



ACCELERATING ENERGY TRANSITION



## Agenda

ABOUT US
ENVIRONMENTAL
GRT SOLUTION
TODAY
TOMORROW
CONCLUSION

## **History and numbers**

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1971

Company foundation by Dr. Alain Jenny as an R&D group, focusing on industrial development of innovative processes developed in research laboratories at EPFL and other universities.

2014

Strengthening of financial position with new shareholders, who contributed to directly finance industrial operations and processing of non-recyclable waste materials projects.

2017

Creation of GRT Italia and GRT Britannia to expand activities in Italy and UK. World first integrated Formic Acid Fuel Cell demonstration unit developed in Grt labs and proved as efficient electricity production system. 2004

Reinforcement of engineering capabilities in order to be able to provide innovative industrial solutions in the field of pollution and waste management.

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## Vision

Some of the most relevant challenges for mankind today concern the reduction of human footprint on the planet and the preservation of the environment for future generations.

In this context GRT Group intends to be an active player in the circular economy industry, fuelling the green industrial revolution, trhough the application of innovative technologies.

GRT Group vision is the commitment to address 3 major environmental challenges:

- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions,
- Reduce Plastic waste littering,
- Enable Energetic transition;

by providing technological solutions for present and future.

#### **Values**

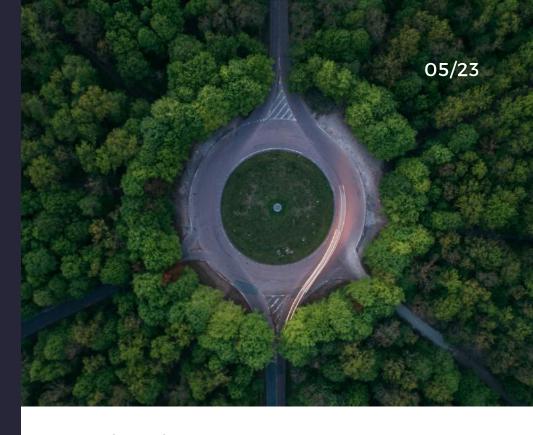
Ethics and Environment first

Continuous innovation through R&D on circular economy technology and processes

Leadership through excellency in processes, people competences and skills enhancement

Responsibility to future generations and local communities





#### **Mission**

For over 45 years, GRT Group has pioneered and boosted scientific and industrial approaches by developing original technologies in the sustainable economy sector.

The mission of GRT Group is to implement, at full industrial level, innovative technologies, in the circular economy environment.

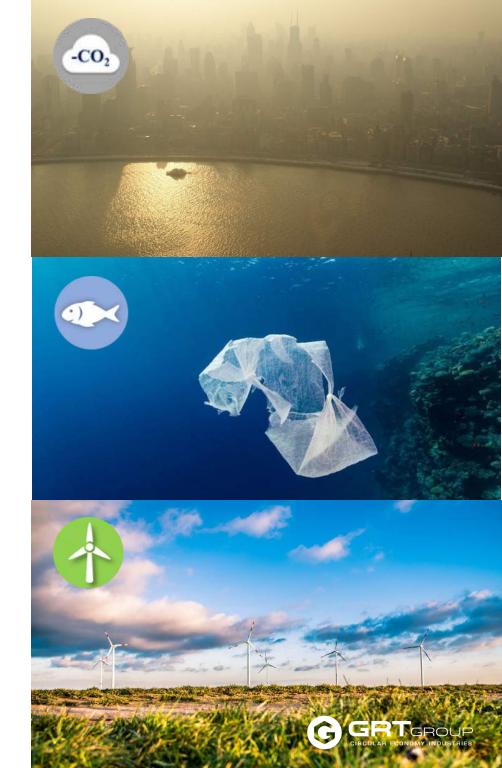
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To reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

