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**PROGETTO WINCER: SINERGIA TRA I RIFIUTI
PER LA PRODUZIONE DI PIASTRELLE CERAMICHE INNOVATIVE**

WINCER Project: Waste synergy in the production of innovative ceramic tiles

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Overview di progetto

Project overview

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Project details

PROJECT NAME:
Waste synergy in the production of
INnovative CERamic tiles

PROJECT ACRONYM:
WINCER

PROJECT REFERENCE:
ECO/13/630426/WINCER

PROGRAMME ACRONYM:
CIP-EIP-Eco-Innovation

SECTOR:
RECYCLING

START/END:
Jan 2015 - Dec 2017

PROJECT WEBSITE:
www.wincer-project.eu



3 years

Duration



2015

Starting year



3

Partners



1,489,312 euro

Total Cost



744,656 euro

EU Contribution

Project partners

From month 1 (January 2015)
Till month 18 (June 2016)

From month 19 (July 2016)
Till month 36 (December 2017)



Project Background

The European regulations encourage and boost industries towards a green and circular economy in which the “reuse” and “preparation for reuse” are the key words to reach an Innovating-to-Zero, ideal future at zero emission, zero waste, zero not-recyclable products.

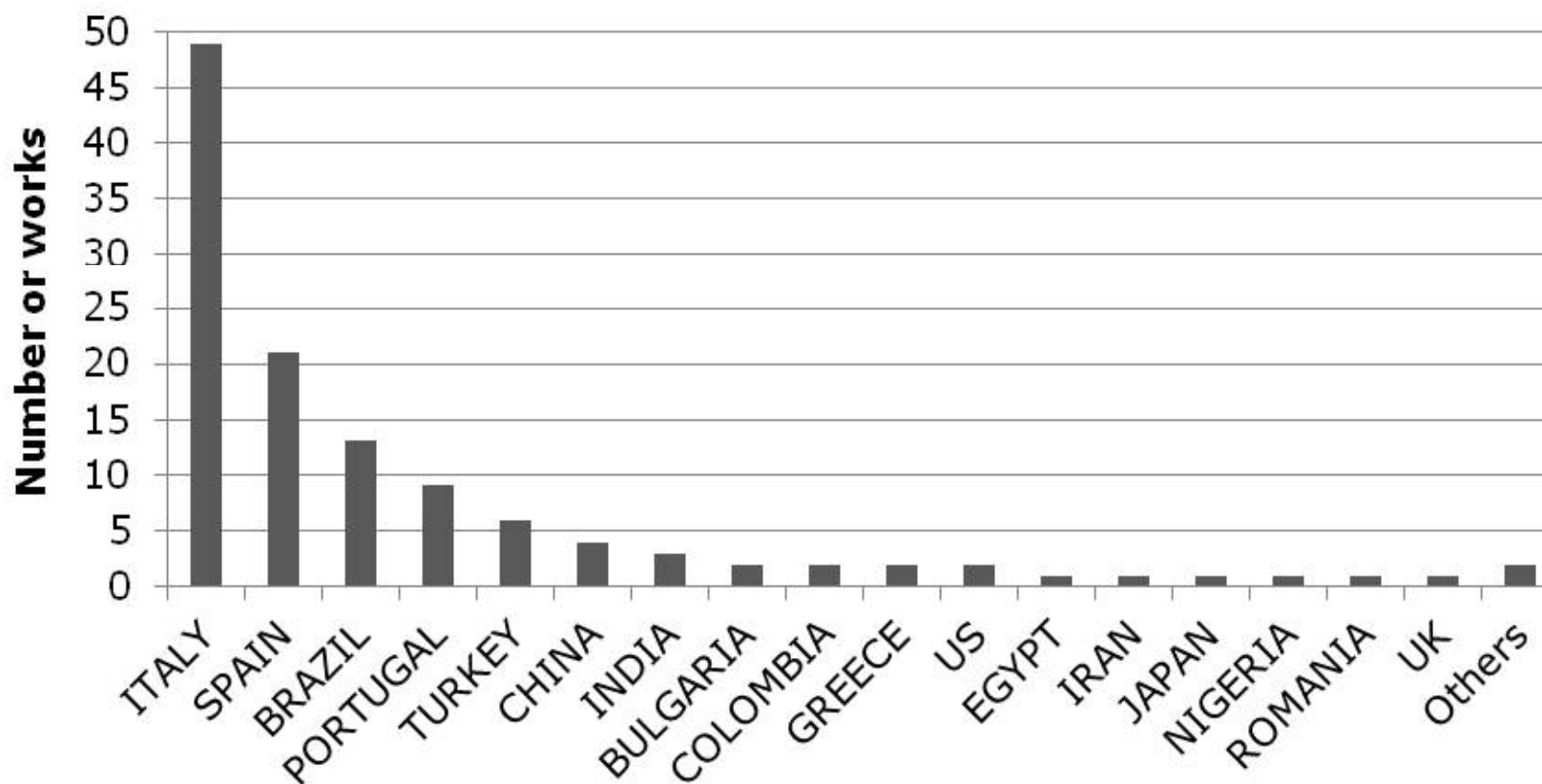
NEW CONCEPT OF CERAMIC MIX:

