



# Transition agenda: a multi-stakeholder approach in the Netherlands

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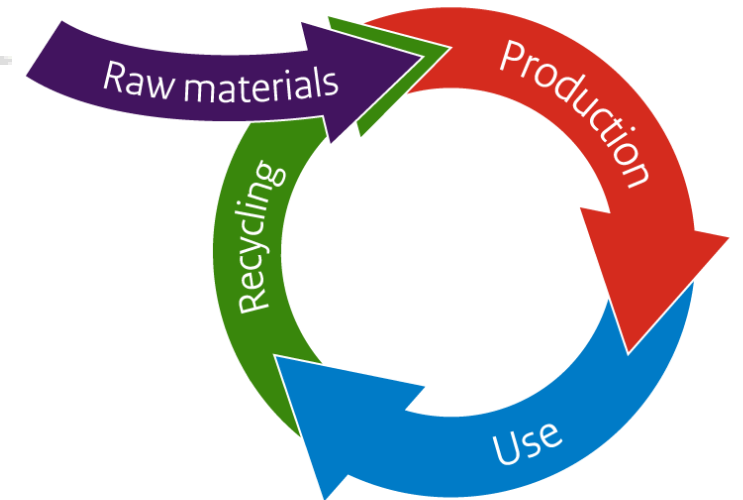
Creating value from waste



# Transition agenda

1. Circular Economy in NL
2. Transition agenda's and process
3. Outcomes
4. What more?

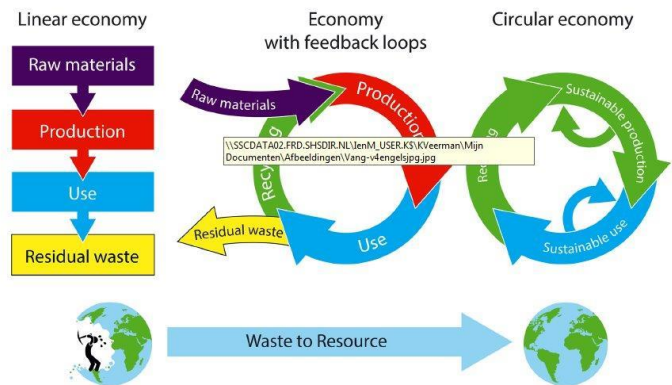
Circular economy



# 1. Circular Economy in NL

## Waste to Resource

Elaboration of eight operational objectives



VANG - 2013

Netherlands Circular in 2050 - 2016

Grondstoffenakkoord - 2017

Transition agenda - 2018

# 1. Circular Economy in NL

Netherlands Circular in 2050 - 2016

1. High quality use of materials
2. Substitution of fossil and critical materials
3. Stimulate new ways of design, production and consumption



50%  
material  
reduction in  
2030

## 2. Transition agenda timeline



April 2017

Start

October 2017

New government

January 2018

Publication

Summer 2018

Reaction of Kabinet

## 2. Transition agenda

Biomass and Food

Plastics

Manufacturing industry

Building industry

Consumption goods



## 2. Transition agenda summary

1. Strategic goals

2. Lines of action

3. Preconditional actions

4. Investment, knowledge and social agenda

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT.  
APPETITE FOR ACTION.**



## 2. Transition agenda strategic goals

### GOALS

- Sustainable and regenerative production of biomass
- Optimal use of biomass and food
- Reducing use and replacement of non-renewables
- New ways of producing and consuming (plant protein)

### LINES OF ACTION

Increase amount of sustainable biomass, **circular and regenerative use of soil and nutrients**, reduce food waste, plant protein transition, feeding and greening megacities

### PRECONDITIONS

Emancipation of regulation

Honor long-term carbon fixation in soils

Improve investment climate for biobased industry

## 2. Biomass and Food

4 working groups

1. Nutrients and soil fertility

2. Proteinproduction and consumption

3. Valorisation of wastestreams and biorefinery

4. Circular economy in the horticulture

P

K

N

Cu

Zn

## 3. WG Nutrients and soil fertility

*As small as possible, as big as needed*

- Circular and regenerative production of soil and nutrients

### 3. Circular and regenerative use of soil and nutrients

As small as possible, as big as needed

- Cherish small cycles that are in place
- Local closing of cycles between companies
- National cycles between city and countryside
- Prevent large nutrient displacement (import/export if needed)

