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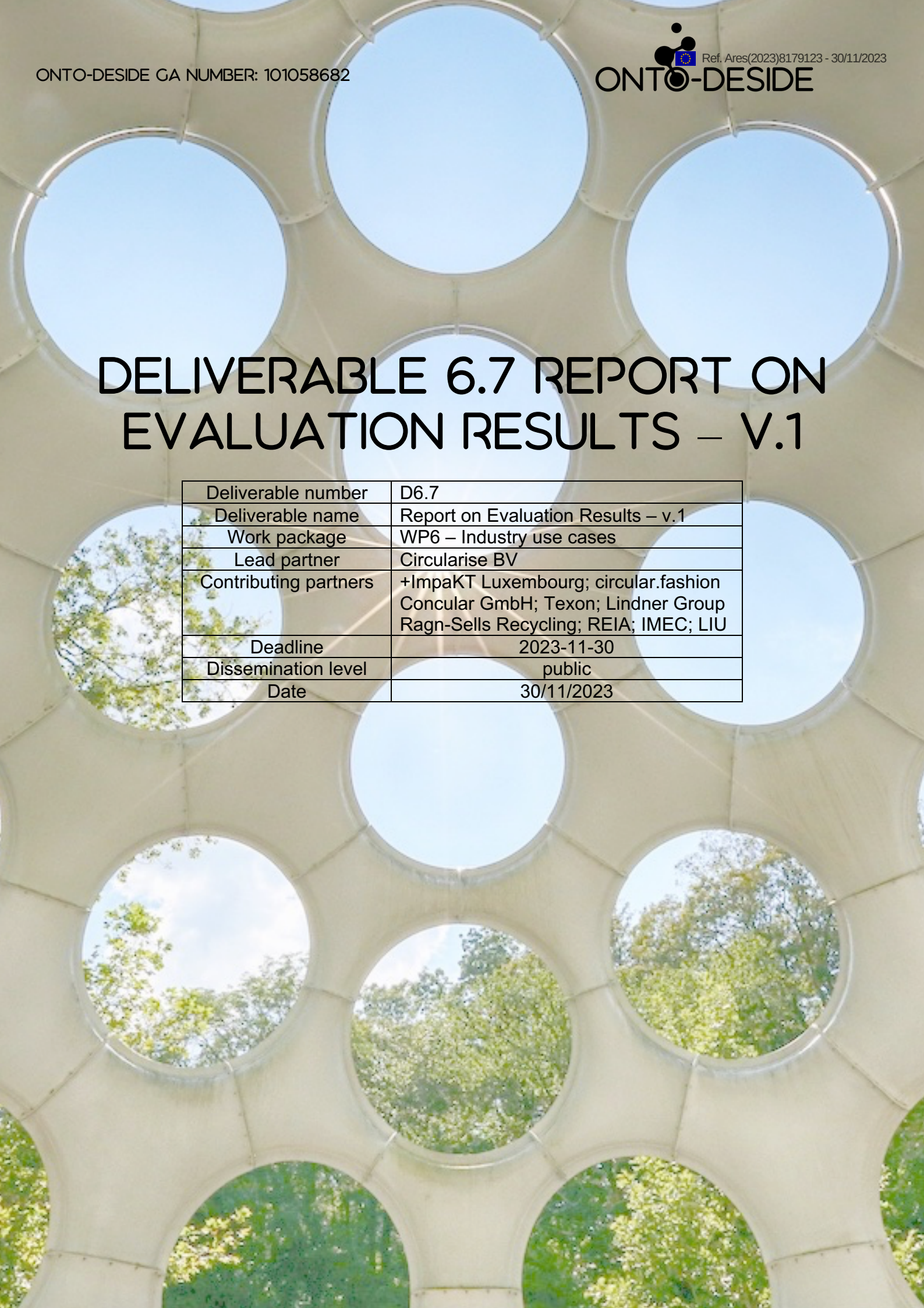

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Project summary

Circular economy aims at maintaining and retaining the embedded value of products by creating continuous closed loops of materials or product parts and by phasing out waste. Today, lack of support for sharing data in a secure, quality assured, and automated way is one of the main obstacles that industry actors point to when creating new circular value networks. Together with using different terminologies and not having explicit definitions of the concepts that appear in data, this makes it very difficult to create new ecosystems of actors in Europe today. This project will address the core challenges of making decentralized data and information understandable and usable for humans as well as machines. The project will leverage open standards for semantic data interoperability in establishing a shared vocabulary (ontology network) for data documentation, as well as a decentralized digital platform (i.e. Open Circularity Platform) that enables collaboration in a secure and privacy-preserving manner.

The project addresses a number of open research problems, including the development of ontologies that need to model a wide range of different materials and products, not only providing vertical interoperability but also horizontal interoperability, for cross-industry value networks. As well as transdisciplinary research on methods to find, analyze and assess new circular value chain configurations opened up by considering resource, information, value and energy flows as an integral part of the same complex system. Three industry use cases, from radically different industry domains, act as drivers for the research and development activities, as well as test beds and demonstrators for the cross-industry applicability of the results. The developed solutions will allow for automation of planning, management, and execution of circular value networks, at a European scale, and beyond. The project thereby supports acceleration of the digital and green transitions, automating the discovery and formation of new collaborations in the circular economy.

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5	Circularise Bv	CIRC	The Netherlands
6	Universitaet Hamburg	UHAM	Germany
7	Circular.Fashion Ug (Haftungsbeschrankt)	FAS	Germany
8	Lindner Group Kg	LIN	Germany
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2 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
B2B	**Business to business relationship**
B2C	Business to consumer relationship
CE	Circular Economy
EEA	European Environmental Agency
ID	Identifier
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IT	Information Technology
EOSC	European Open Science Cloud
MFM	Multi-Flow Metabolism
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
PCDS	Product Circularity Data Sheet
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals
SMEs	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
WP	Work Package

3 Terms and Definitions

Below are listed the definitions of specific terms used in the scope of this document:

Business requirements vs. Functional requirements	Business requirements relate to a business' objectives, vision and goals. Business requirements relate to a specific need that must be addressed to achieve an objective. Functional requirements break down the steps needed to meet the business requirement or requirements. Whereas a business requirement states the 'why' for a project, a functional requirement outlines the 'what'.
Product Circularity Data Sheet (PCDS)	Product declaration which presents standardized and trustworthy information on the circularity characteristics of a product. It is based on a template containing pre-set true/false statements which describe circular economy properties of the product (ex.: design for reuse and disassembly, recyclability, recycled content, hazardous materials thresholds, etc.). The PCDS is not intended to be a scoring mechanism, but it could be used partially or entirely by other stakeholders (e.g., databases, platforms, or consultants) to enable an evaluation of the product circularity.
Traceability	"The ability to identify and trace the history, distribution, location and application of products, parts and materials, to ensure the reliability of sustainability claims in the areas of human rights, labour (including health and safety), the environment and anti-corruption"[1] and "the process by which enterprises track materials and products and the conditions in which they were produced through the supply chain"[2].
Transparency	"Requires relevant information to be made available to all elements of the value chain"[3] in a standardized way, which allows for common understanding, accessibility, clarity, and comparison.

[1] United Nations Global Compact Office, A Guide to Traceability: A Practical Approach to Advance Sustainability in Global Supply Chains (New York, 2014).

[2] Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector (Paris, 2017).

[3] DAI Europe and the European Commission, A Background Analysis on Transparency and Traceability in the Garment Value Chain (2017).

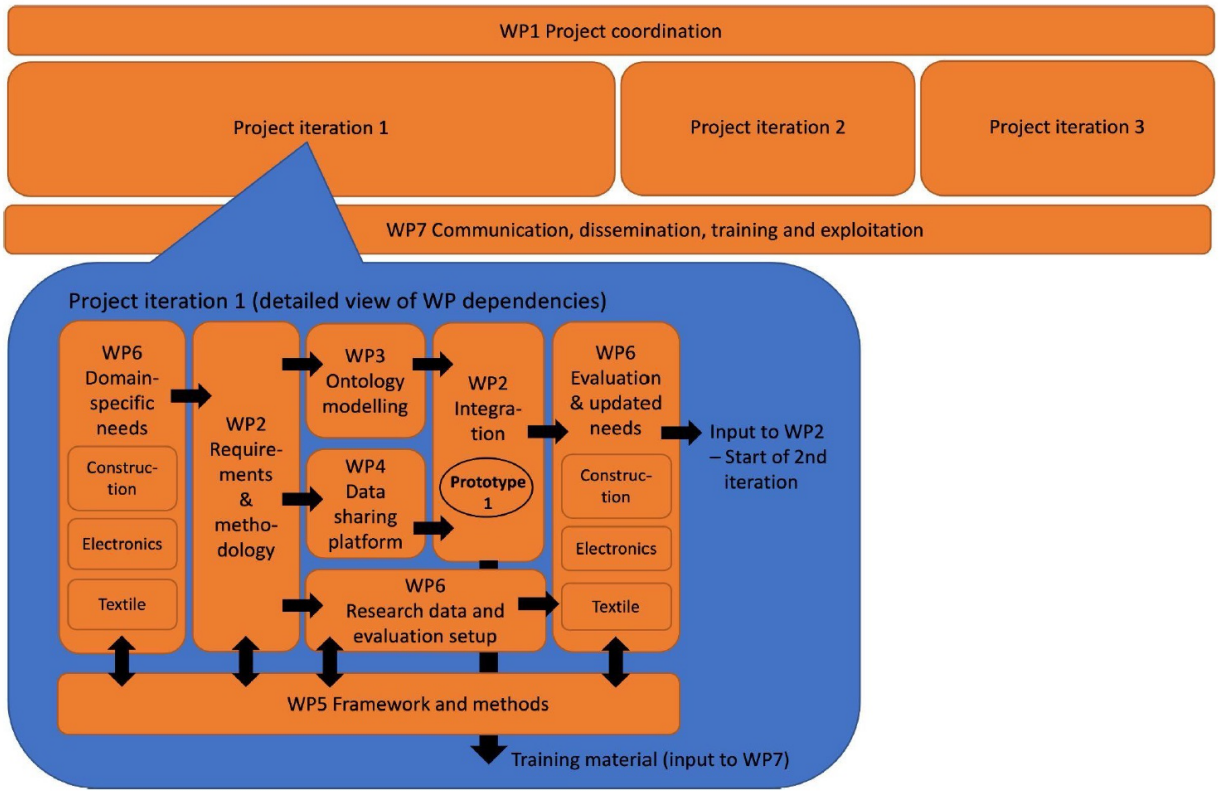
4 Introduction

The Onto-DESIDE project applies an iterative methodology, inspired by the cycles of action research, where research and innovation are driven by industry needs identified in a set of industry use cases, and solutions become more mature with each iteration. Three project use cases, representing three distinct industry sectors (construction industry, electronics and appliances, and textile industry), will contribute to identify the needs and technical requirements of the Open Circularity Platform, but also act as test beds and evaluation scenarios for the novel solutions produced.

In this way, the project aims to show that results produced are concrete enough to solve specific problems, i.e. in three specific use case domains, but also that the Open Circularity Platform has potential to be widely applied, thus constituting a cross-industry solution for ontology-based data documentation that works together with other value network flows, as well as being connected to several European initiatives, such as the Industry Commons and its Onto Commons project, the EOSC and European Data Spaces.

The project consists of three iterations, where each Work Package (WP) contributes to all the iterations. WP dependencies are illustrated in Figure 1 through detailing the first project iteration. The duration of the first project iteration is Month(M) 1-18, while the second and third iterations are shorter, encompassing M19-27 and M28-36 respectively. Each iteration ends with collection of feedback from the industry use cases, which is analysed and reported in a WP6 deliverable (i.e., evaluation report).

Figure 1- Project outline and detailed dependencies between work packages exemplified by the first iteration



4.1 Objectives and research methodology

4.1.1 Objectives

As mentioned previously, the industry use cases constitute a key part of the project, and will drive the technical development work, as well as validate the platform functionalities. In that way, the Work Package 6 aims to demonstrate the potential of the Open Circularity Platform with its semantic interoperability solution, i.e., ontology-based data documentation, for facilitating circular economy loops across industry domains. For that purpose, all three use cases (each a task of WP6) will:

1. **Define the business needs and requirements** from the specific perspective of their industry domain, which are generalized and integrated in **WP2**.
2. **Provide research data**, both for technical development as well as validation and evaluation of results.
3. **Apply the tools from WP5** (i.e., Circularity Compass and the Multi Flow Metabolism (MFM)) to map the business opportunities that are opened up through the ontology-based data documentation and related infrastructure, and to assess the potential gains in the life cycle of materials (e.g., reduced waste, reduction CO2, closing loops, etc.) including identifying incentives and quantifying the contribution of the ontologies.
4. **Perform evaluation experiments and provide feedback** of the intermediate releases of the ontology network and **open circularity platform developed in WP3 and WP4**, as well as validate and evaluate their final version.

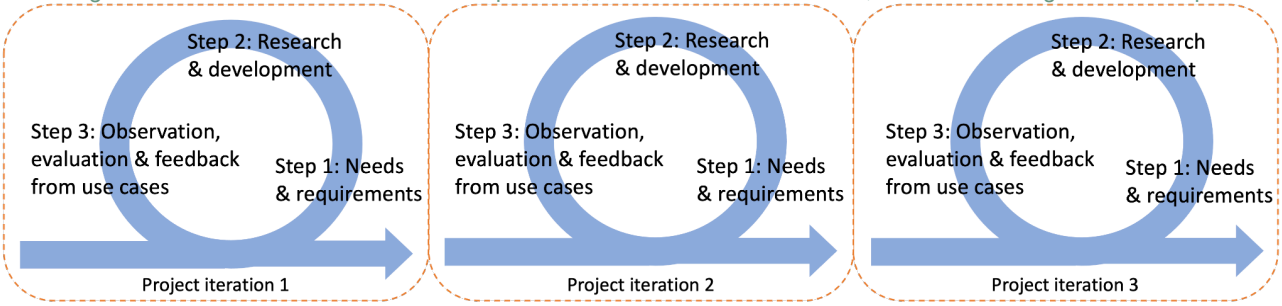
All three use cases will share the same technical infrastructure and method approach as how to apply and detail ontology artefacts. This is to ensure that the ontology building blocks that the project develops is industry-independent and usable across industry domains. Further, data will reside with the respective organization and will only be shared through the data-documentation vocabulary defined by the ontology, and by means of the secure and privacy-preserving data sharing platform. Each organization will add capabilities and data, i.e., specializing the semantic model, based on the type of business they are involved in.