Natural raw materials PLASTICIZER, FLUXING AND TEMPERIG are substituted by:

1. New glassy raw materials for traditional ceramics coming from vitrification of different wastes able to crystallize during firing
2. Different type of wastes opportunely balanced to obtain a sort of “wastes synergy” during firing

Scientific research

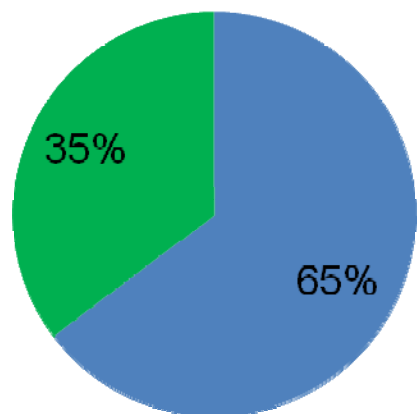
Geographical provenience of scientific papers on waste recycling in porcelain stoneware mixes (from 2000 till 2017). Source: SCOPUS database.



Market analysis

Statistical analysis 2017 – EU market

Percentages of sellers and shops in which
“sustainable” ceramic tiles
 are **recognizable**
 (LEED, EPD, Ecolabel, ...)
 or **not recognizable**



■ Recognizable
■ Not recognizable



Products on the MARKET



| | TRADITIONAL CERAMICS | SUSTAINABLE TILES ON THE MARKET |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sand and feldspar coming from national and foreign mines and quarries | 60% | 25% - 50% |
| Clays coming from national and foreign mines and quarries | 36% | 25% - 36% |
| Soda lime glass waste coming from urban collection (or similar) | 0% | 3% - 10% |
| Unfired green scrap tiles generated during the industrial ceramic process | 4% | 4% - 20% |