To eliminate environment littering

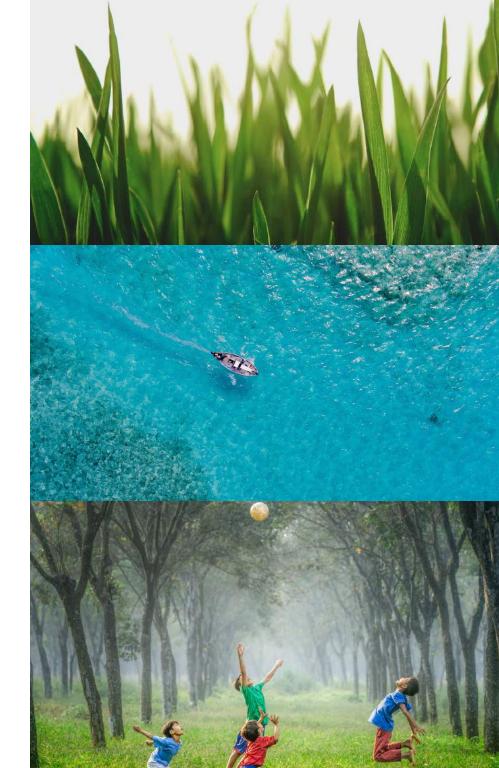
To enable energetic transition from fossil fuels to renewables



#### To reduce earth limited resources exploitation

**To extract Value** from waste, reducing local pollution and damages to the oceans ecosystems

> To be Responsible towards local communities







## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

ENVIRONMENTAL

Global CO<sub>2</sub>emissions set to rise by 2% in 2017.

Main consequences:

Global warming -> desertification, sea level rise, stronger storms and extreme events;

Ocean acidification -> world's oceans 30% more acidic since the Industrial Revolution.

## **Environment littering** 31%

ENVIRONMENTAL

In 2014, 25.8 million tons of post-consumer plastics waste ended up in the official waste streams.

Since 2006 recycling and recovery increased by 64% and 46% respectively. Landfill decreased by 38%.

Energy recovery

In 2014, landfilling was still the 1st option in many EU countries. Countries with landfill ban (AUT, BEL, CH, DK, GER, LUX, NL, NOR, SWE) achieve higher recycling rates.

When not properly disposed, plastic waste ends up as litter in the environment, harming

wild life, fisheries and tourism.

Marine Litter has become a global challenge. Since 2011, 65 associations in 34 countries have signed on to the Global Declaration for solutions on Marine Litter. 260 projects are underway, planned or completed since.

PLASTICS PRODUCTION

RATIO OF PLASTICS TO FISH IN THE OCEAN'



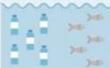
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Recycling

28%





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Landfill

Source: Ellen Macarthur foundation



## **Energetic Transition**

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80% of global energy today comes from fossil fuels.

The intermittent nature of renewable energies creates the need for energy storage in order to allow their use on large scale.

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# How do we address environmental issues

**TECHNOLOGIES** 

TODAY AND TOMORROW



#### **Plastic to fuel**

To produce liquid fuel with nonrecyclable plastics and renewable energy

**Energy to storage** 

To store energy from renewables through Liquid Fuels: LOHC or Biodiesel

## An integrated strategy

#### TODAY AND TOMORROW

GRT Group is committed to transform non-recyclable plastic into valuable fuel and to accelerate the energy transition via a new concept of energy storage.

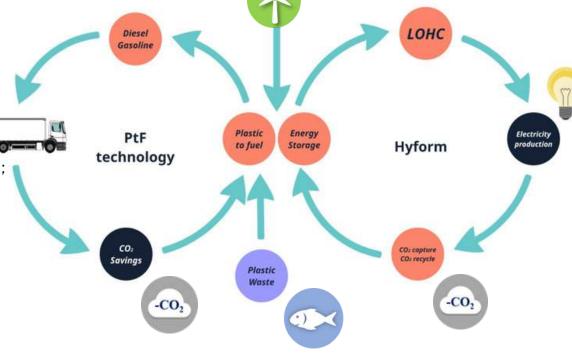
These represent efficient solutions for today and tomorrow, addressing the issues of:

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction;

environment littering reduction;

and energetic transition enabling;

in order to preserve the environment and to allow our economy to move to an economically efficient sustainable model.



### **Plastic to fuel**

TODAY

## Non-recyclable plastic waste



#### Renewable energy



are converted into ready to use liquid fuels through a thermal conversion process.