4.1.2 Research methodology

The concrete research process will be divided into three iterations, each divided in 3 steps (cf. Figure 2):

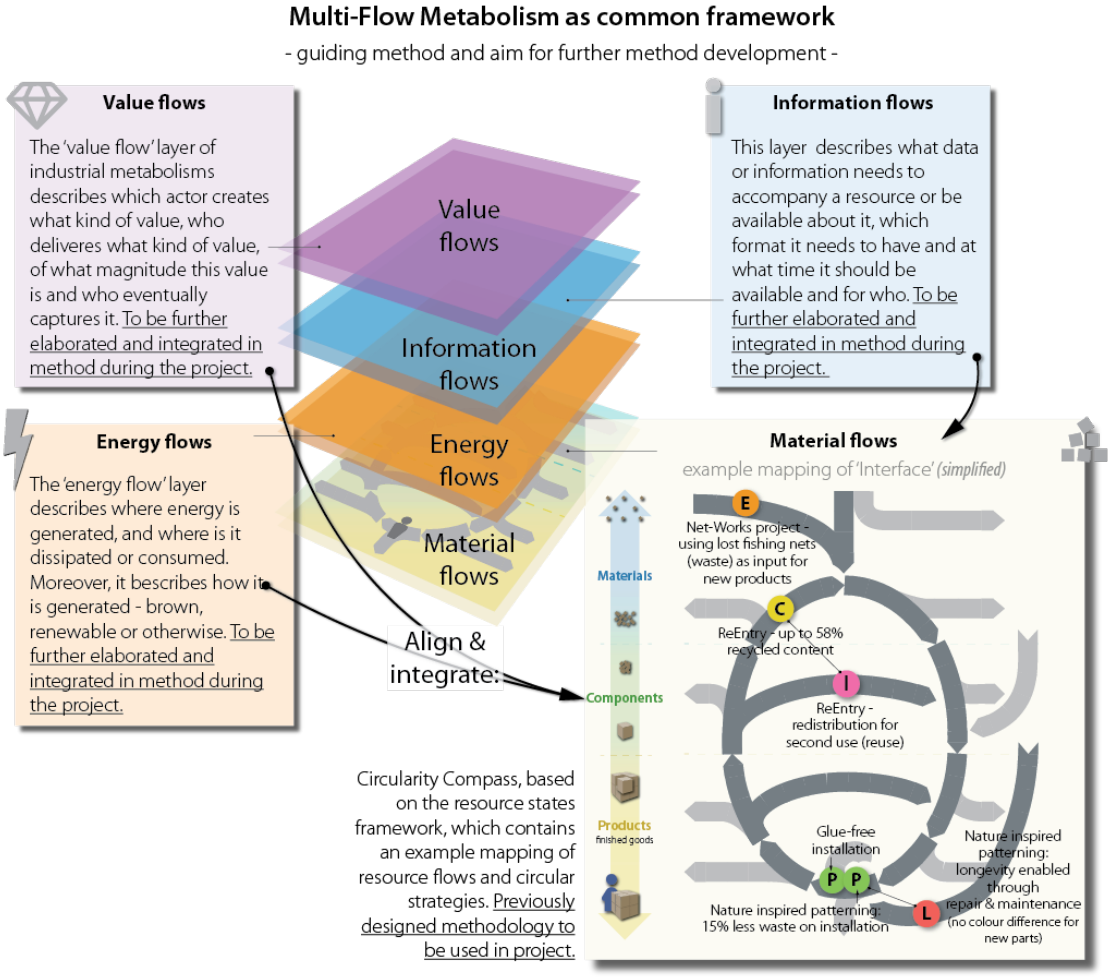
- Step 1: a needs analysis and requirements elicitation
- Step 2: research and technical development, including solution integration into a coherent prototype
- Step 3: use case-based observation and evaluation, providing feedback as well as revised and extended needs to start off the next iteration.

Figure 2 -The Onto-DESIDE research process, divided into 3 iterations, each consisting of three steps



For the steps 1 and 3, the existing tools and approaches of Circularity Thinking[4] (i.e., Circularity Compass and the Multi-Flow Metabolism (MFM)) are used as a common framework to align perceptions of current systems and explore possible new configurations of both resource flows and how different actors can collaborate in new ways (see Figure 3). In this sense, it offers a ready-made starting point for Onto-DESIDE use cases, both when mapping the details of each use case at the start of the project, analysing the industry needs and technical requirements (c.f. step 1 of each iteration), as well as a frame of reference when evaluating and assessing the potential contribution of the novel solutions developed in the project (c.f. step 3 in each iteration).

Figure 3 - Circularity Compass (bottom layer) and the Multi-Flow Metabolism as a common framework for analysing the use cases



Circularity Thinking – an approach for circular oriented innovation

Circularity Thinking is a method that enables identifying circular economy related opportunities, to explore possibilities and develop them into robust solutions, and to outline next steps. Circularity Thinking draws on the experience of many businesses, as well as concepts of systems thinking, life cycle thinking, resource management, design, collaboration, and value creation. Waste – in all its

[4] Circularity Thinking is an approach that enables innovators to identify circular economy related opportunities, to explore possibilities and develop them into robust solutions, and to outline next steps. It consists of a suite of tools that have been developed based on scientific research and experience with businesses. For more details, see the article Blomsma, F., Tennant, M., 2020. Circular economy: Preserving materials or products? Introducing the Resource States framework. Resour. Conserv. Recycl. 156, 104698. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resconrec.2020.104698

different forms – is the starting point and source of value creation in this approach. At the time of writing, Circularity Thinking is used across Europe and a certification scheme allowing users to demonstrate their knowledge of this approach is under development at EIT Climate KIC (outside of this current project).

Circularity Thinking structures the analysis of circular economy complexities by 'following the flows,' finding the value for both companies and other actors by uncovering what waste is currently in the system, and by making sure that one is asking the right questions regarding scale, complexity, people, competences and technology.

4.2 Tasks and deliverables

The WP6, led by CIRC, is divided into 3 tasks corresponding to the three industry use cases as outlined below:

- **T6.1 - Construction industry use case** - lead: CON – participants: UHAM, LIND, RS
- **T6.2 - Electronics and appliances use case** - lead: CIRC, participants: UHAM, REIA
- **T6.3 - Textile industry use case** - lead: POS, participants: UHAM, FAS, TEX

Three deliverables are being produced in WP6 during the project:

- **D6.1/D6.2/D6.3 Use case needs analysis and circular value flow mapping** (v1 M3, v2 M18, v3 M27) – report
- **D6.4/D6.5/D6.6 Research data** (v1 M12, v2 M24, v3 M33) - data (project internal)
- **D6.7/D6.8/D6.9 Evaluation report** (v1 M18, v2 M27, v3 M36) – report

The present document is the report for D6.7 version 1. It evaluates the demonstrations conducted across the three different use cases (electronics, construction, textiles) employing the different software and methodology partners (Circularise, Concular, circular.fashion/PositiveImpakt). Furthermore, it evaluates the ontology developed in workpackage 3 and the Open Circularity Platform built in workpackage 4 from a use case perspective.

5 Evaluation of use case demonstrations approaches

Work Package 6 is tasked to demonstrate data sharing platforms and "contribute requirements from the specific perspective of their industry domain, ...[and]... contribute research data, both for technical development as well as validation and evaluation of results."

WP6 is structured around the demonstration of data sharing in three use case industries (electronics, construction, textiles) by different data sharing platform/methodology providers (Circularise, Concular, CircularFashion/PositiveImpakt). In line with the general focus topics of ontology and data sharing functionalities of the OntoDeside project, WP6 conducts three demonstrations of data sharing that each focus on a different methodology/technology as per the general practises of the data sharing practises of the task leads. In order to enable data sharing in the specific industry, each task implemented a data sharing demonstration with the project's industry partners. The three different approaches to data sharing result in

a. three comparable demonstration practices of data sharing with industry partners depending on the methodology/ technology employed and
b. input to WP3 and WP4, based on the different demonstration approaches what the three common methodologies/technologies of Circularise, Concular, Circular.Fashion/PositiveImpakt entail when it comes to data requirements and technical requirements for the prototypes developed in WP3 and WP4
c. testing possibilities of the ontology and OCP in relation to the three different methodologies and technologies employed.

The work started in Deliverables 6.1-6.3 with the assessment of a) user needs when it comes to supply chain data communication (technology/methodology) and b) data needs (data sheets/ digital product passports) for the circularity and c) concrete circularity practises and business cases the industry partners wanted to focus on e.g. recycling/repair. After assessing the needs of the industry partners when it comes to circularity, the three use case tasks focused on the mapping of the material flows along the use case supply chains. In line with the user needs, data needs and prioritized circularity practises identified in Deliverable 6.1. Each software/methodology provider defined the data structure needed for the communication of a) data that use case industry partners identified as relevant for circularity and b) the data that was identified as relevant during the circularity compass mapping. This section focuses on the evaluation of how the three software/methodology partners interacted with the industry partner to conduct data sharing, as well as the results and the evaluation and lessons learned from that data sharing demonstration.

5.1 Textiles use case

5.1.1 Actors and data

The following set of actor types and example data was outlined for the purpose of having a simplified scenario for the evaluation phase of the first project iteration:

- Suppliers: Supplier S (e.g. Texon)
    - Data: the supplier has one data sheet per component
        - Component A has 20% recycled content
        - Component B has 100% recycled content
        - Component C has 90% recycled content

    - Assumption: S supplies all 3 components
    - Query: give average recycled content
    - Other possible queries
        - Contained chemicals/hazardous/…
        - Contained renewable content
- Manufacturers: Manufacturer M
    - Data: the manufacturer has data about the composition of the product, e.g. shoe
        - shoe has 20% of component A
        - shoe has 50% of component B
        - shoe has 30% of component C
    - Assumption: M manufactures the shoe using these 3 components
    - Other possible queries:
        - can it be disassembled
- Brand: Brand B (do design)
    - Query: Give the amount/percentage of recycled content of a product
        - calculated from the combination of the product metadata + content

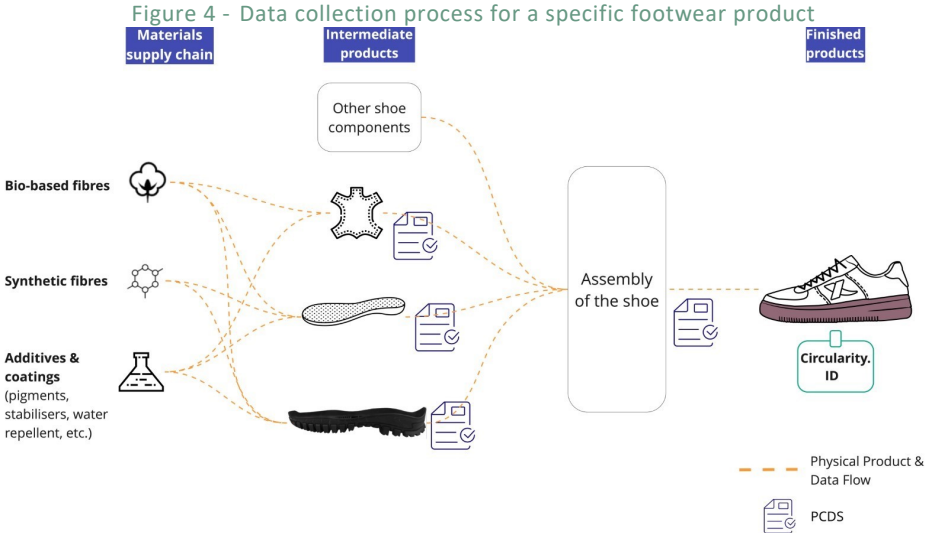
5.1.2 Evaluation

One of the objectives of the textile use case (as outlined in D6.1) is to design and test a translation layer in order to facilitate automatic data exchange between manufacturers' product data, a sustainability data scheme (i.e. Product Circularity Data Sheet (PCDS)) and a product passport (i.e. circularity.ID) using the Open Circularity Platform (OCP).

Product data exchange across the textile supply chain is currently very fragmented and non-standardized leading to a lack of transparency and difficulty to get accurate product data. For example, Texon has developed its own database system to facilitate data collection from suppliers and to ensure data accuracy. Simultaneously, Texon also receives requests from brands for different aspects of the products, like compliance to legal and voluntary standards (e.g. Global Recycled Content, REACH, etc.), material composition, sustainability, and circularity. The data requested varies based on the manufacturer or brand, fluctuates over time, and necessitates Texon to compile data tailored to each request, resulting in a significant additional administrative burden. The OCP and standardized data could help to alleviate these challenges faced by suppliers.

In the first iteration, the contribution to the design of a translation layer consisted in the collection of data and contribution to the platform test for data sharing functionality. The data collection process is illustrated by Figure 4 and involved the definition of data sources, formats, and specific requirements. Circular.fashion and +ImpaKT established a list of specific product data elements for footwear products based on the Product Circularity Data Sheet (PCDS) and the circularity.ID Open Data Standard. The data model developed supports attributes related to sustainability, circularity, compliance, and other relevant aspects. Texon collected data from its suppliers for three footwear components they manufacture. To simplify the data collection process, a list of product data was compiled in an Excel sheet, simplifying the integration of diverse data from different manufacturers. A detailed report on this process can be found in D6.4. The standardization of product data elements enhances the efficiency of data collection and exchange between various stakeholders.

Figure 4 - Data collection process for a specific footwear product



The decentralized data sharing functionality of the OCP contributes to challenges faced by suppliers such as Texon, by providing capability to upload data and grant open or restricted, actor-specific access to these data. This feature enhances control over data accessibility, ensuring that manufacturers can manage who can retrieve and interact with their data. This feature reduces the administrative burden for component manufacturers and has the potential to significantly decrease the time required for assembly manufacturers and brands to collect product data. The process eliminates the need for time-consuming steps such as contact, request, collection, and verification. An integral functionality of the platform is secure authentication. This ensures that only authorized manufacturers can access and exchange data through the platform. The OCP also has an authentication mechanism integrated which protects sensitive data and ensures the security of the data exchange process.

In the upcoming iterations, the textile use case members in collaboration with other WPs aims to implement a PCDS-based translation layer in the platform. Key considerations for this implementation include:

1. **Mapping System:** Develop a mapping system that translates the data format used for data collection to OCP. This involves transforming data fields, units, and structures to ensure compatibility.
2. **Access Function:** Implement an authorization actor-specific access function within OCP to ensure that only selected manufacturers can access specific data through the translation layer.
3. **API Contribution:** Contribute to the development of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) that facilitate the sending and receiving of data between manufacturers' systems and the OCP.
4. **Integration of Ontology:** Integrate the ontology within OCP to enable the automation of data retrieval by brands. This automation adds a layer of efficiency to the process, reducing manual intervention and enhancing the speed of data exchange.

In conclusion, the data collection efforts and contributions to the platform's data sharing functionality represent significant steps toward creating a standardized, efficient, and secure ecosystem for data exchange within the Open Circularity Platform. Furthermore circular.fashion analysed the current status of the OCP from a technical software perspective, evaluating the possibility to connect to such a platform.

After receiving the first tutorial videos provided by WP 4 in September 2023, which displayed the current functionalities of the OCP based on requirements provided by the textile use case, circular.fashion has

focused on potential implementation possibilities within their circularity.ID platform. This investigation is ongoing after login credentials to the platform have been provided now.
circular.fashion recommends looking at the following guiding issues regarding an implementation in the upcoming iterations:

1. Documentation on how the data sharing will be done with external partners to
   a. Get data into the platform - A list of steps guiding the user on how to create a data pod.
   b. Share data between various stakeholders which means
   c. How can I invite exchange partners to my account and define what data is visible to them?
   d. Enrich data with new metrics eg after product is on the market which then requires a transaction certificate on top of the scope certificate
   e. Verification of data stakeholders provided through e.g. certification number check
   f. Are adequate interfaces to established systems e.g., consumer apps for the product available? Are interfaces and data formats documented and accessible?
2. Quality of data
   a. How is data quality ensured? Are there algorithmic and/or manual review/verification processes?
3. An API documentation including authorization and access requests
4. Documentation on how sensitive data is classified
   a. How is the data in the system technologically and conceptually secured?
   b. How is intellectual property protected from third parties?
5. Testing of data exchange between more stakeholders
6. Documentation of an admin panel where it's classified of who can share data with what partner and how this would look like
   a. This includes a documentation of various roles such as admins, super-admins, users
7. Documentation of the technical setup and infrastructure

The current test case scenario's platform is deemed adequate, yet there remain numerous unresolved queries concerning its usability. Specifically, concerns revolve around issues related to access, data sharing, sensitivity of data, and the platform's compatibility with other systems. Addressing these uncertainties is crucial for ensuring a seamless and effective user experience in the broader context of the platform's functionality.

