



# Biofuels from WASTE TO ROAD transport

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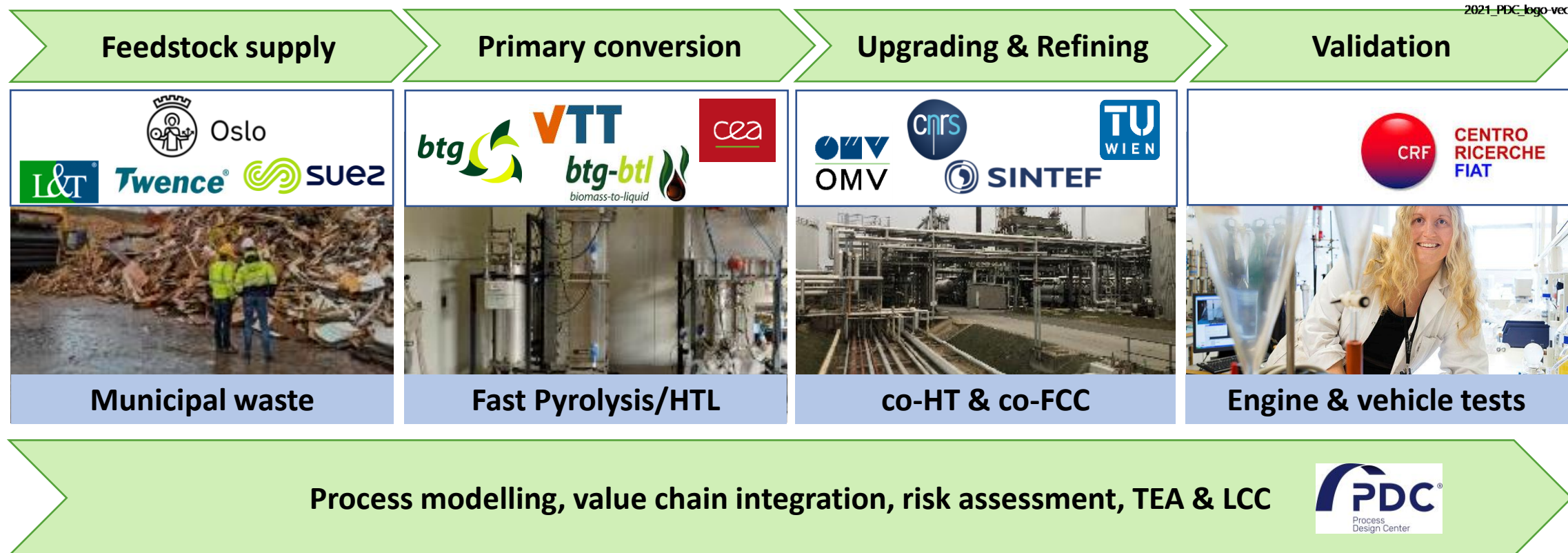
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# WASTE2ROAD Concept



The project aims to achieve to develop at least **4 viable value chains** and pilot testing at **TRL 5**.

# WASTE2ROAD Objectives

1. To develop a representative and cost-effective waste supply and management system to reduce and optimise the supply costs while diversifying the (biomass) feedstock basis
2. To develop new biofuels production technology while increasing understanding and control of the whole value chain
3. To scale up materials and testing procedures to define scenarios for the best exploitation through implementation of process schemes in existing refineries
4. To develop solutions to answer key socio-economic & environmental challenges





## KPIs



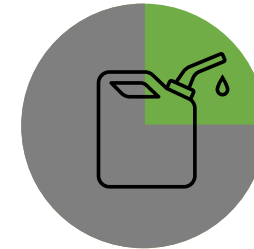
Minimum Fuel  
Selling Price

diesel < 0.9 €/L  
gasoline < 1.0 €/L



GHG savings

> 80 %



Bio-fuel share

5 – 20 % for co-FCC  
> 10 % for co-HT

## Expected Impact

- Rapid deployment using existing refinery
- Valorization of diverse wastes in the same process
- Opportunities for municipalities to engage in circular economy

# Waste sorting in the City of Oslo



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# Waste materials – screening bio-conversion tests to pick the best candidates for biofuel value chains