Project AIM



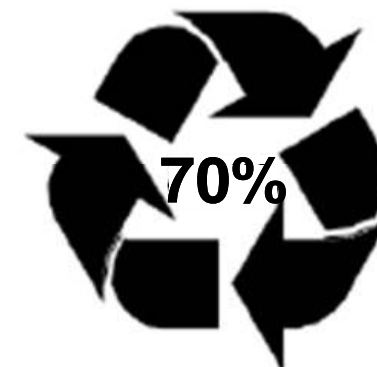
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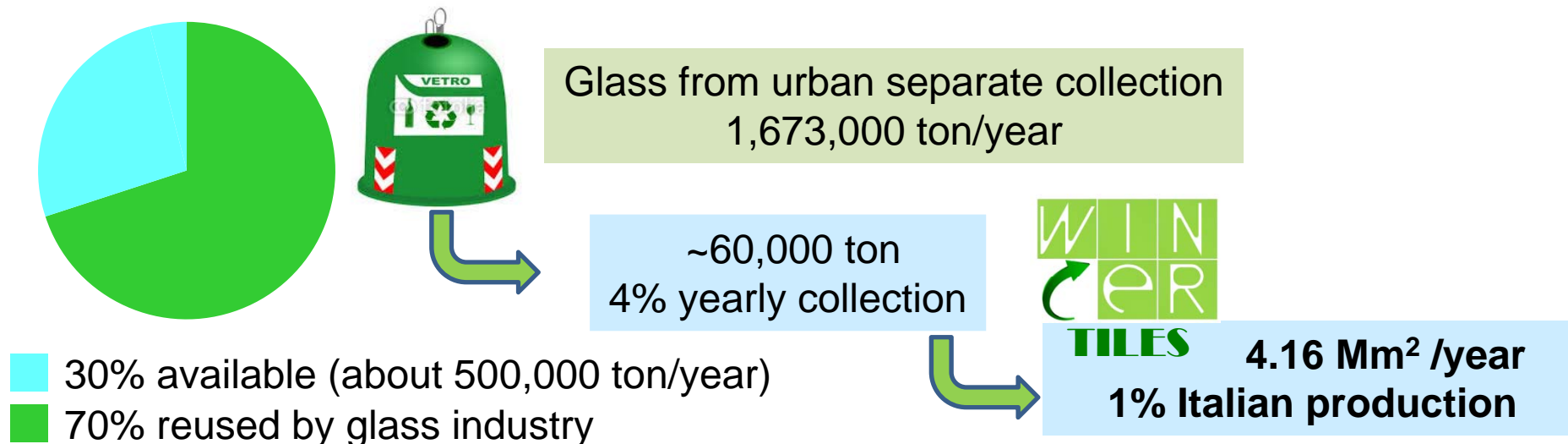
2. Reduction of thermal energy consumption



3. Valorisation and recovery of wastes

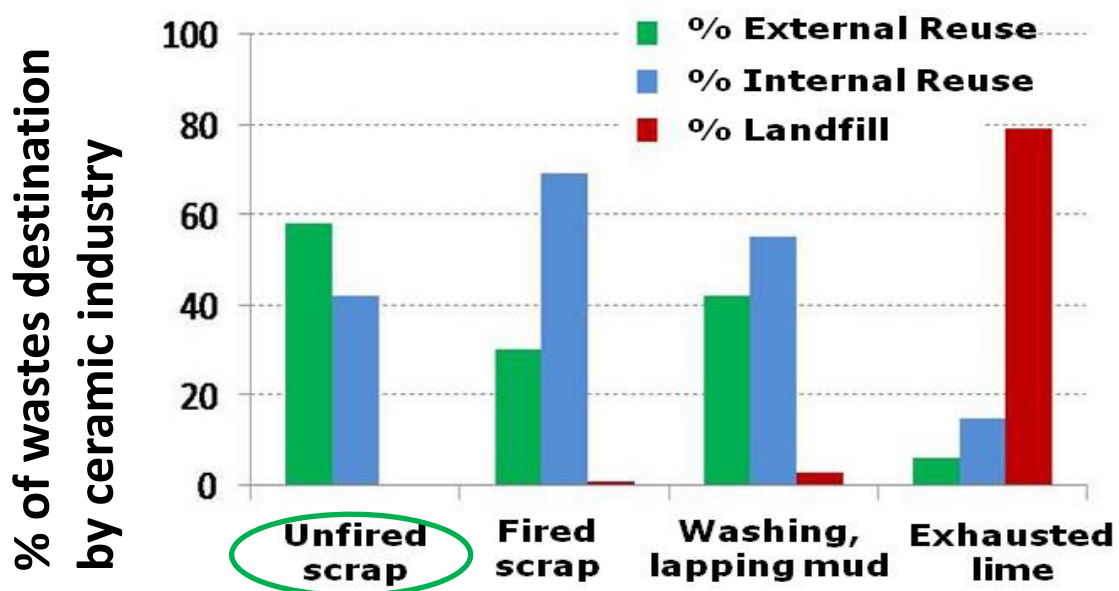


Post-consumer wastes: glass



Glass SAVEL C
Glass coming from urban separate collection NOT suitable for the glass industry. It is produced in the MINERALI INDUSTRIALI's plant.

