

# THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY AT A GLANCE



The key to making a world without waste into a reality is: managing raw materials in a closed loop. An overview of the individual steps – and the questions that take you further.

## (Raw) material 6

Which (alternative) sources of raw material are available and how can they be used? Is the access to the necessary raw materials ensured?

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## 1 Design

Can the design increase the recycling capability and save resources? How can more recycles be put to appropriate use?

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## Recycling 5

Is there a system with which used products or raw materials can be returned to the loop? Which recycling rates apply – and how can they be fulfilled?

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## 2 Production

How efficient are production processes and how can they be optimised? Can production residues be minimised, and can they be returned to the process with immediate effect?

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## Re-use/re-manufacturing 4

Can product (components) simply be reconditioned? Is there a second market for reconditioned product (components)? How can a market of this kind be established?

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## 3 Use

Over what kind of time-frame do consumers use the product? Can they repair it at the end of the use phase or dispose of it properly and easily?

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