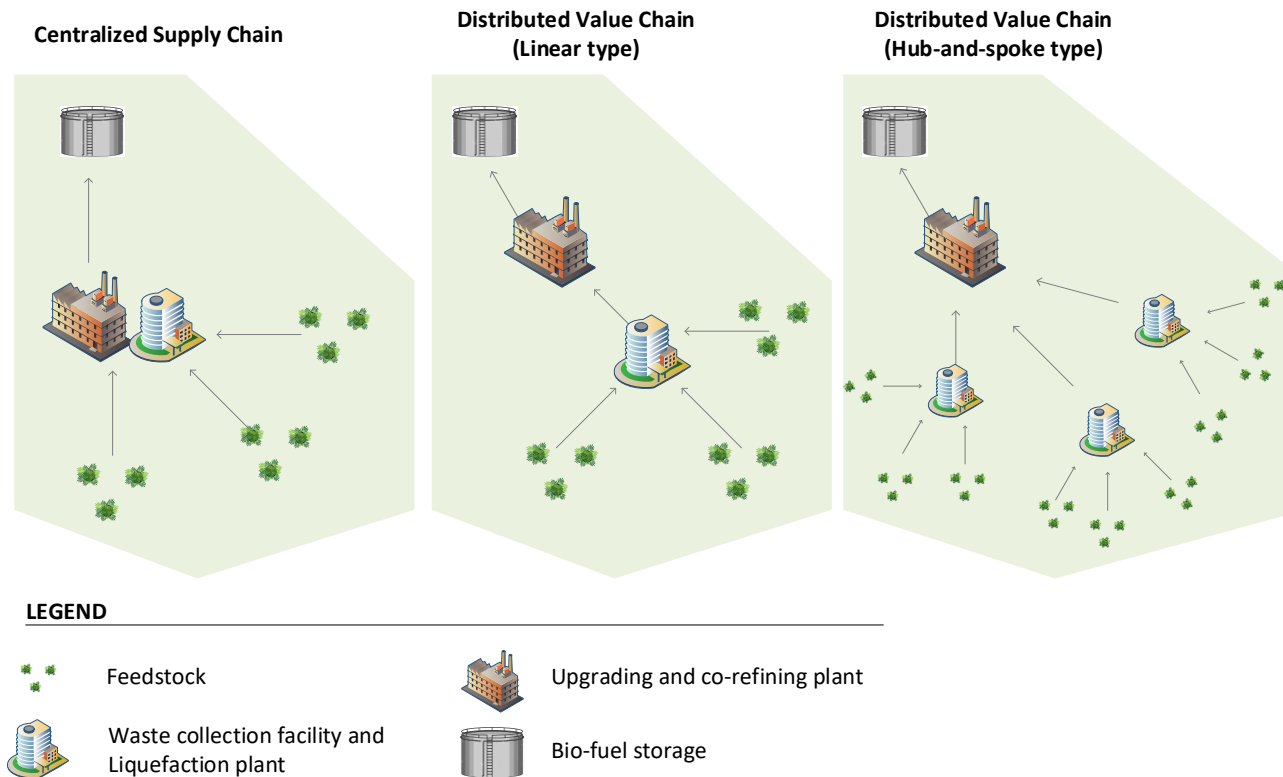


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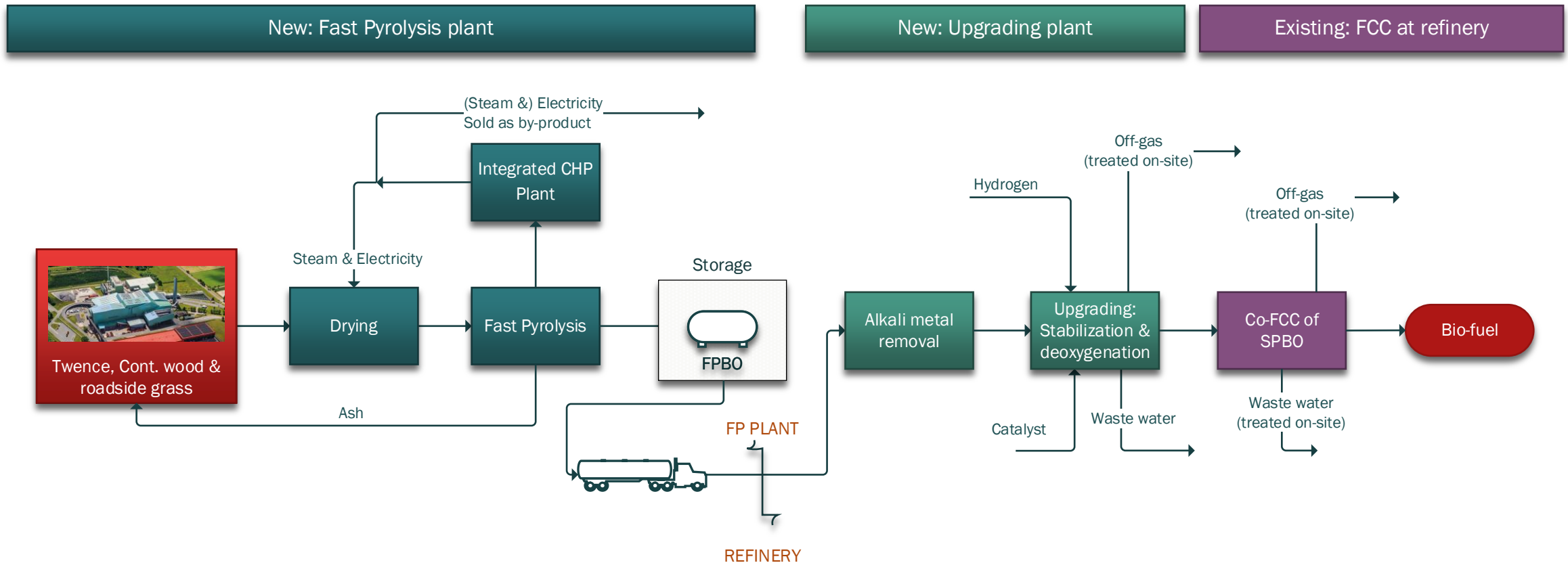


# Aspects of value chain integration and optimization

- Siting of the value chain (feedstock availability and existing infrastructure)
- Logistics (centralized or distributed value chain, transport distances and storage)



# Example of a block flow diagram for one complete value chain showing the process streams and processing steps



# Main Results...so far



- Conversion of a number of different types of residues and waste
- Production of sufficient amounts of bio-liquids for development of viable value chains via FP and HTL
- Suitable gasoline blending components can be produced by FCC co-processing of 5% and 10% SPO/SDPO from clean wood (reference)



# Dissemination/communication activities

## Life cycle costing

In the movie "Back to the future" by Steven Spielberg and Robert Zemeckis, the futuristic DeLorean car was fuelled by a banana skin and other waste/refuse. This futuristic vision can be a reality through the WASTE2ROAD project – where a new generation of biofuels are developed from a carefully selected range of low cost and abundant biogenic residues and waste fractions. These waste fractions are processed by two key technologies, **fast pyrolysis** and **hydrothermal liquefaction**, followed by upgrading and co-processing steps.

The WASTE2ROAD project investigates and is busy demonstrating (at TRL 5) the whole **value chain** from i) biogenic residues and wastes to high quality biofuels, having started from the waste feedstocks, ii) the optimization and upgrading of primary conversion and secondary refining processes, and iii) the analysis of various business cases for a successful exploitation in the EU markets. This is done using Life Cycle Costing (LCC), where the technical, economic and environmental aspects are taken into consideration.

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## SPEAKERS

During this workshop industry experts will share their knowledge and experience on **Life cycle costing and LCC elements of techno-economic assessment and life cycle assessment for value chains in the biobased industry**. The workshop will end with a panel discussion on life cycle costing.