Pre-consumer wastes: by-products of the ceramic industry

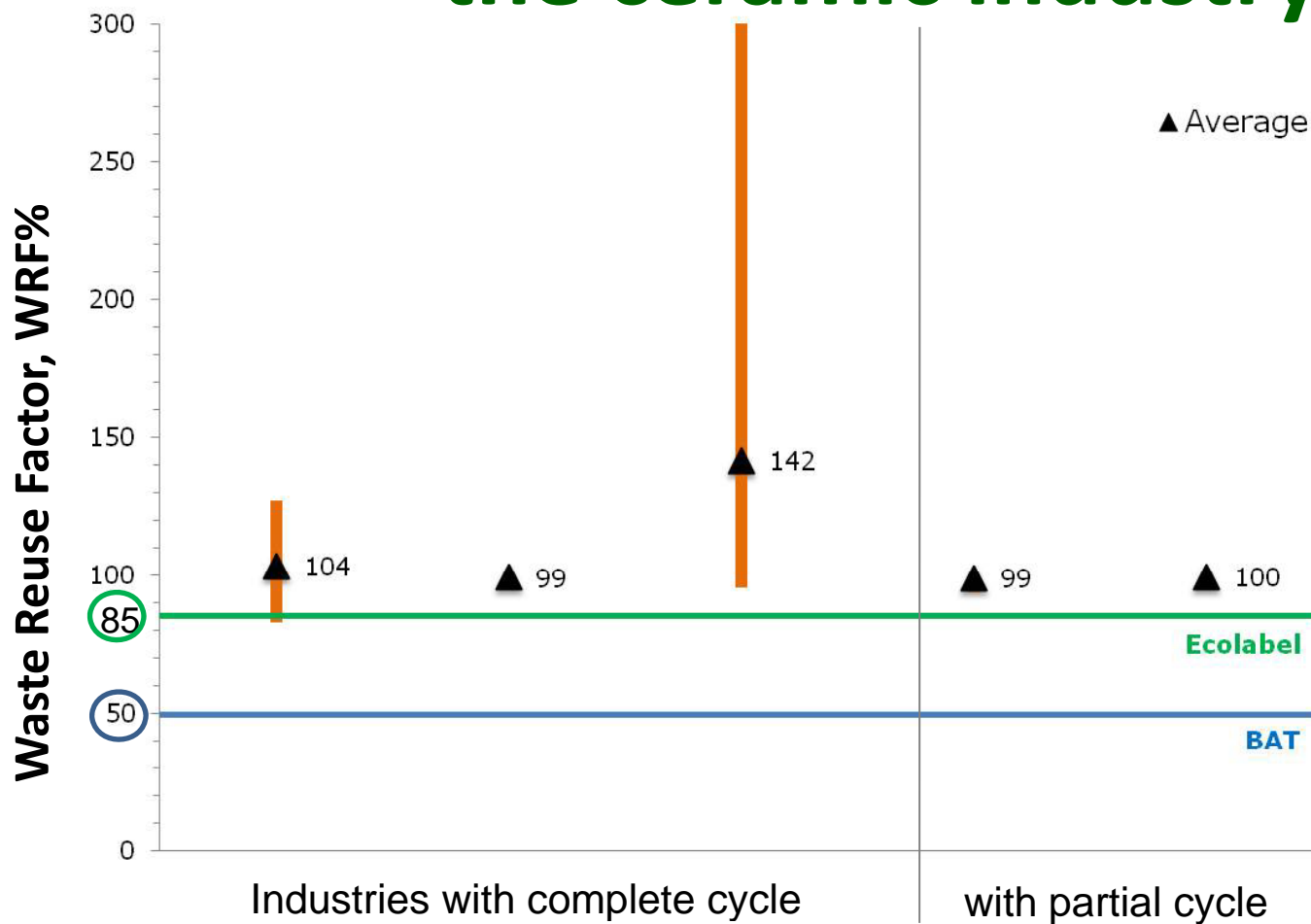


Data 2015
Integrated Report 2017

Unfired scrap tiles