#### Preconditions

- Prevent contamination at source
- Acknowledge value biomass/OM in cascading

## 3. Circular and regenerative use of soil and nutrients

### Four main lines of solutions

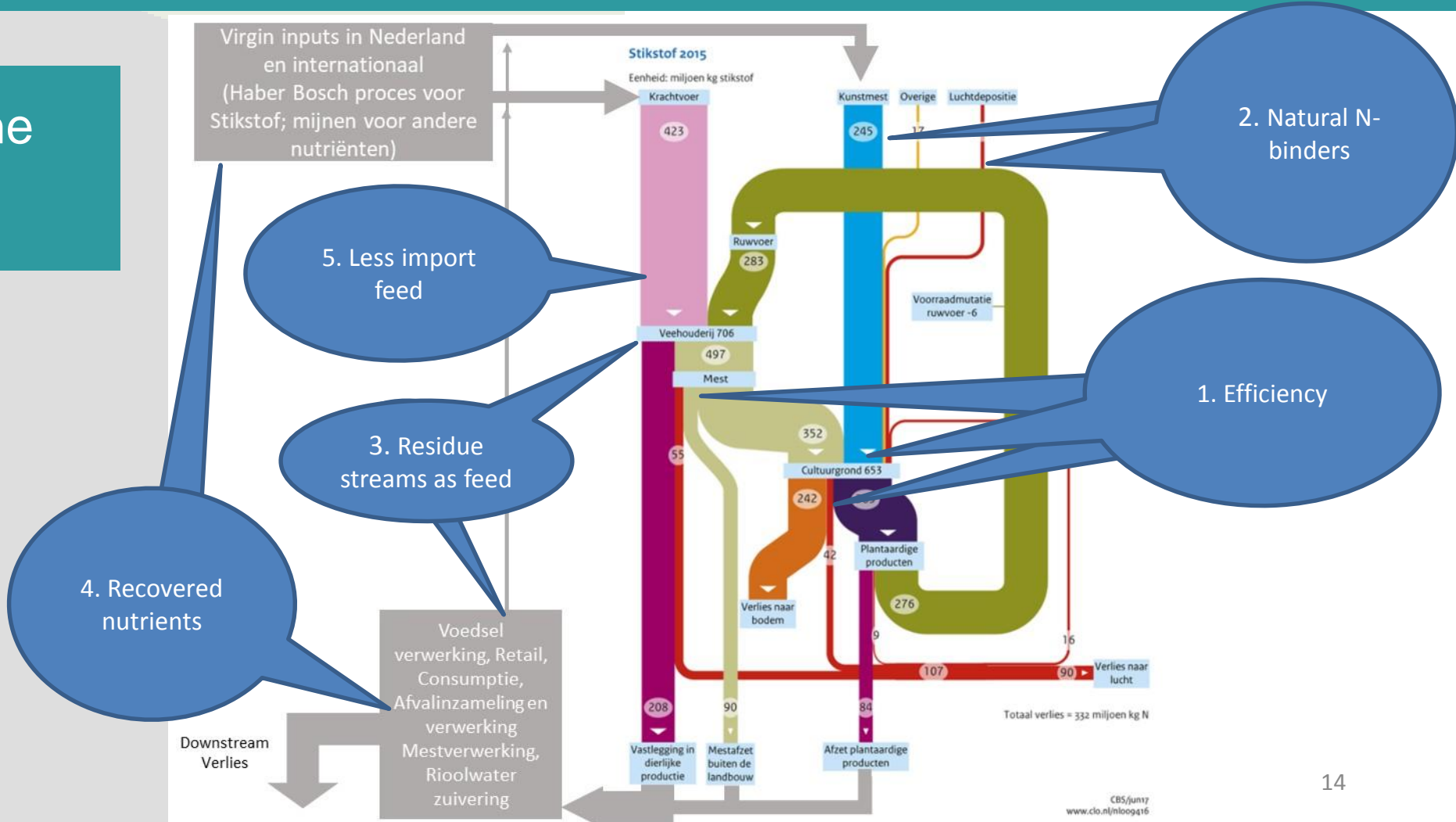
- Maximise use efficiency & minimalise losses
- Minimalise virgin inputs
- Prevent structural nutrient displacement
- Optimise amount of organic material in soil

### Goals for 2050

- 60-70% use of nitrogen from fertiliser and manure
- >95% use of P, K and micronutrients in whole chain

# 3. Circular and regenerative use of soil and nutrients

Closing the N-cycle



### 3. Lines of action: Setting-up a transition program

**Value Chain  
Responsibility**

**Inclusive**

#### Coming years: focus on possibilities and testing

- Develop factbase for measuring nutrient cycles and soil fertility
- Technological innovations
- Develop new businessmodels
- Support living labs
- Invest in education and knowledge dissemination

## 3. WG ideas for interventions

**Obliged  
recycling rate  
in products**

**Subsidy for  
nutrient  
recycling  
projects**

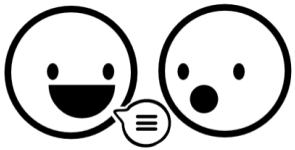
**Put nutrient  
recycling  
rates in  
climate law**

**Producer  
responsibility:  
recycling fee  
for nutrients**

**And more..**



## 4. What more?



- *Taskforce reassessment of regulations*



- *Money available for: soil strategy, climate actions*



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- *Project on regenerative agriculture*

- *Timeline: this or coming month reaction of Kabinet*

## 4. Food for thought

*Circular vs  
sustainable*



*Biomass and  
nutrients*

*Energy and  
biomass*



*Ashes*



## 4. Next steps of Nutrient Platform

**Join follow-ups**

**List of  
showcases with  
regulation  
problems**

**Show value of  
NP work**

**?**

# Sustainable circular nutrient cycles

Circular nutrient management includes many many stakeholders from different sectors, including from the biomass sector

As small as possible,  
as big as needed!



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