## Plastic to fuel: how it works

TODAY



#### Inputs:

renewable electricity



Non-recyclable waste plastics

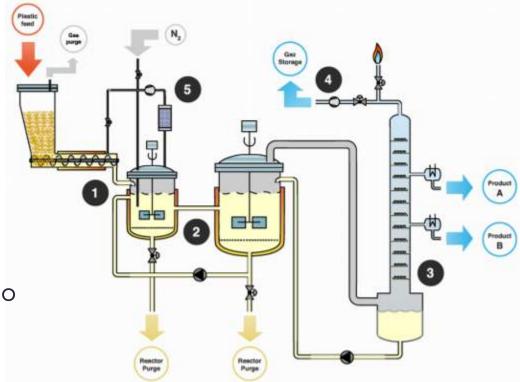




Liquid low-carbon fuels (Diesel, gasoline)

Syngas: process energy when no renewable energy available

Char: used in agriculture, construction, cementeries

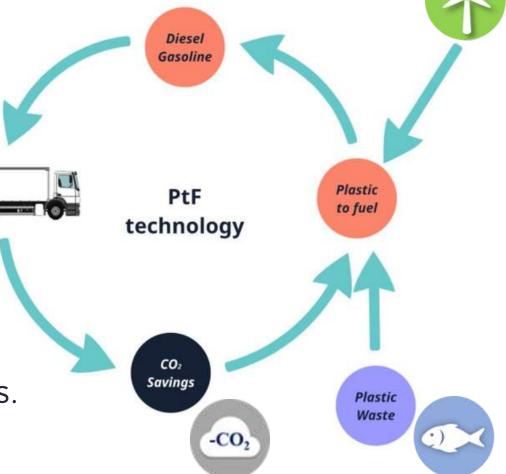


# Fuel produced as a way to store energy

TODAY

Energy, from waste and renewables, is stored into liquid fuels.

Fuel produced is compliant with transportation standards, it can be used in existing engines or industrial plants.



## **Environmental gains**

TODAY



Promote recycling by increasing the value of waste

Waste plastics are not landfilled and will not leak into the environment,



Store renewable energy,



Local production: no need for extraction, refining and transportation,

low sulphur content,

 $70\% CO_2$  savings compared to fossil fuels, no incineration of waste plastics.



# **Energy storage for energetic transition**

TOMORROW

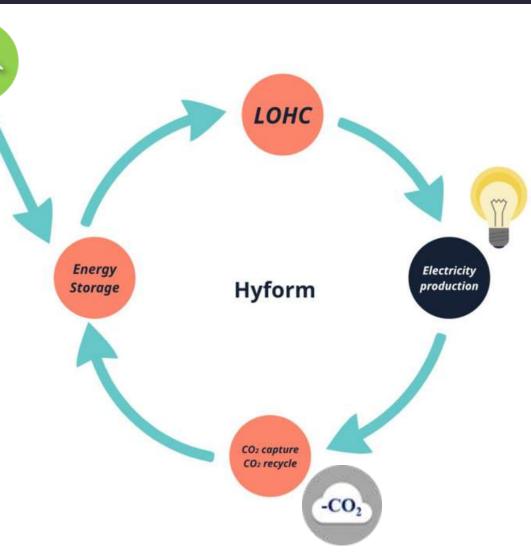
Efficient storage methods for renewable energies are mandatory to enable a transition from fossil to renewable energy



## The circular energy

TOMORROW

We develop technologies to support the transport and production of Hydrogen, for a clean environment.







## **GRT Technology status**

TODAY

Conversion of Formic acid into hydrogen Conversion of Formic acid into electricity

We successfully demonstrated efficient electricity production from formic acid and hydrogen fuel cell.

#### **Current applications**

easy and safe transportation of hydrogen in a LOHC (Liquid Organic Hydrogen carrier)

Off-grid power generation demonstration unit

## Additional storage mgt capability

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN OUR PIPELINE

Combining renewable energy and CO<sub>2</sub> to produce a LOHC

#### **Future applications**

Innovative efficient high pressure Hydrogen delivery for transport.

Seasonal/Long term energy storage, allowing stable large scale renewable energy use.

Carbon capture



## **Environmental gains**

OUR LONG TERM TECHNOLOGY VISION



Complete energetic transition from fossil to renewable energy made possible through:

- Long term energy storage;
- Transport of Hydrogen: support Hydrogen economy implementation;
- Green industrial revolution.



- no CO<sub>2</sub> emission.
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture for Hydrogen storage.



## Conclusions

Our company values are based on Ethical and Sustainable Economy Model looking at long term benefits for all stakeholders: from the envinroment to local communities.

Rethinking consumption models, moving to a circularity principle is key for GRT Group, that develops plants to transform non recyclable plastic waste into liquid fuels/liquid energy vectors.

The GRT plastic to fuel solution addresses major environmental issues of today.

The GRT energy to storage R&D enables a sustainable future, replacing fossil fuels by efficient renewable solutions accelleration energy transition.

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