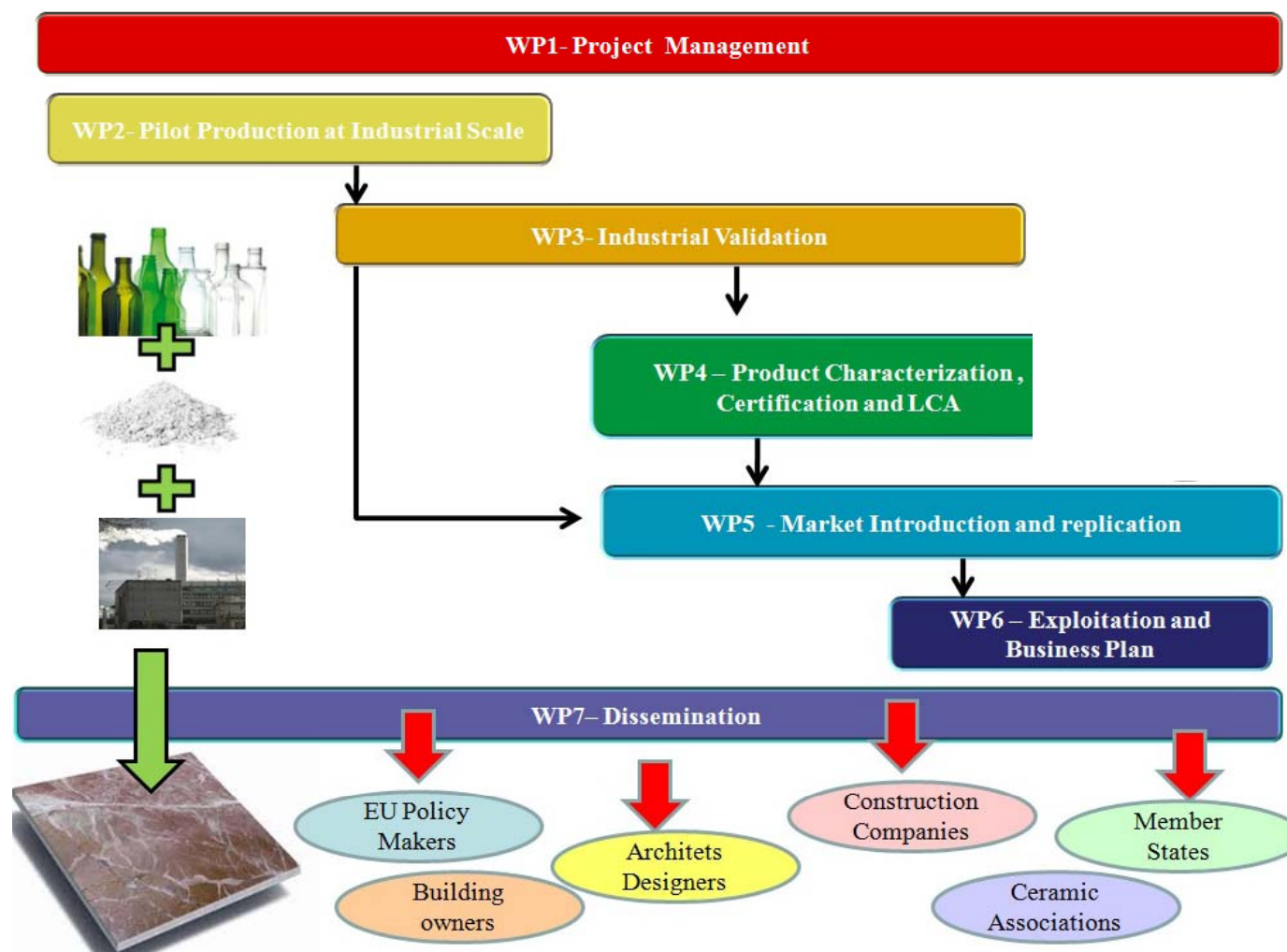
It represents about 4% of the total production and usually it is reused in the same production in a close cycle.