5.2 Construction use case

For the construction use case the following simplified scenarios were described for the purpose of the evaluation in the first project iteration:

Validation cases:

Case 1

As a building owner (and possibly also as a deconstruction company), I can ask the platform for the end of life scenarios for a specific type of floor tile. This will require that actors, capabilities and data are present through the ontology for validating such a question.

Case 2

As a dismantler, I can ask the platform for dismantling instructions and logistics information related to a specific type of floor tile. This will require that the different end of life scenarios are defined and that data for dismantling and logistics planning are available through the ontology.

Case 3

As a building owner, I can ask the platform if a specific floor tile are possible to refurbish.

Case 4
As a building owner, I can ask the platform if a specific floor tile are possible to reuse as raw-material.

5.2.1 Actors and Data

Building Owner

- The owner of real estate, for example Vasakronan (Swedish real estate owner). Note: This role is quite high-level and would most likely have to be more granular/split in to more specialized roles to be really useful later on.

Manufacturer

- The manufacturer of construction products, for this use case, this would be Lindner Group as the manufacturer of floor tiles of the Nortec product line.

Dismantler

- The actor that does the physical dismantling of building components. For this use case, this would be an actor that dismantles the Nortec floor tiles. This could for example be done by Ragn-Sells or by Lindner Group themselves.

Recycler

- The actor that is responsible for managing the recycling of dismantled building components. For this use case, this would be recycling of Nortec floor tiles fom Lindner Group. This could for example be Ragn-Sells.

Deconstructor (deconstruction company)

- The actor responsible for deconstructing parts of, or the whole building. This actor would act on behalf of the building owner on a contract.

5.2.2 Evaluation

Methodology:
The approach taken in the evaluation of use case demonstrations within the construction industry was methodically designed to capture the intricacies of real-world scenarios. The initiation of this process involved a systematic identification and exploration of user stories, serving as foundational narratives within the construction domain. Subsequently, a collaborative data collection initiative unfolded, drawing upon the combined expertise of Concular and Lindner, with a focused inquiry into the domain of floor panels.

Upon the accumulation of this comprehensive dataset (see Deliverable 6.4), a rigorous analysis ensued, with a meticulous emphasis on qualifying the data based on key criteria—namely, relevance, realism, and the value it contributed to an enriched understanding of the construction use case (Deliverable 6.1 and 6.7). This methodological precision aimed to ensure that the insights derived from the use case demonstrations resonated authentically with the dynamic realities of the construction industry and, concurrently, delivered tangible value for stakeholders and decision-makers.

Issues with Information:
Exploration into the information landscape within the construction industry revealed a spectrum of challenges, prominently featuring the discernible reluctance of companies to share specific information such as material recipes or supplier identities. This reluctance underscored a pivotal

consideration for the evaluation process: the imperative for a secure and controllable access system. Acknowledging that certain data might be classified as sensitive or proprietary, the evaluation emphasized the necessity of establishing a system that not only respects the confidentiality concerns of companies but also ensures that the appropriate stakeholders possess access to pertinent information. This strategic approach aimed to address the nuances of information sharing within the construction domain, thereby enhancing both the security and efficacy of the use case demonstrations.

Furthermore, the dynamic nature of information emerged as a significant factor in this context. The fluidity of data, coupled with the involvement of multiple actors across the construction ecosystem, introduced intricacies in aligning diverse perspectives. For instance, information concerning the toxicity of certain materials is subject to change as ongoing research in health and environmental risks progresses. This dynamism introduces complexities in harmonizing evolving perspectives, as stakeholders must navigate changing insights to construct a cohesive narrative. Complex new legislation and standards for sustainability are a good example and enhanced by different priorities in the field of sustainability e.g. waste avoidance vs. carbon emission reduction vs. Resource-depletion awareness.

Additionally, the condition of construction materials can evolve over time due to usage, wear, or damage. The necessity to track and incorporate these changes into use case demonstrations adds a layer of intricacy. Coordinating disparate viewpoints demands not only a technical understanding of the materials but also a keen awareness of how their conditions evolve, impacting the overall construction process. This nuanced interplay underscores the necessity for adaptable and responsive information systems in the construction domain.

Issues with Tracking:
In the realm of tracking material and product properties, challenges emerged that extended beyond conventional notions of monitoring and management. The delineation of the scope and granularity of product and material tracking became a pivotal facet of the evaluation process. Determining the appropriate level of detail transcended technical considerations, delving into strategic dimensions. Determining the level of detail aimed to ensure that the use case demonstrations encapsulated the nuances of construction processes without inundating stakeholders with unnecessary intricacies.

Moreover, comprehending the journey of raw materials from their inception to their integration within the final structure demanded a holistic perspective of the construction supply chain. This encompassing viewpoint was essential not solely for tracking the physical movement of materials but also for gaining insights into broader implications such as sustainability, resource optimization, and project efficiency.

Additionally, the intricate task of managing the interplay of numerous small modular parts in construction projects demanded heightened clarity within the use case demonstrations. The challenges extended beyond mere tracking, delving into the domain of visual representation and communication. Effectively showcasing the relationships and dependencies among these components required not only a profound understanding of the technical aspects but also a keen sense of how information is consumed and interpreted by diverse stakeholders.

5.3 Electronics use case

In the context of the electronics use case, Circularise leveraged the data gathering structure developed in Deliverable 6.4 to comprehensively assess the supply chain specific to this application.

5.3.1 Demo case definition – Actors and Data

Through REIA's network and a meticulous selection process, it was possible to partner with a speaker manufacturer whose components utilize rare earth elements, enabling us to gain in-depth insights into the electronics and rare earth value chain, particularly focusing on upstream actors and information. Once the partnership was established, the next crucial step involved determining the specific product to be traced within the platform. Through a series of interviews and collaborative discussions with the partner, Circularise successfully aligned project goals and explored the potential integration of the Circularise technology and platform into their day-to-day operations. Given the partner's need to comply with regulations, being able to trace the components upstream and getting more information on them seemed like the "solution to their problems. Now, through Circularise's platform it is possible for the partner to "automatically" gather information required for audits, being it directly from the source (suppliers), and trustable (transactions verified by the system based on inventory and through public blockchain).

Considering current and prospective regulations and challenges associated with international value chains, the selection of the product to be traced was driven by the presence of components subject to, or poised for, regulation and the need for comprehensive information from upstream partners. As a result, the motor's rare-earth-based magnet and steel plate, as well as the external aluminium assembly, were chosen as the focus components within the speaker. Subsequently, the speaker manufacturer contacted the respective suppliers to invite them to participate in the project and provide the necessary information to foster an informed and transparent value chain, thereby initiating the development of a Digital Product Passport for the selected speaker model.

To further enhance the engagement and data sharing process, a subsequent conversation took place with tier-1 suppliers of the industry partner. This interaction aimed to evaluate the feasibility of supplier involvement, gauge the extent of potential data sharing, ascertain the project's relevance to their own activities, and pinpoint the areas within the component tracing process where the greatest need and value exist. This approach enabled us to assess the practicality of onboarding suppliers into the data-sharing process, fostering collaboration and transparency throughout the value chain. In this case, suppliers showed their interest in being part of the project, as well as confirmed the usefulness of Circularise's platform in their activities. With the increasing pressure from suppliers' downstream clients on getting information about their components, and being able to certify and prove claims, having a tool that enables secure data sharing answer to their needs, to be able to satisfy customers' request for data, without sacrificing or risking their IP.

5.3.2 Evaluation

Stakeholders' needs

Ensuring compliance with both existing and forthcoming regulations is of paramount importance. Complying with regulations not only demonstrates responsible practices but also strengthens our

ability to substantiate sustainability claims. This is crucial for maintaining a competitive advantage, meeting sustainability goals, and fulfilling commitments aligned with broader initiatives such as the Paris Agreement and the Circular Economy Action Plan.

Furthermore, access to pertinent data plays a pivotal role in driving internal improvements. It enables us to evaluate the status of processes, identify areas for enhancement, and determine the associated developmental needs. Data access also empowers us to propose new business models and optimize solutions. To achieve a comprehensive understanding of the value chain and obtain a broader perspective on data statistics, onboarding tier-1 suppliers becomes an initial critical step. This allows us to delve deeper into the value chain, analyse impacts, perform life cycle assessments (LCAs), assess the presence or absence of substances, evaluate the geographical origin of components, and consider factors such as recycled or biobased content. By doing so, we can identify bottlenecks and uncover opportunities for enhancing sustainability practices while simultaneously improving supply chain resilience.

For the electronics use case, one of the partner's interests is to be able to trace the components accordingly to their existing system. For companies, it is crucial that any new platform connects/responds to the existing systems, to avoid double work and streamline its adoption. Consequently, for the partners, it is essential that the platform can include the coding used for the components and batches, to easily allocate the information. Additionally, information regarding the technical properties, performance and certificates on the composition, materials and processes are relevant to their operations.

Traceability value

Furthermore, the definition of the traceability of materials is influenced by the value companies see in tracing certain components. A high economic value of materials, a high fluctuation or scarcity of the materials on the market, and a lack of available standards that lead to material availability have been identified as drivers for the selection of components. In this case, the main components selected by the partners are those related to the rare earth industry (magnet from the speaker), given the regulations around critical raw materials and the need for traceability this entails. Additionally, those materials from the metal industry (e.g. aluminium and steel), where sustainability claims are being increasingly asked for, were also selected to trace by the use case.

Feasibility

Establishing and nurturing strong relationships with suppliers is paramount in facilitating data sharing. In the electronics use case, the manufacturer has already cultivated positive dynamics with the selected suppliers, which streamlines communication and ensures a shared understanding of ontologies and data requirements. Trust is an essential factor, as suppliers are more likely to actively participate in initiatives spearheaded by OEMs. It is crucial for both the manufacturers and the suppliers to be aligned in recognizing the significance of compliance with regulations and the subsequent necessity for data availability and sharing. This alignment encourages stakeholders to play an active role in communicating data throughout the various processes and ensuring that all required downstream aspects are adequately addressed and continuously updated. As mentioned before, the partner and its suppliers are aligned regarding the need for traceability of their components. Both parties agree on the importance and positive outcomes that using Circularise's

platform could bring, to first ensure certifications and proving of claim for the partner, and improving customer relationships for the suppliers, as well as internal documentation. By providing information on their materials and processes, suppliers support their customers to achieve their goals in terms of achieving standards and complying with regulations, that give them competitive advantage and thus positioning in the market. This information sharing is translated into trust and strengthening of their supplier-OEM relationship and can also support supplier to achieve certifications and increase their value. These are all benefits that the electronics' use case will bring in the long term to the stakeholders involved.

6 Evaluating the Ontology Network

This section provides a short summary of the ontology network, as presented in D3.3, as well as the subsequent extensions to this network (created in WP3) for covering the use case evaluation scenarios outlined in WP6 (and to some extent the data in D6.4). In addition, we describe the method for the evaluation of the ontologies, as outlined and set up by LIU, and the results of the ontology evaluation from the first project iteration, based on among other things feedback from the use case partners.

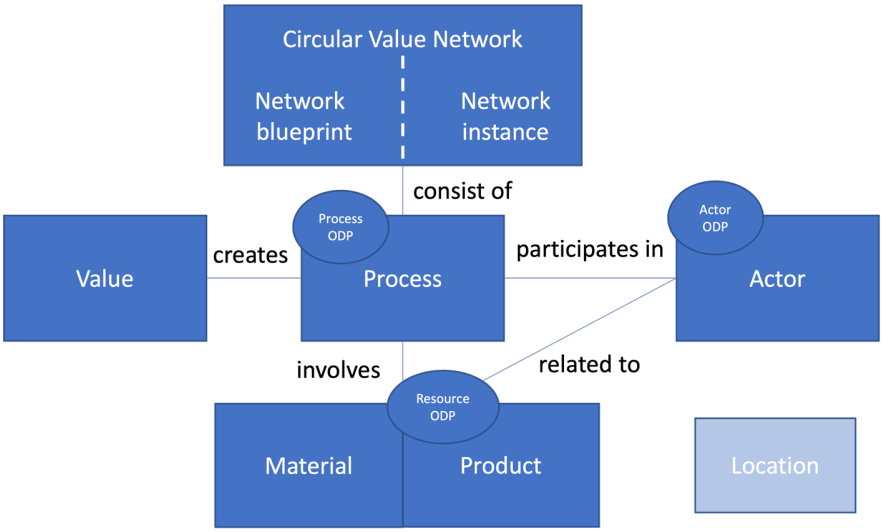
6.1 Introduction to the Ontology Network

The purpose of the ontology network is to allow for data documentation, across use cases and industry domains, through a set of core ontologies (and Ontology Design Patterns) that can be shared by the actors in the Circular Economy (CE). Hence, the initial ontology development in Onto-DESIDE has focused on the cross-cutting concerns identified in D2.1, and further detailed in the requirements of D3.1. The first release of the ontology network was described in D3.3, and is available using permanent URIs (https://w3id.org/CEON) and in our GitHub repository (https://github.com/LiUSemWeb/CEON/).

In this deliverable we do not describe the complete ontology network, but merely give a brief overview of the core parts evaluated in the use cases in the first project iteration, together with a high-level view of the use case-specific extensions of the ontology network. This focuses on actors, resources, and information about resources, e.g. in data sheets.

To create an appropriate set of core ontologies, we have first identified the core topics based on the requirements discussed in D3.1. An overview, in the form of an informal illustration is displayed in Figure 5. Note that the boxes do not represent concepts, but rather areas (i.e. topics), that each are covered by one or more ontology modules. The dark blue boxes contain new concept definitions, i.e. modules introduced by our network, while the light blue box (location) indicates reuse of existing ontologies. The lines between boxes indicate relations between the topics as mentioned in our requirements set, but are in the actual implementation of the ontology network replaced by formal relations between modules, e.g. owl:import and/or concept references across module boundaries, as well as alignments and dedicated properties.

Figure 5 Informal illustration of the core topics of the ontology network.



In our first release, we have included three abstract ODPs, i.e. modelling the CE-independent abstract notions of processes, actors and resources. The rationale for claiming these modules to be ODPs is mainly that they are entirely independent of the CE domain, i.e. they simply represent patterns of modelling these abstract notions but refrain from including any specific conceptualizations related to CE. Our intention is further to, in future releases, include alignments between these ODPs and top-level and foundational ontologies, such as DUL, in separate alignment modules. Our focus in this first release has been on the central CVN module, and the modules for process, actor, and material/product. The value module is so far not elaborated, partly due to its close connection to ongoing work on standardising CE terminology in ISO/TC 323 (https://www.iso.org/committee/7203984.html). Hence, this module so far consists only of a "stub" for further extension in future releases. Additionally, the materials and product modules, as specialisations of the resource ODP, will be further extended in the next release, due to a limited coverage of the ontology requirements in the current release.

The Actor ODP[5] is at its core a variant of the common participation[6] and participant role[7] ODPs, although where the "event" in those patterns have been interpreted very generic, as any context with a time extent. Hence, the core concept is a participation relation (i.e. a reified relation), named Participation, that relates an Actor, to either a Resource or a Process where the actor is holding a specific Role. The participation may be indexed with time and spatial context. An actor can also be associated with an Actor Type and have a certain Capability, which is used by the participation in a process. The Actor module[8], specialises this pattern by adding concrete CE-relevant roles, both for processes (e.g. collector, sorter, recycler, remanufacturer) and resource relations (e.g. owner,

5 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/actorODP/0.1/index.html

6 http://ontologydesignpatterns.org/wiki/Submissions:Participation

7 http://ontologydesignpatterns.org/wiki/Submissions:ParticipantRole

8 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/actor/0.1/index.html

issuer, holder, seller, buyer). An example of a participation in a resource relation is an organisation (actor) that owns (role) a certain batch of recyclable material (resource) at a certain point in time. An example of a participation in a process is an organisation (actor) that acts as the collector and sorter (roles) in a recycling process, as a prerequisite to the recycling.

