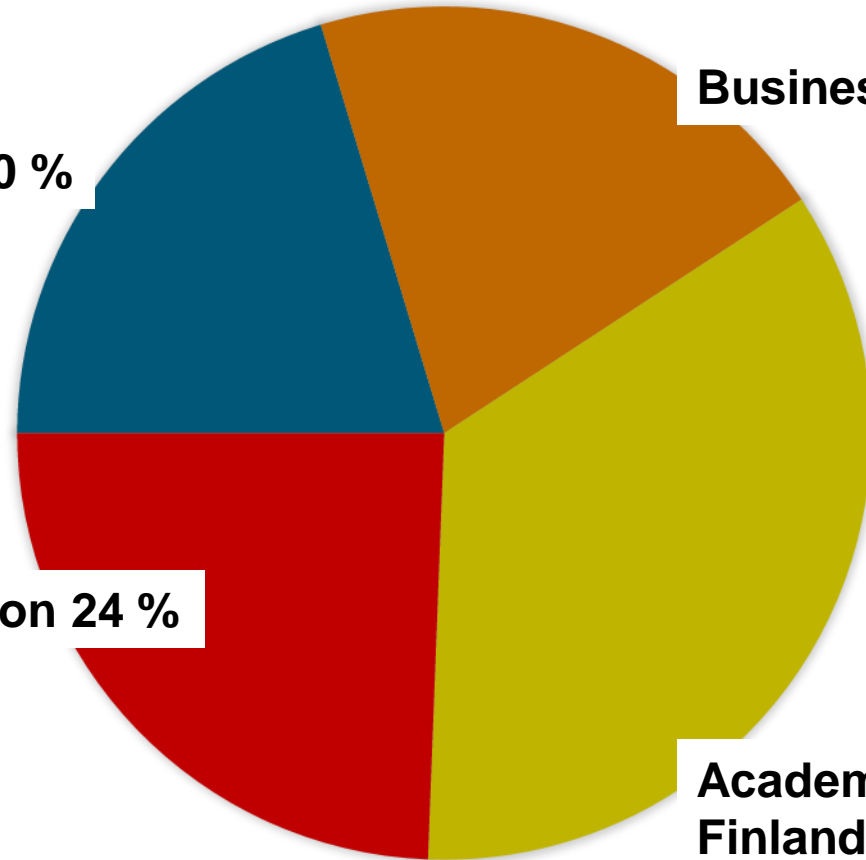
Additional funding 1.5 MEUR 2019

5 H2020 projects



European Union 24 %

Other 20 %



Business Finland 21 %

Academy of
Finland 35 %

A person wearing a dark winter coat with a fur-lined hood stands on a vast, flat, snow-covered landscape. Their arms are raised high in a gesture of triumph or achievement. In the background, a small lighthouse with a flag on top sits on a slight rise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that reflects on the snow. The sky is a mix of soft blues and oranges.

**Why to apply H2020 project
(as a researcher)?**



You may need some persistence



2014

INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS FOR
HIGH VALUE GEOPOLYMER
PRODUCTS

- Coordinator
- 23 partners

→ Reserve list, no funding



CIRC-AAM

2016

CIRCULAR ECONOMY SOLUTIONS
WITH ALKALI-ACTIVATED
MATERIALS

- Scientific coordinator
- 19 partners (5 from SYMBRES)

→ Reserve list, no funding



2018

MINERAL WOOL WASTE BACK TO LOOP
WITH ADVANCED SORTING, PRE-
TREATMENT AND ALKALI-ACTIVATION

- Scientific coordinator
- 15 partners (6 from previous proposals)