Pre-consumer wastes: by-products of the ceramic industry



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Integrated Report 2017

Project activities



Results at month 18



FINCIBEC's Industrial Production: sustainabel ceramic tiles (25x25 cm) containing 96% of recycled materials. This product, in accordance with EN 14411, belongs to class BIIb (water absorption $6 < E \leq 10\%$)



Project final results

*MARAZZI's Industrial production:
Porcelain stoneware tiles (class Bla) containing 85% of recycled materials*

Format 30x60 cm glazed and not glazed



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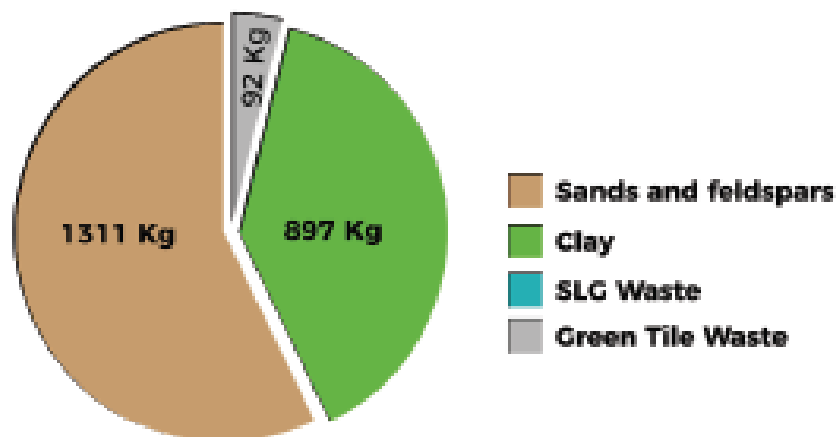
Format 15x15 cm glazed



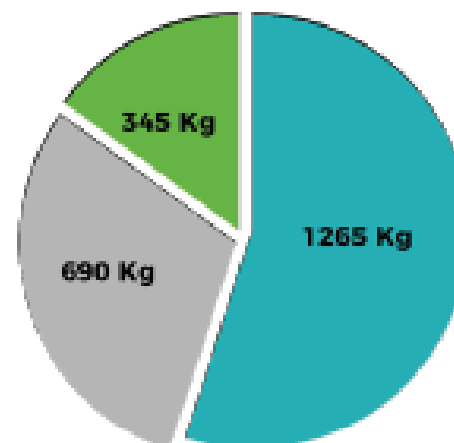
Raw materials

To produce 100 m² of tiles, it is necessary:

TRADITIONAL stoneware tiles



WINCER tiles



Saving of natural resources:
 feldspars and sands: 100%
 clays: 62%

The process

WINCER tiles are obtained with **traditional process** in which the maximum firing temperature is **1025°C** is sufficient to reach a **water absorption below to 0.5%**.

WINCER tiles belong to **group Bla** and have to fulfill with the requirements of annex G of EN 14411.



Model of production and offer

*Due to technical reasons, these tiles are produced in a **dedicated production line**, not shared with other type of production.*

Small series production

On-demand production

Just in time production

Production based on customer's needs

Huge type of formats and surface finishings



The most versatile format is the 30x60 cm. It can be included in the “large format” group, suitable both for outdoor and indoor destinations.



Series “STONWORK GL SR,
tipo WINCER, codice K1EH”

Technical PERFORMANCE

*30x60 cm glazed tiles are compliant with the standard
EN 14411 and obtained the UNI-Keymark certification*



Ecological BEHAVIOUR



➤ **Lower environmental impact**
LCA STUDY (ISO 14040 e ISO 14044)

| Environmental indicators (EN 15804) | Tile 85% recycled | Traditional tile |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Global Warming Potential , GWP [kg CO ₂ -eq.] | 1.09% | 24-25% |
| Ozone Depletion Potential, ODP [kg CFC11-eq.] | 0.43% | 69-75% |
| Acidification Potential, AP [kg SO ₂ -eq.] | 2.80% | 54-56% |
| Eutrophication Potential, EP [kg (PO ₄) ³ -eq.] | 3.35% | 26-27% |
| Pothochem. Ozone Creation Pot., POCP [kg Ethen eq.] | 2.08% | 37-39% |

ENVIRONMENTAL sustainability

Ecological BEHAVIOUR

WINCER tiles obtained the certification **LEED Certiquality** for the amount of recycled materials: 85% (30% pre-consumer and 55% post-consumer wastes).