The Resource ODP[9] is merely a small top-level ontology for resources, identifying two types of resources; Physical Object, and Information. Where physical objects in turn are composed of certain matter and may have some Constituent that is in turn another physical object. The Materials module[10] specialises this ODP by adding Material Component as a subclass of Constituent, and Material and Chemical Entity as subclasses of Matter. This is in line with the top structures of current materials ontologies, to which alignments are planned in separate modules, and allows for modelling of materials at various levels of granularity. The Product module[11] in turn specialises the ODP by adding Product as a subclass of Physical Object and Product Component as a certain kind of Constituent.

These modules are primarily not intended to introduce new notions, as compared to the existing ontologies surveyed in WP3 earlier, but merely cover the aspects relevant for CE, with minimal ontological commitment to maximise reusability, and allow for alignments with existing, more detailed, materials and products ontologies.

The Process ODP[12] distinguishes between a Process and its concrete Process Execution, and also models the composition of processes from other processes and their ordering. In addition, a particularly important kind of process, in the CE context, is a Transformation that takes some input and transforms it to some output, i.e. moves the current state from one situation (context) to another (c.f. the Transition ODP in the ODP portal[13]). In particular, the Process module[14] specialises such transformation processes, and lists the typical processes involved in a CE, such as dismantling, deconstruction, refurbishment, recycling, reuse, and take-back processes, although their detailed transitions are still to be added in future releases.

The CVN module[15] models a CVN as a kind of Collaboration between actors, that implements some Circular Strategy aiming to produce some Value[16]. An important notion is also the one of a CVN

9 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/resourceODP/0.1/index.html

10 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/material/0.1/index.html

11 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/product/0.1/index.html

12 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/processODP/0.1/index.html

13 http://ontologydesignpatterns.org/wiki/Submissions:Transition

14 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/process/0.1/index.html

15 https://liusemweb.github.io/CEON/ontology/cvn/0.1/index.html

16 Value could be economic, but also social or environmental value. It is currently only modelled as a stub

blueprint, which intuitively corresponds to a plan, in the sense of the difference between a plan and its execution (e.g. inspired by ODPs such as Task Execution[17]. Hence, the module intends to make it possible to describe an envisioned value network, i.e. the "plan" or blueprint of it, without knowing what exact actors will fill the needed roles and capabilities. This is important both for use cases where the task is to find such actors to fill certain gaps in the network, but also for being able to describe abstract network blueprints that can act as templates for future instantiation of similar networks, but with potentially different actors.

In addition to these core modules, being part of D3.3, the network was since then extended further, to illustrate how this generic CE ontology network can be applied within specific industry domains and use cases. This extension mainly consisted in modules capturing the notions of statements and data sheets, i.e. in order to be able to describe data such as in the research datasets of D6.4 as well as its provenance, but in addition also modules for describing quantities and units, to describe the concrete parameter values in such data sheets. To do this we have reused both the W3C PROV-O ontology (https://www.w3.org/TR/prov-o/) as a standard way of expressing provenance, as well as the QUDT ontology (https://qudt.org/) for quantities and units of measure. However, while PROV-O has been imported directly into one of the new modules, QUDT has been partly replicated instead, in order to reduce the size of the ontologies while still maintaining the link to the reused ontology.

Based on these extensions we have then modelled one specific example ontology for each use case, for testing the capabilities of the generic ontology network to model also domain-specific concepts and data, and to cover the evaluation scenarios (for textile, construction and electronics use cases) that are available in full in section 5. For the textile use case, this mainly meant to model product compositions, and amount of recycled material content in components and products (c.f. scenario in section 5.1.1), as well as actors and their roles and relations to the product. For the construction use case (c.f. section 5.2.1) this meant to again model the actors, and their relations to the product, as well as specific attributes of the product and individual items and batches (i.e. sets of floor tiles in our case). For the electronics use case, this mainly entailed the modelling the product and the subcomponents as well as the data structures resulting from D6.4. (c.f. section 5.3.1). Further details of how the models specify these notions and data examples, can be found in the survey illustrations in Appendix 1. Important to note is that these ontologies are to be seen as part of the testing and evaluation setup of the use cases, rather than well-deliberated domain ontologies. The current purpose of the use case's specific extensions is to evaluate the general core modules, rather than to extend the network with domain ontologies – although these will also be publicly available, as example usage of the ontology network.

6.2 Ontology Evaluation Methods

In order to evaluate ontologies, one may take different perspectives. Ontology evaluation may be seen as an intrinsic process, evaluating the internal structure of an ontology. However, most often there is additionally a need for assessing the fit for purpose of an ontology, i.e. extrinsic properties, such as requirement fulfilment, query and reasoning capabilities, and properties indicating the use of best practices and FAIR publishing. The first version of the Onto-DESIDE ontology network has

17 http://ontologydesignpatterns.org/wiki/Submissions:TaskExecution

mainly been evaluated in relation to intrinsic properties, but a small use case survey has also been conducted, to gather feedback from the Onto-DESIDE use case partners. In the forthcoming two project iterations, this part of the evaluation will be further elaborated, together with other extrinsic measures, such as comparison and alignment with existing ontologies and standards, while less focus will be put on intrinsic evaluations and requirement validation.

In the evaluation we have focused on establishing the intrinsic ontology quality, i.e. that the ontology network is consistent, and has an appropriate structure and semantics. Although basic characteristics, like size and depth of taxonomy, in themselves are not quality measures, these are parameters that can be used to at a generic level assess the level of modularity and the balance of minimal ontological commitments versus the size and complexity of modules. Hence, a few general characteristics of the ontology modules have also been gathered to be able to assess the nature of the modules and their relations.

In this first project iteration, we have nevertheless evaluated the ontologies using the following dimensions and tools:

Table 1. Ontology dimensions and tools

Dimension	Measure	Method	Tool
Ontology characteristics	Size (class, property, instance and axiom counts), depth of taxonomy, import count and external references	Inspection of file using a tool	Protégé
Consistency	Logical consistency	Consistency checking using a reasoner	HermiT reasoner (built into Protégé)
Adherence to modelling best practices	See [1]	OOPS!	OOPS! online web interface
Adherence to FAIR principles	See [2]	FOOPS!	FOOPS! Online web interface
Requirement fulfilment and coverage	Ability to formulate SPARQL queries corresponding to CQs	CQ verification through manual query formulation	N/A
Coverage of use case evaluation scenarios	Degree of satisfaction of the coverage as assessed by domain experts	Assessment of data examples on a Likert scale (optional free text comments), as part of a survey sent to use case partners	Illustrations using the Grafoo notation [4] and MS Forms
Understandability by use case domain experts	Subjective degree of understanding as assessed by domain experts	Assessment of data examples on a Likert scale (optional free text comments), as part of a survey sent to use case partners	Illustrations using the Grafoo notation [4] and MS Forms

The evaluation was practically conducted by researchers from LIU, in the context of WP3, but involved use case partners as workshop participants and respondents in the second part. Ontology characteristics and consistency was assessed by using the Protégé ontology engineering environment, through manual inspection as well as plugins such as the HermiT reasoner. Furthermore, the two popular "quality checkers" OOPS! [1] And FOOPS! [2] were applied to detect violations of best practices in ontology modelling and publishing. The results of these validators fall into different categories, where some are merely information, or "warnings", while others are clear "errors". Examples of warnings may be missing restrictions in the ontology, such as domain and range. While this may in some cases be an error, it may also be a design decision to leave the domain or range of a property open, for increased reusability of the property, and resulting ontology. Hence, while we report all the findings of these tools in the next sections, not all of them should be interpreted as errors, but merely as observations that need to be carefully considered.

Regarding the requirement fulfilment, we have chosen to apply a testing method similar to [3] where the Competency Questions (CQs), i.e. requirements of the ontology modules, are verified by being formulated as SPARQL queries. However, since we do not have actual data corresponding to the answers to such queries (i.e. D6.4, our research dataset, does not currently cover all the CQs in D3.1) we have for now settled for testing whether it is possible to formulate a SPARQL query that in our opinion corresponds to the CQ, rather than also adding actual test data and running the query. The reason is that for doing the latter, we would have to also create "example data" (synthetic data modelled according to the ontology) ourselves, which would introduce a large bias, and we would likely not find many more mistakes by doing that. Instead, we envision that in a later project iteration, when the research dataset has been extended, we will be able to run the queries, but at this point we do not see the benefit of that added effort.

As a second part of the evaluation, feedback on the ontologies was gathered in terms of the two last dimensions in the table above, i.e. their coverage of the use case scenarios outlined for the first evaluation phase (see chapter 5.1.1 and 5.2.1), and their understandability by the domain experts involved in the use cases. This feedback was gathered in two ways; (1) by conducting an in-person workshop at the consortium meeting in September 2023, and (2) by circulating an online survey to all use case partners after the consortium meeting. The two scenarios, i.e. one representing the first iteration of the textile use case, and the second one for the construction use case, describe a small set of actors, as well as concrete data examples to be used for evaluating the platform and the ontologies jointly. For the electronics use case no scenario was provided, hence, the starting point of the evaluation has instead been the use case description itself, together with the data structure outlined in D6.4.

With respect to (1) the workshop was conducted in 2 groups of 3-4 use case partners being present in each group. Then the overview of the ontology network was first presented, together with an introduction to the notation used in ontology and data illustrations, whereafter a short discussion was held around one specific example (showing a part of the ontologies together with example data). The example used for discussion can be found in Appendix 1. Feedback from the use case partners was noted (by taking written notes of the discussion), both regarding the understandability of the example and the notation, as well as on the concrete modelling choices themselves. This feedback, and

experiences from the understandability of the notation and examples were then used when creating the online survey.

With respect to (2) the online survey was created in three different versions, i.e. one per project use case. Overall, the three surveys cover mainly the same modelling choices and patterns, but illustrated with data examples from the evaluation scenarios outlined by the respective project use case. This was done in order to allow the use case partners to easier understand the ontologies, in terms of their usage with data related to their own industry domain, in turn gathering more feedback and better-grounded suggestions from the respondents. The three surveys can be seen in Appendix 1. And the evaluation scenarios outlined in each project use case are in Appendix 2.

6.3 Technical Evaluation Results

The technical evaluation consisted of the first 5 dimensions in the table above (Table 1). The result of each of these evaluations are presented in the tables below (Table 2 and Table 3).

Table 2. Technical evaluation results

Ontology module title	Class #	Object Property #	Datatype Property #	Indivi-duals #	Total axioms #	Max Depth of Taxonomy	Import #	External ref (module #)
Actor	30	11	3	16	255	3	1	3
ActorODP	10	9	3	0	93	2	0	0
CVN	34	18	3	16	313	3	1	3
Material	10	4	4	0	98	3	1	1
Process	32	15	0	0	181	3	1	2
Process ODP	7	11	0	0	76	2	0	2
Product	7	3	0	0	69	3	1	1
Resource ODP	5	2	0	0	42	2	0	0
Value	2	0	0	0	15	1	0	0

As can be seen in the table above, the 0.1 versions of the ontology network modules are quite small, i.e. between 2 and 34 classes, with 0 to 18 object properties defined in each one. The modules with the suffix "ODP" constitute the most abstract of the core modules, only representing some core modelling patterns without any CE-specific concepts. Hence, they are also the smallest modules. The exception is the Value module, however, this is not to be considered a complete module, but it's so far only a "stub" for further development. The taxonomical depth of the modules is also quite small, where 1 means that all classes are direct subclasses of owl:Thing, and 2 means that there is a second level in the taxonomy below that. The inclusion of concrete individuals in an ontology is not uncontroversial, however, in this case, they represent specific roles that can be taken by Actors in a CVN, such as recycler, reuser, issuer (e.g. of a datasheet), owner (e.g. of a resource) etc., as well as specific CVN processes, sometimes called circular strategies, such as recycling, refurbishment, reuse etc. Hence, these are not considered to be at the data level, but rather a commonly accepted set of possible roles and strategies applied in a CVN. The reason for modelling these as individuals rather than classes is that they can then be used as values for object properties in an RDF dataset structured according to the ontology.

In addition to these basic characteristics, the table also illustrates the modularisation strategy, where each ODP is a basic building block, with no imports, while the other modules import at least one other module/ODP (except the value stub again). However, the imports are not covering all dependencies between the modules, hence, we also show the number of external references (except

annotation properties and language references, such as OWL and RDFS). This is an indicator of to what extent the modules in the network are decoupled from each other, and what effects changes to the network might have. Perhaps not surprising, it is the CVN and Actor modules that have the most dependencies. This is due to the fact that a CVN obviously involves both resources, value, and actors, and regarding the actor module that actors can be involved both in processes and have roles in relation to resources. While such dependencies of course cannot be avoided entirely, it is still concluded that the number of dependencies introduced so far is certainly manageable, and the network seems to have a reasonable decoupling of its modules.

Next, the HermiT reasoner (version 1.3.8.413, built-in to Protégé) was used to check the consistency of the ontology modules. No inconsistencies were discovered, and no unexpected inferences were noted when going through the list of inferred axioms manually.

Table 3. Technical evaluation results

	OOPS! - # pitfalls detected			
Ontology module title	**Minor**	**Important**	**Critical**	**Ontology module title**	**FOOPS! validator %**
Actor	18	6	1	Actor	70
ActorODP	14	4	1	ActorODP	61
CVN	29	7	1	CVN	60
Material	10	5	1	Material	68
Process	40	10	1	Process	64
Process ODP	15	6	1	Process ODP	70
Product	5	1	1	Product	72
Resource ODP	4	1	1	Resource ODP	65
Value	2	1	1	Value	60

Using the OOPS! and FOOPS! pitfall scanners, we have then assessed the extent to which the ontology modules follow best practices. In the figure above, the overall results can be seen. Regarding the OOPS! results, the critical pitfall detected in all the ontologies is an apparent mismatch between the ontology ID and its permanent URI. This seems to be an issue that is not correctly identified by OOPS! Since the ontology is in fact correctly identified in the file. Nevertheless, an issue has been created in our GitHub repository to investigate the reason for this pitfall being triggered, despite the file being correct according to manual inspection. In terms of the “important” pitfalls, every ontology module triggers the pitfall “missing disjointness”, since at this point no module contains any class disjointness axioms. This is a design decision of the current modules, which may be changed in the future. The other “important” pitfalls are all missing domain and range restrictions on properties. Again, this is a design choice that has been made for these core modules, that contain many abstract properties. For instance, properties such as hasPart and hasConsistuent could be applicable to many different kinds of classes, hence we have intentionally left the domain and range open, and instead added subclass restrictions on classes where the properties are intended to be used. Nevertheless, we have still added GitHub issues for checking each of these pitfalls triggered later on, in case some of these are not intentional. Finally, the minor issues consist of missing annotations, missing inverse properties, and unconnected ontology elements. The latter is due to the modular nature of the ontology network, where sometimes a module merely defines a class, that is then not used (e.g. mentioned in any axiom) by that ontology module, but instead used in more specific modules. While missing annotations (I.e. missing documentation of ontology elements) is definitely a bad practice, where we have added a GitHub issue to fix these missing annotations, the missing inverse properties are again a design choice rather than something actually missing. Inverse

properties add complexity (even in a logical sense) to the ontologies and have deliberately been omitted, unless explicitly needed.