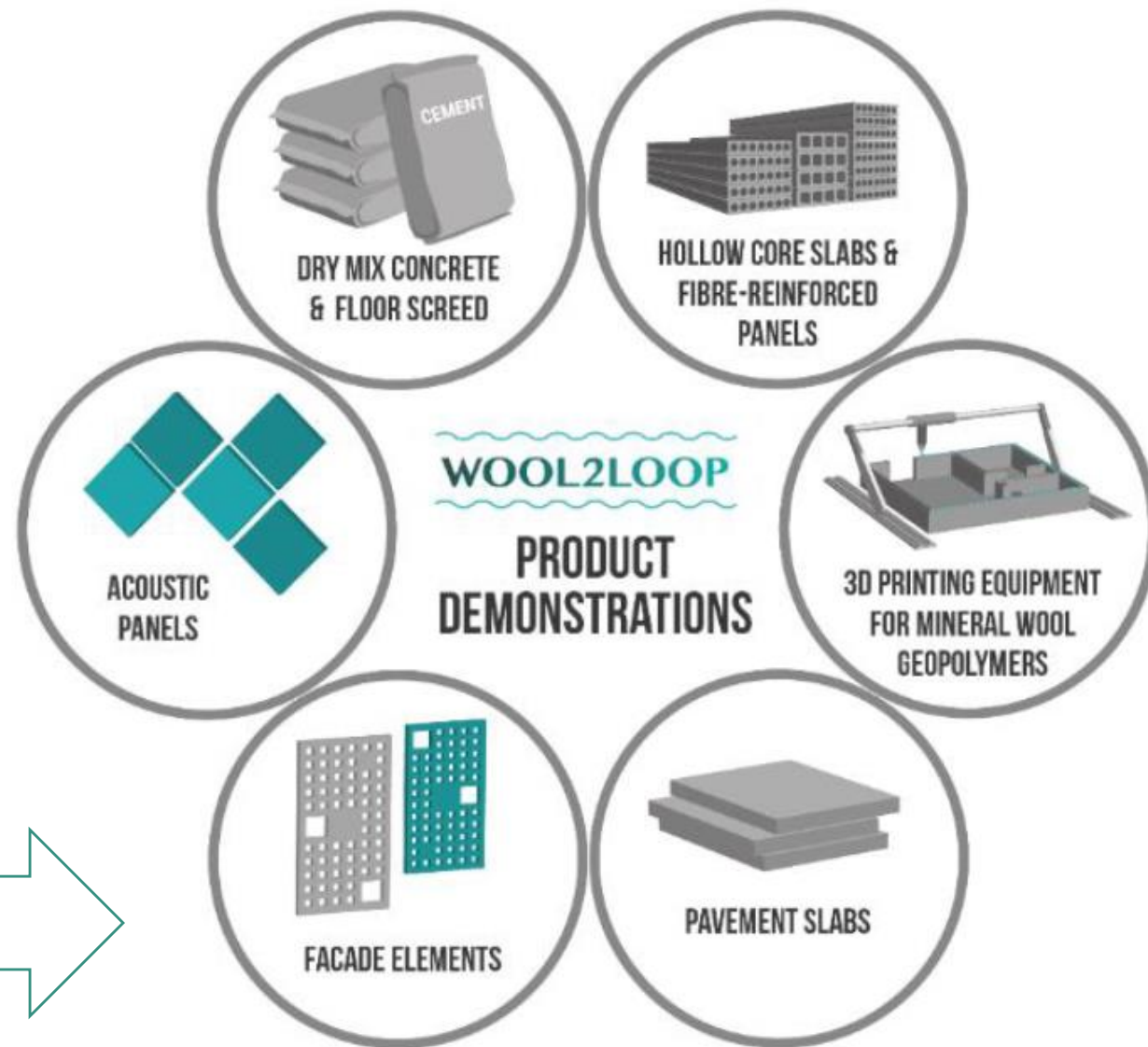
→ FUNDING!



WOOL2LOOP



From idea to product demonstrations





Some other benefits...

5 ongoing H2020 projects



I4FUTURE



Active collaboration with international partners



UNIMORE
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI
MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA



And much more.

What is important?

Working with companies

- **Listen**
- **Be in time**
- **Earn trust**

As a coordinator

- **Select the best partners**
- **Keep the schedule**
- **Prepare to work hard**

As a partner

- **Be the best possible partner**

Writing the proposal

- **Think from the evaluator point of view**





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