Health in the WORKPLACE

➤ Lower amount of quartz in the WINCER spray dried powder respect to a traditional spray dried powder: **-55%**



SOCIAL sustainability

➤ Lower Respirable fraction of Crystalline Silica (RSC):

| | RCS Potential |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| WINCER spray dried powder | 1.9% |
| Traditional spray dried powder | 5.2% |

RCS values in WINCER production are lower of about 63%, respect to those of a traditional porcelain stoneware.

| Traditional mix for per 1m ² tile | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | Compos. | kg | Cost/m ² |
| Clay | 36% | 7.92 | 0.55 € |
| Feldspar sand | 64% | 14.08 | 0.55 € |
| Chemical agents | | | 0.002 € |
| Milling | | | 0.66 € |
| TOTAL | 100% | 22 | 1.76 € |

| WINCER mix for 1m ² tile | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | Compos. | kg | Cost/m ² |
| Clay | 15% | 3.3 | 0.26€ |
| Unfired scrap tiles | 30% | 6.6 | 0.0066 € |
| Scrap glass | 55% | 12.1 | 0.363 € |
| Chemical agents | | | 0.002 € |
| Milling | | | 0.55 € |
| TOTALE | 100% | 22 | 1.18 € |

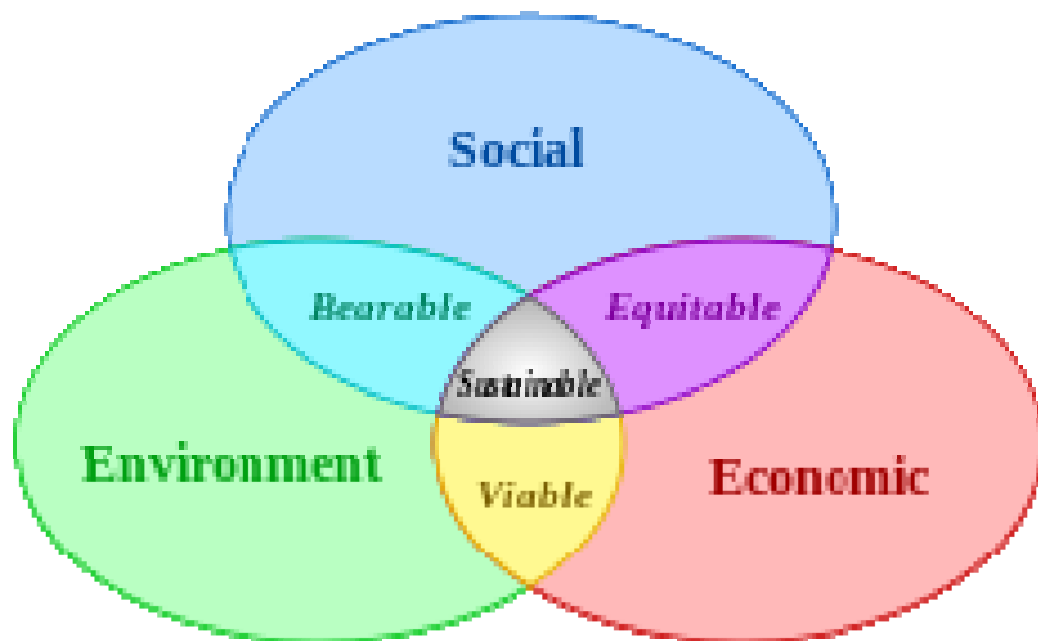
➤ **Decreasing of cost production: -33%**

ECONOMIC sustainability

➤ **Lower industrial costs for mix preparation:**

- Lower expenses for raw materials
- Recovery of pre and post consumer wastes
- Lower methane and energy consumption





ENVIRONMENTAL
sustainability

SOCIAL
sustainability

ECONOMIC
sustainability



- 1.** Promotion of the Circular Economy
- 2.** Acquisition of the world leadership in the production of high recycled content ceramic tiles.
- 3.** Widening of the ceramic products market by including more sustainable ones in substitution of other materials.
- 4.** Reduction of energy consumption and CO₂ emissions.
- 5.** Higher health in the workplace.

EUROPEAN added value





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WINCER tiles developed at national level represent:

- a model of **sustainable tiles** able to boost other ceramic company in Italy or in Europe;
- a **virtuous example** among marketable sustainable products, in line with the EU policies that will become more and more restrictive.

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