Regarding the FOOPS! validation the main issues again pertain to the ontology URIs, i.e. see the pitfall discussed above, which needs further investigation. Another common pitfall discovered in all modules is the lack of registration in ontology registries. This is however on purpose, since our ontologies are not yet stable and properly evaluated, they have also not been registered in public repositories (neither prefix ones or metadata registries). The remaining issues pertain to missing metadata and provenance of the ontology. However, some of the missing elements are present in the ontology files, e.g. license information, but has apparently not been detected by FOOPS!. In these cases we will investigate why this is the case, and only in the case of actually missing data will be add a GitHub issue to fix the problem.

The final non-user focused evaluation perspective is the validation of ontological requirements using SPARQL queries, i.e. formulating the CQs in D3.1 covered by each ontology module as a SPARQL query using the ontology as its vocabulary. The results of this evaluation can be seen in the table below:

Table 4. Evaluation results

		Single module			Network coverage		
Ontology module title	# CQs	# CQs covered	# CQs partly covered	# CQs not covered	# CQs covered	# CQs partly covered	# CQs still not covered
Actor	4	2	2	0	4	0	0
ActorODP	14	3	10	1	11	3	0
CVN	8	5	1	2	5	1	2
Material	9	8	0	1	8	0	1
Process	2	1	0	1	1	0	1
Process ODP	13	4	4	5	8	3	2
Product	7	4	3	0	4	3	0
Resource ODP	11	10	0	1	10	0	1
Value	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Each ontology module (or ODP) was at the time of development annotated with a number of CQs that it intends to cover (# CQs above), according to the ontology engineer developing it. When attempting to formulate SPARQL queries to test each such CQ the success of this task was assessed on the scale “CQ covered” (when the SPARQL query could obviously be formulated given the vocabulary referenced in, or imported by, the module being tested), “partly covered” (when the concrete terminology was not present, but for instance more generic concepts and properties were available, or a small part of the CQ was not modelled), or “not covered” (when some aspect of the CQ was obviously missing, or a completely different terminology had been used). Two assessments were made, i.e. whether the query could be formulated using only the module being tested, and secondly whether it could be formulated when taking into account the whole ontology network built for D3.3.

As can be noted, most of the CQs claimed to be covered by each module can indeed be formulated as SPARQL queries over that module. However, for a substantial amount of CQs there is some specialisation of the concepts needed to be able to formulate a query exactly using the terminology of the CQ. Hence, the substantial amount of partly covered CQs when looking at each module independently. An example of such an issue occurs in the ActorODP, which only models resources in general, but where some of the partly covered CQs mentions more specific resource types, such

as products and materials. This is illustrated by the number of partly covered CQs being reduced to 3, when instead considering the whole ontology network, where the Product and Materials modules obviously include such more specific concepts. A conclusion that can be drawn from this analysis is that a more careful annotation of modules with their respective CQs should be made, but that the overall coverage of CQs aligns well with the intended set of CQs for the first release of the ontology network.

However, looking more in-depth into the CQs that are still not covered, even when considering the whole ontology network, we do find some aspects that are still untreated. In the CVN module we find two uncovered CQs. One is related to modelling the value provided by different actors in a CVN, where we have so far not modelled value in enough detail to solve this CQ. The other one is due to an ambiguous CQ, "What is the type of this CVN?" where it is not clear what is meant by type. Assuming it means the strategies implemented by the CVN, this can be answered by the module, but given that this is not clear we choose to mark it as not covered in order to investigate this question further. A similarly ambiguous CQ can be found for the Process ODP, which states "What are the resources of the current input?". At the moment an input to a process IS a resource, hence it does not make sense to ask for the resources OF the input. This question should be clarified further. The remaining uncovered CQs are related to the detailed characteristics of products, e.g. quality characteristics, quantities of the product composition, and similar aspect. These were aspects not included in the general core ontology modules at this time, but which are for the time being instead present in the use case specific extensions discussed in the next section.

6.4 Coverage and understandability of the ontology network in use cases - Results

As a first step the ontologies were discussed in the workshop at the consortium meeting in September 2023, using the material shown in Appendix 1. In this workshop an example illustration was shown and feedback both on the modelling itself but also the understandability of the example was gathered. Overall, the result of the discussion was that the software providers among the use case partners could very well relate to the notation and examples and could also compare the modelling examples to their internal data models. In this way they were able to comment on a) the relation between the example shown and their internal models and data structures, and b) to some extent assess the coverage and usefulness of the excerpt of the model shown. Overall, the correspondence to their internal models was high, although also some minor differences in modelling and terminology could be identified, and the examples were found useful. For the non-software providers, e.g. recycling companies, material and product producers etc., the modelling examples were harder to interpret directly, but had to be explained and discussed more than evaluated directly. Although some missing parts were pointed out, also all these partners found the examples interesting and probably going in the right direction.

Concrete comments from this workshop included the following detailed feedback on the modelling example:

- Some data will need to be captured on the product level, while others needs to be captured on the item or batch level.
- What is considered a product and what is a constituent is highly context dependent, and it must be possible to describe such contexts in detail.

- Roles may need to be more detailed, e.g. in relation to owning data – who is allowed to access or update data?
- Certification is not only done per product, but also per organisation (actor), e.g. a manufacturer can be certified according to a certain standard.
- Quantities of materials are essential to capture, and as it goes through a process the amount of recycled material goes down as the material is combined with other things to form a product. It should also be clear that the amount of a certain (recycled) material that is contained in a product is only a claim, and not necessarily the objective truth.
- There is a need for flexibility of datatypes for certain parameters, in some cases this should not be fixed beforehand.
- In the construction case some data will be captured on the product level, but some will also be available only at the level of a whole building (i.e. a large composition of lots of products).
- There are some parameters that are quite static, while others are highly dynamic and will change during the product's (or material's) lifetime. Whether such changes have to be recorded or not is dependent on the use case, and to some extent the context (e.g. different legislation).
- It is important to keep models rather "minimal" in order not to cause an information overload.
- A suggestion was to evaluate the ontologies against the data in a BOM for a product.

The full evaluation surveys that were sent to use case partners after this workshop session can be seen in Appendix 1. The total number of respondents was 7, distributed over 1 respondent for the textile use case, 4 for the construction one, and 2 for electronics. However, this should be interpreted considering that it was also suggested to the use case partners that they could discuss and fill out the form together, rather than individually. Hence, while the textile use case chose to submit one form with a shared view, the construction and electronics use cases submitted the form individually. Consequently, we will not report on absolute numbers of responses here, but merely point out interesting trends, outliers or comments.

The first question in each form asked for the familiarity and confidence of the respondents with the notation used in example figures, after being provided a short-written example and a graphical illustration. The responses range from 2 to 5 on the scale where 1 signified "not very confident at all" and 5 "completely confident". Hence, replies should be interpreted with the fact in mind that most of them are not completely confident in interpreting the examples notation, however, at least most are to some extent comfortable with the examples.

The second question in each survey then concerned the basic participation pattern underlying the modelling both of relations between actors and resources, with their roles, participation in processes and networks etc. This pattern was perceived as mostly clear by a majority of the respondents, although one mentioned that the pattern did not really make sense (selecting "quite poorly") and two that they did not understand the pattern very well ("quite poorly"). One respondent also commented that the provided example did not align with their internal data structures, which is a valid comment, but which is also not necessary given that it will still most likely be possible to provide an alignment between the structures despite them not being identical to start with. Nevertheless, the ratings if this question is also most likely due to that this is a quite abstract pattern, where the usage does not really become clear until the following questions, where the respondents also have consequently given the modelling solution better ratings.

There are however some comments around the notion of a role, mentioning that roles are not clearly defined in the ontology, i.e. what it means to be a supplier of something, for instance, and how that differs from being the manufacturer etc. Another comment was concerning the fact that there is currently no role hierarchy in the ontologies, which was requested. This arises from the fact that roles are currently modelled as individuals in the ontology right now, which has its benefits and drawbacks, and which should be considered during the next iteration. However, it does allow for an actor to have multiple roles, even in the same context, which was also noted in one of the comments.

The following questions, around more specific uses of the basic participation pattern, were found much clearer than the basic pattern itself, as was the next example showing how the pattern can be used to model products and their components.

The following section of the survey concerned the way that the ontologies currently model statements and collections of statements, such as a data sheet. This part seems to be quite clear to most of the respondents, and comments concerned more the concrete examples, rather than the way they were modelled, hence, no major changes seem to be needed in this part. Only one negative comment was received regarding the fact that issuing date of a datasheet was outside of the current evaluation scenario of the use case. While this is true, this is again a question of how minimalistic the ontologies should be for the first iteration, since they should eventually cover the data collected for the project research dataset, which contains such information.

For the overall rating of the ontologies, represented by the survey examples, the respondents agree that they cover the evaluation scenarios very well (average of a 4 on a 5-grade scale, from “not at all” to “completely”). Hence, we can conclude that despite the fact that some minor issues have been identified, and some aspects not being understood completely by the use case partners, the overall evaluation of the ontologies in relation to the use case scenarios are satisfactory for the first project iteration.

6.4.1 Direct feedback on the ontologies from the use cases

In addition to the quantitative survey results presented above and the written comments on the survey questions, each use case was offered to provide an additional summary of their impression of the current ontology network and its applicability. This feedback is presented below.

6.4.1.1 Textile

Ontology models are used to represent knowledge in a structured and semantically meaningful way. The examples provided for the evaluation of the ontology for textile use case are based on the simplified scenario chosen for the first iteration: three components from a component manufacturer (e.g., Texon) with varying recycled content being supplied to a shoe manufacturer for shoe production.

The evaluation involves assessing the understanding of ontology concepts by members of the Textile use case including the provided documentation, accuracy of the textile ontology model, completeness, relevance, and usability.

Members of the textile use case were introduced to the ontology model through various formats. The introductory workshop offered a broad introduction to fundamental concepts of ontology and basic models. Subsequently, use-case specific ontology examples and associated explanations were distributed through a questionnaire format. These examples, within the scope of a simplified scenario, were designed to assist in evaluation. The scenarios suggested for evaluation are as follows:

- Puma is the brand of shoe x
- M is the manufacturer of shoe x
- Texon is the supplier of components A, B, C
- Shoe x is composed of components A, B, and C
- Shoe x contains 20% of component A
- Data sheet 1234 contains the statement that “shoe x contains 20% of component A”
- Data sheet 1234 was issued by organisation M on date 2023-09-20, and contains the statement that “shoe x contains 20% of component A”
- Data sheet_1234 was issued by the organisation M on date 2023-09-20, and contains the statement datasheet_2345 is issued by the actor S, and at a different date

The ontology encompasses several concepts, including:

- Actor: represents the identification of entities (e.g., company name).
- Role: refers to roles in the supply chain (e.g., manufacturer, supplier, brand) and, interestingly, data providers.
- Resource: refers to products or constituents within the system.
- Datasheet: contains information in the form of concept “statement”
- Statement: describes the data type present in a datasheet, such as a text string, numerical value, or another defined parameter.

Moreover, the ontology's examples illustrate various relationships within the domain:

- Actor and Resources Relationship: demonstrates how actors are linked to resources (e.g., an actor supplying three components).
- Resource-to-Resource Relationships: show connections between different types of resources (e.g., how a product is composed of multiple components).
- Actor and Datasheet Relation: reflects the role of an actor as an "issuer”.
- Product and Component Relationship: details the composition of products (e.g., a shoe containing 20% of component A, where 20% represents the recycled content of component A).
- Actor, Datasheet, and Product Relationships: displays the interconnections between actor and information provided.
- Relationship between Data Issue Date and Datasheet

These concepts and relationships within the examples of ontology provide a comprehension of the associations between actors, resources, data that exist in the represented textile system.

The provided documentation regarding the ontology application offers a clear understanding of the basic approach through simple examples. However, for more complex examples, there are explanations missing. For instance, the absence of the introduction to the concept “TextileProductComponentRelation” is rising uncertainty in understanding its role within the model. Additionally, the introduction of “TextileProduct” concepts lacks clarity, particularly in the case of the recycled content. One example elevated it to the level of concept, contrary to other examples where

it's one of composition descriptions, in line with a real-world. Commonly recycled content is one among several data attributes to be communicated and shared. Additionally, there is a lack of explanation for some relationships, in particular the definition of participating subjects, objects, resources within this context.

Regarding the visual representation, black arrows are used to represent the relationships between concepts. However, it lacks clear direction definitions, making it difficult to verify if the concepts are correctly interconnected. For instance, considering the source of information, it might be more relevant for the arrow to direct from component A to composition A. The distinction between solid and dotted arrows remains unexplained. Moreover, the connectivity is ambiguous; for instance, it's unclear whether 'datatype' connects to the concept or to the attributes represented by the pink dots. These areas requiring additional detail and clarity within the documentation to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the ontology model and its visual representation.

The ontology examples demonstrate a consistent and coherent structure without any inconsistent or contradictory statements.

Regarding completeness, the examples address core concepts, but it could be enhanced for specific properties, qualities, or relationships that are associated with concepts and visualized with pink dots:

- Data attributes: data is primarily described in terms of data type, leaving out critical attributes like data format, mandatory or optional fields, statement nature (certified or not), sensitivity/access rights for data sharing, and validity. These attributes are important for data sharing among actors. To ensure its comprehensiveness, these aspects could be integrated.
- Role: while the distinctions between roles (e.g., brand, component manufacturer and product manufacturer) are depicted, a more defined hierarchical structure for roles within the ontology is recommended. The introduction of the new role "Data Issuer" underlines the importance of clarifying actors' roles. The ontology could benefit from a more extensive categorization and differentiation of roles.

In terms of real-world relevance, the ontology captures information essential for the simplified textile scenario. The example of Date of Issue is currently not relevant, however incorporating a "time stamp" for data versioning in subsequent iterations may be beneficial for maintaining historical records of product modifications.

The ontology displays potential for scalability, accommodating new concepts and changes.

The simplified textile use case scenario lacks explicit mention of data sharing, despite its significant relevance to the project. It is more beneficial to include data sharing and data access attributes within the scope of the first iteration, rather than “date of issue”. However, data sharing would necessitate a more extensive characterization of the "Statement" concept than currently presented.

The simplicity of the provided examples aids in comprehension, but it also poses challenges in assessing the exhaustivity of the information. It raises questions about whether some data is missing or intentionally omitted for simplicity. For instance, the "statements" focus primarily on quantity, potentially omitting other critical data characterization attributes. Therefore, in the next iteration,

recommendations include the incorporation of data sharing, access rights, and the display of distinct content based on roles.

6.4.1.2 Electronics Use Case

In order to evaluate the ontology developed, Circularise assessed the way data is structured on its blockchain-based communication system and identified possible differences. The differences were then analysed as per the possible advantages and disadvantages in comparison to each other. In case of practical examples, the data collected from the speaker use case was taken into consideration.

Reference levels

Circularise does not just use batches of objects but also units, products and batches of material, so 3 reference levels.

Participation

Circularise noticed that actors on their system (different from the Ontology) are not characterised as a specific resource relation. Actors do not identify as a certain type of supply chain actor, but only in relation to each other e.g. as an actor on the Circularise system I can add someone as my supplier or customer or auditor, so the relationship is always defined in relation to me specifically, not in the supply chain as a whole. That is of course due to the fact that the circular economy abolishes clear starts and ends of supply chains where for example a recycler is at the same time also a raw material supplier of a new chain. This is also in line with the way blockchain is used to track materials as blockchain data storage is based on transactions of ownership of a digital twin of the product or material with data attached to it. This chain of custody of the materials, components or products is followed rigorously by the technology and therefore makes clear classifications of actors less relevant (resource relation), even though their identity (actors) is still added for informative purposes. Furthermore, the Circularise system differentiates between roles who own a product (manufacturer, supplier....) and roles that simply edit a product that remains in possession of a different stakeholder (e.g. a certification agency or auditor or testing lab).