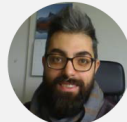
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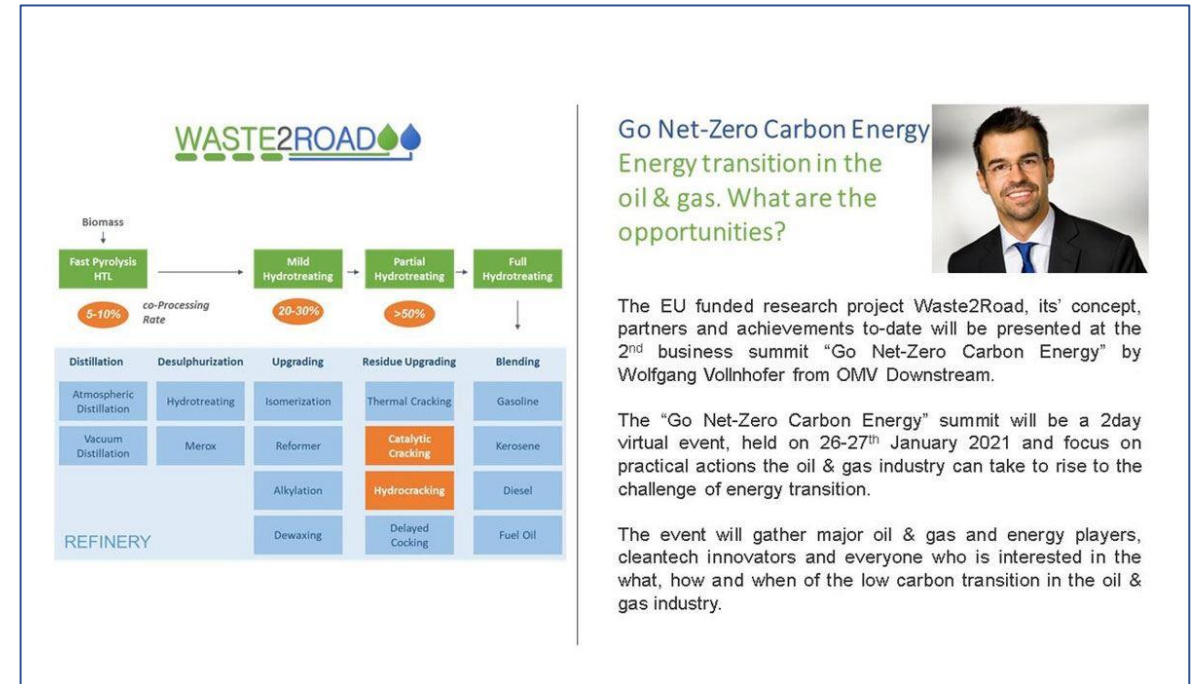
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## Go Net-Zero Carbon Energy Energy transition in the oil & gas. What are the opportunities?



The EU funded research project Waste2Road, its' concept, partners and achievements to-date will be presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> business summit "Go Net-Zero Carbon Energy" by Wolfgang Vollnhofer from OMV Downstream.

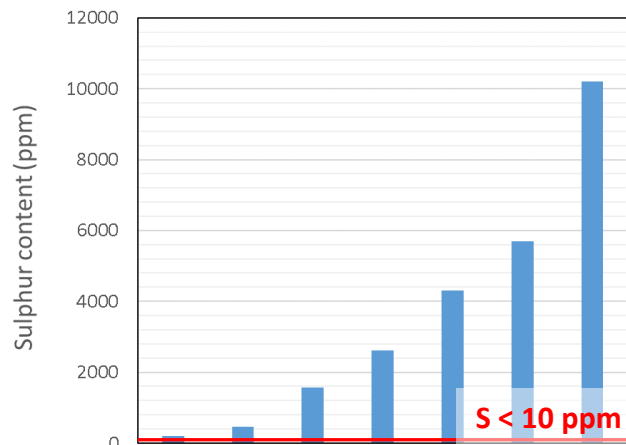
The "Go Net-Zero Carbon Energy" summit will be a 2day virtual event, held on 26-27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and focus on practical actions the oil & gas industry can take to rise to the challenge of energy transition.

The event will gather major oil & gas and energy players, cleantech innovators and everyone who is interested in the what, how and when of the low carbon transition in the oil & gas industry.

Training webinars  
 LCC workshop  
 Co-processing workshop

Conferences & Workshops  
 Publications

# Challenges and obstacles



- Level of contaminants in pyrolysis oil above limits for co-refining



- Upgrading steps and co-refining of HTL liquids

## Potential ideas for collaboration with other projects

- Development of technical specifications and standards for bio-oils for refineries
- Certification of Biofuels from co-processing
- Public Awareness



# Thank you for your attention!



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