Roles

The definitions of roles and how it relates to products and batches and their identity is clear. The only difference to the Circularise system that might be relevant for interoperability seems to be the unclarity in the role of supplier and manufacturer. A manufacturer of a speaker is a clear definition. The supplier of the speaker leads to further questions in terms of what type of supplier e.g. is it a retailer or is it just a different name for a manufacturer that simply does not detail the manufacturing role. In the Circularise system, all relations between stakeholders are customer/supplier relations no matter their concrete identity in the chain, independent of their identity. It would therefore be valuable to define if this is the case for this supplier, as well, or whether it refers to the concrete identity of a e.g. a raw material supplier or component supplier.

Constituents

The Circularise understanding matches this example very well in the sense that both the product speaker and its components (magnets and dampers) are considered a product, even though the two components are constituents of the product speaker.

Basic pattern
The basic structure of the data sheets seems well in line with how data is handled by the Circularise system. It is at this stage unclear to us why "product" has a relation to "statement" and to "resourcerelation" and why both are needed.

Basic statements
It is unclear why "Nonmetal carbon" is a participating object of "composition" and not a subclass of it.

Issuing of data sheets
The Circularise system only allows stakeholders to communicate statements about material or production processes they themselves perform. The issuer of the data sheet is therefore automatically the manufacturer of the raw material non-metal carbon, as this person would be the only one allowed to communicate data about it. The data sheet from this specific supplier would then through the system be connected to the many other data sheets of stakeholders along the supply chain who themselves make statements about their data.

Product components and their contents
It is unclear why "resource relation" is no longer referenced. All other parts of the ontology are clear and matching.

Processes, batches and statements
On the Circularise system, the differences between communicating product properties (all previous ontology examples) and the processes/collaborations are kept minimal on purpose. Processes are communicated as per their result (dismantled products). This enables the system to use the same ontology as for e.g. composition information. Collaboration participation is therefore not needed as a concept and the identity of the communicator of the data statement is automatically the actor.

All in all, the ontology is already very aligned, considering this deliverable is the first draft of a 3-step process. Further testing with industry partners and further collaboration in identifying the different ontology models of the software platforms employed in all three use cases will reveal interesting findings on different ways of handling ontology in the practical and commercial examples. Dialogue between the three software practitioners under the scientific leadership of Linköping University and their theory driven approach will lead to further refinement and an interoperable ontology or translation system at project finalisation.

6.4.1.3 Construction Use case
The ontology modules identified in the first iteration of the project covers the high-level needs of concepts that needs to be modelled for the completion of the use case test cases. Actors, products and their constituents, as well as process components are represented. The existing modules are enough to start querying for data, but at this stage the completeness of the data retrieved are limited. This is due to two reasons, one being that data are rather versatile in nature and the process of aligning it to the ontology require more work and interaction with domain experts. The other reason

is that as requirements are further defined in the coming phases of the project, more data will be possible to map in a meaningful way.

As this point in the project, the ontology network, and the process and methods used to work with detailing and extending it, supports the completion of the construction use case. As such, we see potential that further work on extending the network will eventually reach the goals of the use case scenarios.

7 Testing of the Open software platform with use case data

7.1 Introduction to the Open Software platform

The Open Circularity Platform (OCP) is an open framework for secure and privacy-preserving digital and automated data sharing, which enables decentralised sharing of data expressed and semantically annotated using the ontologies. We provide a demonstrator User Interface (UI) to showcase how the functionalities of the OCP could be used in real-world applications.

Within this section, we present our functional evaluation of the OCP, specifically the functionalities that are usable in the UI.

7.2 Open Software platform: consolidated requirements

The testing of the Open Circularity Platform started with a general assessment of the requirements that the industrial partners and the software/methodology providers have for the OCP. This entails concrete user needs that have been defined in user stories for each of the industry partners and evolve around practical aspects that a user faces when logging into the OCP and using it. Furthermore, it also entails the technical requirements that the data sharing platform operators encounter regarding the interoperability of their software platforms with the OCP. This section is however not addressing software infrastructure in detail but guided by the user stories and functionalities the software partners engaged in with the industrial partners over the course of WP6. One of the main aspects of this alignment is whether the assessments, data and functionality that was provided to the industry partners in the three use cases can be transferred or modelled on the OCP, as well. This allows conclusions on interoperability between different data sharing platforms. The requirements of the OCP were combined from previous deliverables and provided by WP6 members. We list below the main sources of our deliverables:

- D2.1 Project requirements specification and research methodology – Report v1: Functional Requirements in the form of User Stories (Appendix 2.1)
- D2.1 Project requirements specification and research methodology – Report v1: Non-Functional Requirements (Appendix 2.2)
- The Application testing scenario as being prepared for D6.3 (Appendix 2.3)
- Qualitative feedback of the WP6 members during the September 2023 consortium meeting (see below, consolidated in Appendix 2.4).

After integrating this input, we categorized the individual requirements into following categories:

- Authenticate: Initiate a secure session with the OCP to interact with your and other actor's data.
- Input: Add, update, and delete information in the OCP.
- Interoperable Data: Use FAIR data models such as WP3's CEON.
- Reference: Allow permalinks to individual data pieces
- Query: Retrieve specific data from one or more actors in the network.
- Notify: Receive notifications when data changes.
- Share: Request for and grant access to specific pieces of data.
- Validate: Validate that the retrieved data is genuine and has not been tampered with.
- View: Create custom views on top of existing data sources
- Reproduce: Provide well-documented open-source code and APIs.

- Ethical: Align the OCP with ethical regulations such as GDPR
- Performance: Have a scalable system that can recover from calamities.

In Appendix 2, you can find the respective tables integrated in this deliverable, cross-referenced with the above-mentioned categories. This appendix consists of the consolidation and categorization of the requirement definitions from the User stories (Appendix 2.1), Non-functional requirements (Appendix 2.2), Application Testing Scenario (Appendix 2.3), and Qualitative feedback from the consortium members (Appendix 2.4) and gives them codes that are used in the following subsections. Each subsection then contains the functional description of how we adhere to this group of requirements.

Authenticate: Initiate a secure session with the OCP to interact with your and other actor's data
The Authenticate category covers requirements TUS11, NF3, NF4, ATM01, ATM02, ATM03, ATMF01, ATB01, ATR01, ATS03, ATRY01, ATRY02. This is technically handled by WebID/Solid-OIDC and HTTPS and usable in the UI.

The OCP provides a secure layer by applying the Solid-OIDC specification that allows WebID accounts to securely log in and out of applications built on top of the OCP.

By making use of TLS encryption, all communication between client applications and server applications happens over HTTPS, making sure data remains secure even when in transit.

Input: Add, update, and delete information in the OCP
The Input category covers requirements TUS01, TUS02, TUS03, TUS04, TUS05, TUS13, ATM08, ATMF02, ATMF03, ATMF04, ATMF05, ATMF06, ATB11, ATB12, ATB13, ATB15, ATS02. This is technically handled by RDF and LDP.

The OCP's UI currently only works on top of static data, although the OCP's APIs can store structured data and binary data such as images. Solid makes use of the Linked Data Platform (LDP) API standard to provide access to data: a RESTful API that allows to add, read, update, and delete resources using the HTTP POST, GET, PATCH, and DELETE methods.

Interoperable Data: Use FAIR data models such as WP3's CEON
The Interoperable Data category covers requirements NF1, NF2, F04, F05. This is technically handled by CEON. The current OCP demonstrator does not yet use CEON.
This category is covered by WP3's CEON. The current OCP demonstrator does not yet use CEON, awaiting its next stable version.

Reference: Allow permalinks to individual data pieces
The Reference category covers requirement TUS17. This is technically handled by RDF and LDP.
The OCP's UI currently does not allow providing permalinks to individual datasets. However, the used data format (RDF) natively creates global URLs for each data entry, and Solid 's LDP allows to dereference all published resources if the actor has access to them.
It is to be decided whether this category will be deemed out of Onto-DESIDE's scope.

Query: Retrieve specific data from one or more actors in the network
The Query category covers requirements CUS01, CUS02, CUS03, CUS04, CUS05, CUS06, CUS07, CUS08, CUS09, CUS10, CUS11, CUS12, CUS13, EUS01, EUS02, EUS03, EUS04, EUS05, EUS06, TUS01, TUS03, TUS04, TUS07, TUS08, TUS09, TUS10, TUS12, TUS14, TUS15, TUS16, TUS18, TUS19, TUS20, TUS21, TUS22, TUS23, ATM04, ATM07, ATMF07, ATMF08, ATB02, ATB03, ATB04, ATB06, ATB07, ATB08, ATB10, ATB16, ATR08, ATS01, ATS04, ATRY03, ATRY05, ATRY06, ATRY08, F01. This is technically handled by using Comunica that queries the Solid pods using the SPARQL standard and is usable in the UI.

The OCP's UI provides a fixed set of queries that allows the actor to retrieve results from all information sources it has access to. This way, we showcase that the OCP is functionally capable of retrieving decentralized data in a standardized way.
In this evaluation, we however do not evaluate which individual data query can currently be performed within the OCP, and only evaluate whether the more high-level functionality is available in the OCP. Which data queries are covered depend on CEON as part of WP3. Aim of the OCP is to cover at least as many queries as those that are validated by WP3. Once the OCP is aligned with CEON, we can provide a more detailed evaluation to see whether we indeed cover all individual data queries.

Notify: Receive notifications when data changes
The Notify category covers requirements CUS09, CUS10.
It is to be decided whether this category will be deemed out of Onto-DESIDE's scope.

Share: Request for and grant access to specific pieces of data
The Share category covers requirements TUS03, ATM05, ATM06, ATMF08, ATMF09, ATB02, ATB05, ATB09, ATB14, ATR02, ATR03, ATR04, ATR05, ATR06, ATR07, ATRY04, ATRY07, F07, F08. This is technically handled by authorizing access to specific data resources using the ACL or ACP Solid standards.
The OCP's UI currently does not allow to manually configure which actor has access to which dataset. However, the Solid Access Control Lists (ACL) and Access Control Protocol (ACP) standards allow to authorize access to specific actors, and a fixed set of authorization rules is currently configured.

Validate: Validate that the retrieved data is genuine and has not been tampered with
The Validate category covers requirements EUS01, TUS09, ATM10, ATB06. This will technically be handled using the VC standards.
The OCP currently does not handle verification of data statements. The Verifiable Credentials (VC) standard will be integrated into OCP to provide for this functionality.

View: Create custom views on top of existing data sources
The View category covers requirements ATMF09, F07. This is technically handled using RML.
The OCP currently provides dummy data that is mapping from existing data sources using the RDF Mapping Language (RML). This allows to create multiple views from existing data sources. Currently, these views are fixed within the OCP and its UI. The SPARQL queries (See https://github.com/KNowledgeOnWebScale/open-circularity-

platform/tree/v0.2.0/scripts/comunica/queries) also allow for custom views on top of existing data sources.

Reproduce: Provide well-documented open-source code and APIs
The Reproduce category covers requirements NF5, NF8, NF9, F03.
The code of the OCP and its UI are freely available on Github under the permissive MIT license, and all APIs adhere to the current Solid standards.

Ethical: Align the OCP with ethical regulations such as GDPR
The Ethical category covers requirements NF6, NF7.
Adherence to legislation is out of scope of WP4.

Performance: Have a scalable system that can recover from calamities
The Performance category covers requirements NF10, NF11, NF12, NF13, ATM09.
Performance considerations are not considered in the current OCP demonstrator.

7.2.1 Functional validation results

We consolidated all requirements and imec (WP4 lead) validated manually which are functionally covered by the OCP and its UI: imec experts validated if the requirements were attainable via the OCP and its UI or not. For example, for CUS01 "to know which are the different EOL scenarios for building materials", we validated whether we were able to ask similar questions to the platform (considering that adhering to the CEON ontology is left for iteration 2).

Out of all 118 consolidated requirements, we can functionally showcase 65 (55%). We aim to support another 41 by iteration 2 (covering 90% of the current requirements). 8% of the requirements are deemed out of the OCP's scope, and 2% of the requirements are up for discussion.

7.2.2 Qualitative Feedback on the open circularity platform from the use cases

To receive initial feedback on the Open Circularity Platform, we organized a first evaluation workshop during the September '23 face-to-face meeting. According to the think-aloud principle, we noted all feedback. The results were consolidated in the Table added in Annex 2. Below, the feedback is integrated in the deliverable.

For the first iteration of the test of the Open Circularity Platform, and related ontologies, the objective was to ensure that information can be shared between different actors and that there is actor-specific data access control. The basic functionalities of the platform to be tested in the first iteration were:

- Login
- Logout
- Forgot Password
- Creation of data in a data pod
- Query/search function connected to data
- View control: different content per actor/share data with specific actors
- Access control: different permissions per actor
- Data sharing between two actors

For the second iteration, the objective would be to ensure the ability to verify numeric data and claims in data pods by means of accessing associated uploaded certificates and other forms of verification. The third iteration consists of the testing of the final version of the decentralized digital platform for secure collaboration.

7.3 Textiles use case

Current process used by the actors: Brand asks its manufacturers for the percentage of recycled content, manufacturers asks its suppliers for the percentage over recycled content of the individual components, integrates the data, and returns the result to the brand.

Scenario to be demonstrated: the Brand can directly submit a query over the platform to retrieve the result, with no manual intervention of supplier nor manufacturer needed (given all access control is correctly configured).

For the test of the platform functionality, 3 actors were created: supplier of 3 footwear components (Texon), manufacturer of footwear products, brand. Texon completed the data sheet for 3 product components but the data access functionality was only tested for one data attribute (i.e. recycled content).

7.3.1 Methodology

The technical evaluation of the current iteration of the OCP entails a functional evaluation. This evaluation focuses not on the platform's capacity to operate in a production-like environment, but rather on two criteria: (i) the provision of functionalities, and (ii) alignment with expected requirements of the use case members.

To evaluate the OCP, detailed **test scenarios** were introduced, based on existing user stories. The Textile use case members (+ImpaKt, Circular.fashion, Texon) provided these detailed test scenarios (See appendix 2.3) to the WP4 member, guiding the platform development of the OCP. The selected user stories are from the list outlined in the deliverable D2.1 and include:

- TUS1: Access to production data
- TUS2: Access to editable and updatable content
- TUS3: Integrated product data
- TUS7: Circular materials catalogue
- TUS8: Component data
- TUS10: Materials composition

Detailed description of these stories and their evaluation can be found in Table 5. Selected user stories are related to the subset of actors that the first iteration is focused on: brand, supplier, manufacturer and the admin user. Actors like end users, transformation actors, retailers, sorters, and recyclers were left out for further iterations, as well as the stories related to certificates, verifications and sustainability scores.

However, the user stories are too general and don't specifically articulate main user actions to reach the expected functionality of the OCP. Subsequently, test case scenarios and questions are defined to test the implemented functionalities:

a. Login into the platform as a specific actor - e.g. as a brand or a manufacturer (linked to TUS 1 and TUS2):
   i. Can you log into the platform successfully?
   ii. Is the content displayed different for each actor?
   iii. Are permissions different for each actor?
   iv. Can I logout successfully?
   v. Can I acquire a new password?
b. Data available and data sharing (linked to TUS 2, TUS 7, TUS 8 and TUS 10)
   i. As a brand I want to get information on recycled content of the component I want to use
      1. Can the user easily identify where to access the information?
      2. Do I get sufficient data on recycled content? Is data displayed correctly?
   ii. Am I able to share data with the actor I choose?
   iii. Can stakeholder upload data on the platform?

For the technical evaluation, the Textile Use Case members accessed the latest software version in the form of login credentials for the four kinds of users: admin, supplier (Texon), manufacturer, and brand. By acting as the different actors interacting with the platform (i.e. brand, supplier, manufacturer, and admin user) and clicking through the OCP's UI, the Textile use case members validated if the selected user stories can be successfully completed. Subsequently, the Textile use case members verified the alignment with user stories and validated the implemented test case scenarios and questions. The validation of platform viability involves a discussion about data presentation and usage. Additionally, it entails comparing the platform with the intended use by Textile case members.

7.3.2 Results

Technical evaluation

Table 5 contains the evaluation of the platform based on user stories, while the evaluation of the test plan scenarios and questions is outlined in Table 6. The evaluation includes information if the implementation of functionality was observed, as well as general comments on the interface, user experience, and security concerns.

Table 5 Evaluation based on user stories

User story	Evaluation and Comments
TUS1: Access to production data As a Fiber Supplier I want a possibility to display the material content of my fibers requested by my customers	- As a supplier the available information includes the component URL, component name, material URL, material name, material percentage, recycled content percentage, and average recycled content percentage. The content can be further extended. - Above information is scattered into three different views. Our suggestion for the further iteration is displaying all of it in the one view (e.g. detailed view of the component)
TUS2: Access to editable and updatable content As a Fiber Supplier and Transformation actor I want a possibility to edit and update the material content of my fibers	Currently, it appears that this functionality has not been incorporated in the initial iteration. Users can view data but lack the options to edit or upload data.

properties of my product displayed on the platform	
TUS3: Integrated product data As a Fiber Manufacturer and Transformation actor I want an overview when I log into the platform to see all my materials including which materials have been viewed or where I have been contacted	It appears that this option has not been implemented fully. The user logged in as a manufacturer can see their materials but can't see which materials were viewed or if there were any request from other actors, to see data.
TUS7: Circular materials catalogue As a: Bran I want to have access and explore freely a catalogue of available circular materials to improve the design phase of my products (eco-design).	This functionality is partially implemented. The user logged in as a brand can see products and components data as a list of available actors and their data. We recommend for the further iterations introducing search and/or mechanism, so the exploration is easier.
TUS8: Component data As a Brand I want to have access to data on properties, assembly methods and composition of components **TUS10: Materials composition** As a Brand I want: • To access data on manufacturing process on how fibers have been assembled AND/OR the quantity of resources used in the process.	- In the first iteration the decision was made to solely exhibit the recycled content for a component, excluding any additional data - As a brand the available information includes the product site URL, product name, component URL, component name, recycled content.

Table 6 Evaluation of test plan scenarios and questions

Question	Evaluation and Comments
Can you log into the platform successfully? Is the content displayed different for each stakeholder? Are permissions different for each stakeholder?	User can log in. The following issues are discovered though: - The necessity to log in with the WebID before reaching the actual login is not clear. - The invitation process to the platform and user onboarding details are yet to be clarified. - Security concern: visibility of the left-hand menu even when users are not logged in. This potentially exposes actor names and available data to unauthorized individuals. - Security concern: when a logged-in user lacks access to specific data, the entire menu remains visible. - Upon accessing forbidden content, users encounter a blank page without a message of access denial.
Can I logout successfully?	User can logout
Can I acquire a new password?	- The "Forgot password" feature is currently not operational. Upon attempting to use the "Forgot password" option and entering the email in the subsequent form, an error message is displayed: "501 - NotImplementedHttpError." - Furthermore, the length of the WebID link might make it challenging to remember. To enhance the login process, we suggest simplifying it by removing the WebID input step.

As a brand I want to get information on recycled content of the component I want to use? Can the user easily identify where to access the information? Do I get sufficient data on recycled content? Is data displayed correctly according to algorithm provided?	User can easily identify where to access data on recycled content. Data is displayed correctly according to the algorithm provided. For further iterations we advise adding information on how it's calculated to the platform.
Am I able to share data with the actor I choose?	This option has not been implemented
Can I upload data on the platform?	There is no option to upload data to the platform as the platform is meant to be only for displaying and sharing data. Actors are meant to integrate their data by creating integration layers, called data pods. Data pods are meant to translate the database schema that actor's database is using to the database schema used in the Open Circularity Platform (aligned with the ontology). For the further iterations we advise that this part is simplified/automated as much as possible, so onboarding new actors is not a bottle neck (e.g. we don't see a brand having IT budget to create and maintain data pod servers on their own).

For the next iteration, it's necessary to address the following requirements:

1. **Improved login experience**: Simplify the login process by enabling direct login without requiring a WebID. Additionally, ensure that the dashboard accurately reflects the user's login status. Currently the dashboard constantly displays "Please login", even when the user is already logged in.
2. **Inclusion of Headers**: Incorporate headers to pages to clearly indicate the user's current navigation location.
3. **Enhanced Menu Readability**: Improve the user experience by making the menu more readable. Currently, long texts in the menu overlap the page content on hover
4. **Implementation of search mechanism**: Introduce a search mechanism to facilitate data discovery instead of relying on a list of data providers in the menu. Relying on a long list for data exploration is not viable in the long run.
5. **Evaluation of data source visibility**: while Data sources are visible, it's unclear how to add them. Evaluate the potential benefits of incorporating this feature.
6. **Data overlapping and merging:** Address the question regarding data overlapping from different sources. Determine how such data overlaps are managed or merged within the system.
7. **Visibility and Management of Data Access Levels:** Enable easy access to information about which data is available in each data access level and provide a user-friendly interface for its management.

Viability evaluation

The current platform setup does not adequately reflect the data granularity required for efficient data exchange and user-friendly navigation within the materials and components database. It is imperative to engage with the textile use case members to solicit their input on structuring the database and associated inventory of data attributes. The data name should align with a generic or commercial material name, and the simplified data attributes are elucidated in the updated user stories.

As mentioned in the technical evaluation, the Open Circularity Platform presents component-related information of Texon scattered into three different views. However, when a manufacturer sells a

component and their client buys the same component, the information scattered into material composition becomes redundant. Data attributes, like identification details, material and chemical composition, recycled content, data on recycling, reuse, take-back schemes and other information, should be accessible by clicking on the component name and be visible as associated inventory. Therefore, the search function must operate at the level of data attributes.

To ensure the platform's success within the industry, it is important to empower stakeholders interested in accessing data by enabling self-service data retrieval. Presently, Texon is obligated to furnish data upon client requests, a process that proves time-consuming due to the diverse formats required by various brands. The platform should provide the capability to selectively share data attributes with other actors, safeguarding sensitive information and making it available only to designated parties.

The aim of this project is that circular.fashion will exploit parts of this project to upgrade the circularity.ID system for the textile industry. The developed ontology within this project will be used for the system to improve interoperability also with non-textile businesses. Furthermore, the own circularity.ID platform should be adapted so that it supports the decentralized network approach to publish and retrieve semantically annotated data, behind a layer of authentication and authorization. Also of interest will be the verification method, so that collaborating actors can trust the data, they are using to implement for the circularity.ID.

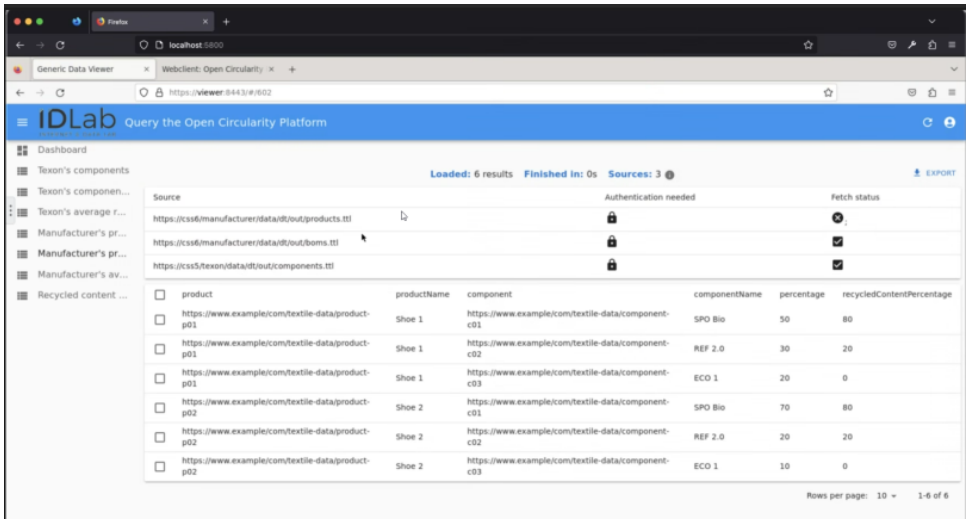
The primary objective of PositiveImpaKT for the platform is to enhance interoperability between the Open Circularity Platform and the Product Circularity Data Sheet (PCDS). This poses a critical challenge that needs to be addressed to optimize the collaborative potential between PositiveImpaKT and the Open Circularity Platform, ensuring a more cohesive and effective integration with the PCDS.

As a component producer, Texon is keen on enhancing the visibility of their efforts in integrating recycled content, creating recyclable components, and efficiently managing information across various components. The platform's potential contribution to augment this visibility lies in the incorporation of an advanced search function. Such a function would enable users to research suppliers based on diverse environmental indicators, thereby fostering transparency. In addition to this, to ensure access to and collection of trustworthy data from the supply chain, a mechanism for linking or uploading certificates is deemed necessary.

7.4 Construction use case

The use case demonstration was run through by Concular using both the underlying querying using the Comunica tool, as well as using the user interface developed in WP4. During the demonstration it was made clear the data gathered in the data gathering of D6.1 was made available through the OCP platform. At this stage of development in the project, the implementation of process, completeness and annotation of data are at an early stage and should be reviewed accordingly.

Figure 6 The interface of the OCP platform showing possible views used for querying data based on roles.



At this point it is hard to do an end-to-end assessment of the platform as not all requirements or data are available at this point. Nonetheless, as the platform stands today, and given the processes and tools setup in the project there is confidence in that it will be extended and more complete in later iterations of the project.

The OCP is supposed to enable data sharing to build up a circular economy. For the construction sector the evaluation of the platform revealed several areas require attention to enhance its utility and user-friendliness in real-world applications.

1. Diverse Application Scenarios:
One notable limitation of the current version of the platform is the lack of flexibility in displaying different application scenarios. To make the platform more versatile and adaptable to the construction sector's varied requirements, it is recommended that users be empowered to create their custom queries. This would allow users to configure queries based on specific needs and circumstances, facilitating more comprehensive data analysis.

2. Query Variability:
To accommodate the diverse and evolving use cases within the construction sector, the platform should incorporate query variation options. Users should have the ability to fine-tune their queries to cater to unique scenarios and specific requirements. This enhancement will ensure the platform's relevance and applicability in a dynamic environment.

3. Data Uploading:
A critical feature that could enhance the platform's user-friendliness is a clear and intuitive data uploading mechanism. Suggested improvements include providing predefined data entry fields to maintain data consistency and accuracy. This feature is especially important when considering the need for standardized data input within the construction sector.

4. Dynamic Data Integration:

An essential aspect that requires attention is the integration of dynamic data. For example, accommodating changes in classifications, locations, or quantities of reusable materials is crucial. The platform should support data modification with timestamps, allowing for historical tracking and auditing of changes. This feature is pivotal for monitoring long-term trends and ensuring data accuracy.

5. Ontology and Process Integration:
The platform's current version lacks the representation of processes, leaving questions about their integration and visualization unanswered. It is recommended that the platform incorporate a mechanism for integrating processes and provide clarity on how these processes can be effectively displayed on the platform's interface. This will facilitate a more comprehensive understanding of the circular economy within the construction sector.

6. User-Friendly Dashboard:
The platform's dashboard, while functional, could be significantly enhanced to improve the user experience. It is proposed to introduce a selection of queries as a dropdown menu, allowing users to quickly identify and select the queries they need. This user-friendly feature would streamline data access and improve overall platform efficiency.

7. Data Security and Sharing
The current stage of development doesn’t address the secure data sharing yet. It is necessary for the user to choose what data will be shared with others and what stays hidden or private. There is a necessity to share the data on different levels of detail.

In conclusion, the OCP, with its aim to revolutionize sustainability within the construction sector, shows promise. However, the feedback outlined in this report highlights critical areas of improvement necessary for the platform's success. These recommendations are intended to enhance the platform's adaptability and user-friendliness, ultimately contributing to its broader adoption and success within the circular economy.

7.5 Electronics use case

For the electronics use case and the interaction with the data formats and Circularise software tool, the OCP must fulfil some basic functions ensuring interoperability of data and communication.

The electronics use case maps the production process of a speaker entailing a neodymium magnet and several more simplistic structural components constituting the speaker structure. For the user stories we are working with the OEM of the speaker and three different tier 1 suppliers from different parts of the world. Given the decentralised structure of the Circularise system and methodology used in the electronics use case, we are assessing the use case of suppliers personally reporting on their data within the data sharing system (in this case Circularise), rather than the central gathering of data by the tier 2 or tier 1 supplier for the OEM. Given the demonstration activities of data sharing between Circularise and the industry partner. Furthermore, the research scope must be very concrete, and we focus on the neodymium magnet specifically and a selection of engaged suppliers.

User stories and the feasibility of reflecting them on the OCPs current state of development:

Table 7 Electronics use case user stories

User story	Evaluation of current feasibility
As a speaker manufacturer, I would like to understand the origin of my components.	The system enables the OEM to receive information from their direct suppliers in an easily digestible way. Ontology and data input descriptions are clear and data sheet is comprehensively structured
As a speaker manufacturer, I would like to receive recycled material content information in a quantifiable manner	The system enables traceability according to the segregation model of traceability. This entails the step-by-step tracking of materials without any alternative features for simplification or data gap mitigation. Other additional options could be an additional option for supply chains where segregation is too expensive or difficult.
As a magnet manufacturer, I would like to be able to answer material questions from my OEM about the material content	Component suppliers are currently able to see material data from their direct supplier on the OCP. It is however not ensured yet that all previous supply chain steps are empowered to communicate material data beyond their direct customers.
As a material manufacturer for magnets, I would like to communicate quality criteria to the speaker manufacturer in order to achieve a higher price.	Verifiability of material quantities communicated and referenced by the data set is not fully clear yet. While core functionalities are all finalised, the indirect communication between partners is currently not possible yet.

7.5.1 Evaluation

The testing of the platform's user-friendly web application by Circularise via presentation and own assessment, still revealed some differences between the data and software used in the electronics use case and the OCP.

1. Material Data Classifications

Material data around the chemical composition on the OCP relies on material names e.g. inorganic filler, adhesive coating. The different data points within the material category are currently displaying different levels of detail e.g. it does not provide clear insights on the step of the supply chain (material, component or product level) addressed. This may cause some harmonization problems. A more detail description of materials that does not allow different names for the same material would improve interoperability. Another option might be drop down menus with pre-defined material codification to ensure correct classifications.

2. Anonymity of suppliers

Intermediaries in the supply chain are discouraged from engaging on a data sharing system while they perceive a risk of their customers receiving the identity of their suppliers. The OCP in its current version does not allow this anonymity, yet. This makes the likelihood of tier-1 suppliers to onboard their own suppliers low.

3. Verifiability

A mechanism of checks and balances or blockchain or verifiable claims would be important to ensure companies are not able to change previously made commitments about e.g. material composition.

The existing idea is reflected by the OCP further implementation along the project timeline is expected.

4. Recycled material traceability
The level of traceability of materials could be improved by one of the standardised traceability mechanisms identified by the Ellen Macarthur foundation, segregation, book and claim, or mass balance. This would entail more monetizable options for the companies in proving the provenance of high quality of recycled material in cooperation with suppliers early in the supply chain.

5. Data format harmonization
Component names, recycled content, product names and other types of data points are clearly identified with unit information and therefore ensure a good level of interoperability for collaborating software partners.

6. Standardized output
The export functionality of the OCP fulfils the function of machine-readable data that can be imported into other platforms without ambiguity. As a further step, more options of data formats would be a possibility to ensure e.g. software integration becomes possible.

8 Conclusion

WP6 is structured around the demonstration of three use case scenarios (electronics, construction, textiles) by three different software providers (Concular, Circularise, CircularFashion) and an ontology expert (PositiveImpakt). Through this interdisciplinary collaboration between technical and industrial expertise, the three use case examples developed unique ways of identifying the market needs of industrial partners (Deliverable 6.1-6.3) and turned these identified needs into a needs-guided data gathering and data communication approach (Deliverable 6.7-6.9) that has been used as a practical testing exercise for the Ontology Network and Open Circularity Platform derived from WP3 and WP4. The collaboration process entailed the definition of stakeholders in the data sharing example, the setup of a consultation process to define the data to be communicated via the communication software, as well as a process of gathering this data. Throughout this process of supply chain stakeholder engagement and onboarding to the concept of data sharing, the task leaders employed their common practises of engaging with demonstrating industry partners or customers in data sharing activities with their ontology and software. The demonstrations revealed interesting similarities between the three use case approaches.

Needs assessment: Despite the existing analysis of Deliverables 6.1-6.3, all demonstration activities emphasized the user needs in their demonstrations. This becomes evident when assessing the prioritization of data used in the demonstration and the concrete assignment of sending and receiving partner. This approach reveals a goal-driven data sharing process rather than a process of maximising the provision of any type of data, independent from their value to the specific partners.

Analog starting point: Despite the software-focus of the three software providers, all demonstrations were started with data gathering on an excel-basis to onboard industrial partners on the difficult functionalities of platform-based sharing.

Difficulties: Two of the use cases clearly revealed mitigation activities developed by the software providers in order to tackle a) the fact of data gaps due to data sensitivity and b) the frequent inaccessibility of the tier-2 to tier-x level suppliers who would naturally take the role of data communicator for the material-specific questions.

The work started with the assessment of user needs when it comes to supply chain data communication for circularity. After assessing the needs of the industry partners when it comes to circularity, the three use case tasks focused on the mapping of the material flows along the use case supply chains. In line with the user needs and circularity possibilities identified in Deliverable 6.1, each software provider defined the data structure needed for the communication of a) data that use case industry partners identified as relevant for circularity and b) the data that was identified as relevant during the circularity compass mapping. This chapter focuses on the evaluation of how the use case demonstration was conducted, its results and the evaluation and lessons learned from the demonstration.

When it comes to the assessment of the Open Circularity Platform, clear similarities between the three use cases were found around the topics of usability, interoperability, verifiability and safety. We will guide the next iterations of the OCP based on the validation of the platform and the qualitative feedback of the different use case members during their evaluations. For iteration 2, we will focus on following functionalities:

- Providing updating functionality, to further complete the Input category.
- Align with the CEON ontology to further complete the Interoperable Data category.
- Extend the UI to customize the predefined queries to further complete the Query category.
- Management of access requesting and granting, to further complete the Share category.
- Providing alignment of Verifiable Credentials with the Solid standards to further complete the Validate category.

Regarding the ontologies, it can be concluded that the technical quality is certainly sufficient, although we were able to identify minor points of improvement. For the use case related evaluation, we have shown that it is possible to extend the core ontology network to three separate (and quite different) industry domains, with the addition of modules for capturing statements and provenance, as well as quantities and units. This is the main conclusion from the first iteration, regarding the ontologies, i.e. that we are able to find a level of generality that sufficiently captures the cross-domain notions of the CE. We have then more in detailed sought feedback on specific modelling choices, as well as evaluated the coverage and understandability of the ontologies. While this is important, it is still not crucial to the success of the ontologies, since the ontologies are not supposed to be the “front end” of a data sharing platform. Still, the feedback also shows that the modelling choices made are overall sound and sufficient for the use cases, while minor details still require improvement, such as a possibility to more in detail specify the roles of actors in certain contexts.

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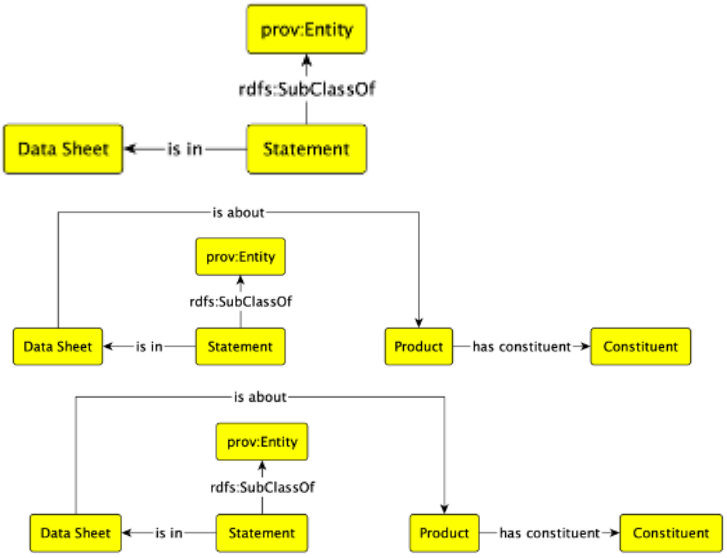
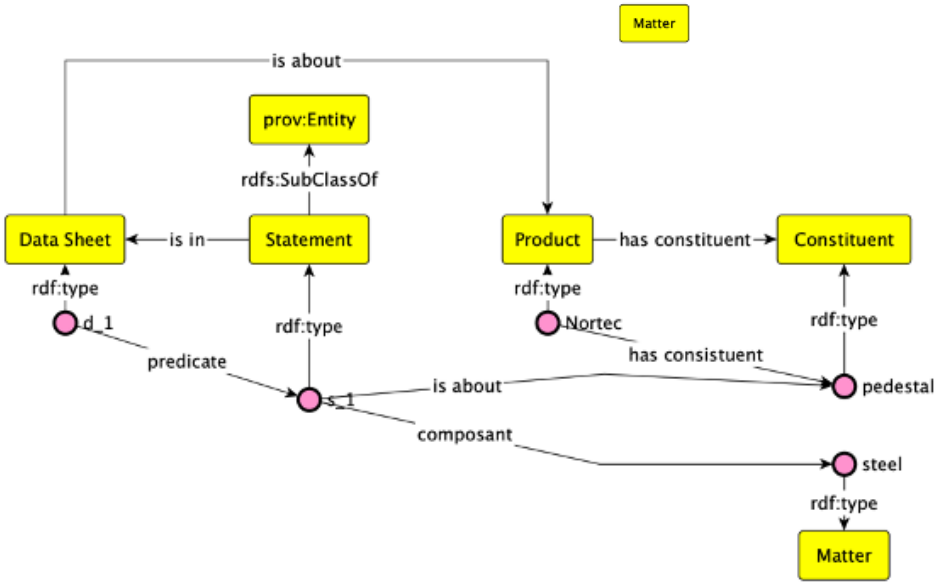
10 Appendix 1 – Ontology Network Evaluation

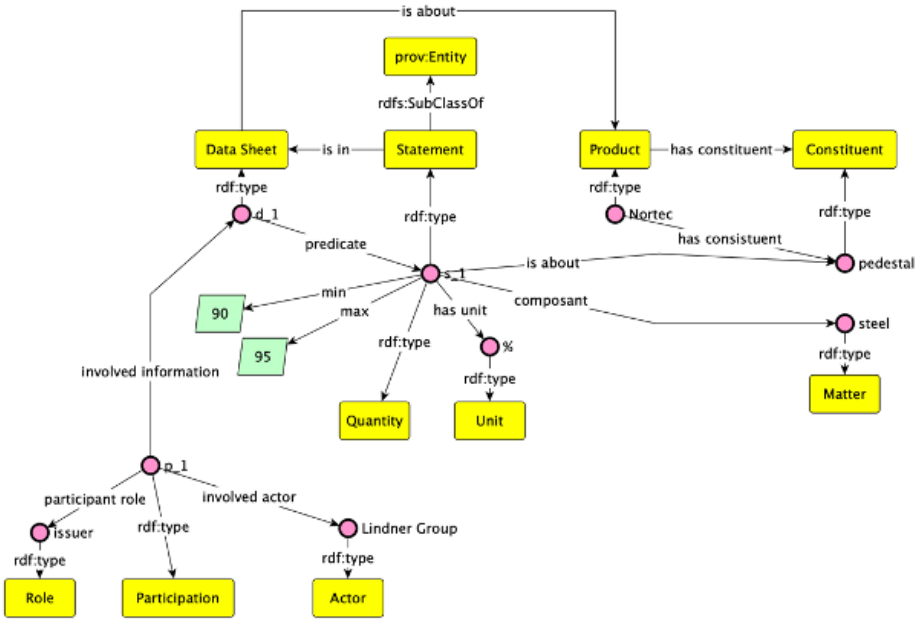
In this appendix, we provide the detailed results of the ontology evaluation, as well as the survey sent to the participants of the use case evaluation.

Ontology evaluation workshop material

For the ontology evaluation workshop in the consortium meeting, the following examples were presented (built up step by step in a series of slides):







Ontology survey

In this section the three versions of the survey, sent out to the three project use cases are presented in detail.

Textile ontology survey

Textile Use Case Ontology Evaluation Form

This form is used to gather feedback on the ontologies created so far, in relation to the evaluation scenarios and data sheets described in WP6 for the first iteration evaluation. The form consists of a number of examples of how data has been modelled so far, and you are asked to provide an opinion on how correct and easy to understand you find the models to be, as well as answering specific questions on modelling choices, and provide general suggestions or feedback.

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Notation

In this first section we will try to make you familiar with the notation used in the later parts of the evaluation. Remember that you can always go back in the survey if you become unsure about the notation later on!

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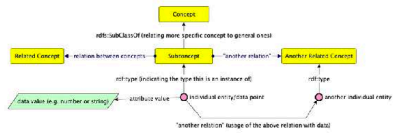
First you need to be familiar with the notation of the example illustrations. The image below shows the notation used in the example illustrations. It is the same notation used in the consortium meeting workshop.

Yellow boxes represent concepts, i.e. classes of instances or you can think of them as types or categories of things. Concepts can be organised in hierarchies using rdfs:SubClassOf, meaning that everything that is of the subtype is also of the supertype, e.g. given that "dog" would be a subclass of "animal" that means that all individual dogs are also animals. Concepts are the main things defined in an ontology. The ontology also defines relations that may hold between individuals, i.e. instances of the concepts. These can be shown as the dark blue arrows between the yellow concepts. This top part of the diagram shows the ontology.

The bottom part of the image then shows an example of data expressed, or documented, using the ontology. The pink dots represent individuals, i.e. instances of the concepts, where the rdf:type relation points to the concept that is their type (can be more than one). For instance, an individual of the "dog" class might be a specific dog we have collected data about. Such data can be relations to other individuals, such as a relation to the person owning the dog, or relations representing attribute values, such as the name of the dog, its age, or any other data we have about it. Relations to other individuals are represented as black arrows between the pink dots, with the same name as a relation specified in the ontology part of the picture with a blue arrow (sometimes omitted in the examples to not clutter the image), and attribute values are represented using light green parallelograms.

Just for our reference, please rate below how confident you feel in interpreting this notation. 1 meaning "not very confident at all" and 5 meaning "completely confident". This will help us assess the confidence of your answers later on, but remember, this is not an exam so answer as honestly as possible. *



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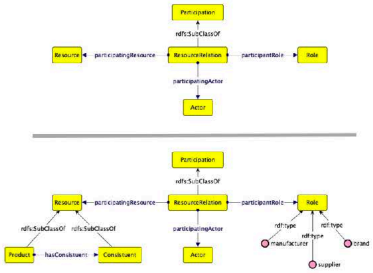
Actors and their relations to products

In this section we will show some examples expressing the relations of actors to resources, and product break-down into components.

2

The basic pattern:
In order to be able to express information abut the relation between an actor and a specific resource, such as the role(s) that the actor has in relation to the resource, and perhaps also temporal and spatial context (which is however not shown here), we need to represent the relation as a specific concept (yellow box) rather than as a simple relation (arrow) in the ontology. In the image below you can see the general pattern how this is expressed for relations between actors and resources, above the grey line. This pattern is quite abstract, but will occur later on in the examples.

Below the grey line you can see an extension of the pattern, more specific to our CE context, showing some of the subdasses of resource, i.e. indicating that Product and Consistuent (components of products) are two (non-mutually exdusive) kinds of resources. The illustration also shows three example instances of the role concept, i.e. manufacturer, supplier and brand. *



	Very poorly	Quite poorly	Neither poor nor good	Mostly clear	Completely clear
Does the principle of this pattern make sense to you?	○	○	○	○	○
How well do you feel that you understand this pattern?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the basic pattern in question 2?

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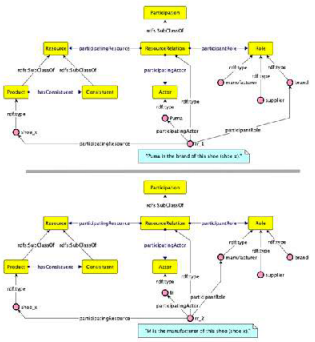
Brands, manufacturers and products:
Now we shall use the basic pattern to express some example data, related to the evaluation scenario drafted in WP6, where a manufacturer manufactures a product for a specific brand. In the illustration below, you can see two examples, one expressing the relation between a specific shoe and the brand, and the other between the manufacturer and the same shoe. Both of these can of course be in our data at the same time, but have been broken into two separate illustrations here simply for clarity of the illustration. For the sake of clarity we also include a textual description of the data expressed (in the blue box below each image). *



	Very poorly	Quite poorly	Neither poor nor good	Quite clear	Completely clear
Do these two examples make sense to you in the context of the evaluation scenario?	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
How well do you feel that you understand the examples?	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

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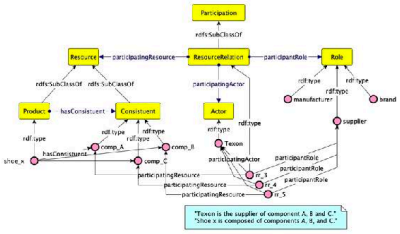
Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the examples in question 4?

6

Products and components:
Now lets look at an example that is a bit more complex, where a product has been broken down into three components (constituents) which are supplied by the same supplier in this case. Similarly to the examples above, we provide a textual representation of the data expressed in the image in the blue box. And this data could of course be combined with the other information about the shoe illustrated above, but has been broken out to a separate example here for clarity. *



	Very poorly	Quite poorly	Neither poor nor good	Quite clear	Completely clear
Does this example make sense to you in the context of the evaluation scenario?	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
How well do you feel you understand the example?	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 6?

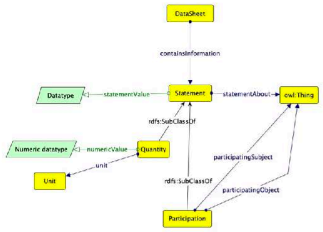
Data sheets and statements

In this section we will show some examples expressing both metadata about data sheets and statements, as well as how information inside a data sheet can be expressed.

8

The basic pattern:
In order to be able to express information about various data sheets, which in turn are collections of statements expressing facts about a product, component, or something else, we need to model the general concept of a data sheet. Below you can see an illustration of this part of the ontologies. There is a concept of DataSheet that contains information, which are some Statements. A Statement in turn is "about" something (owl:Thing is the most general concept in an ontology, i.e. this means "anything") and can have a content that is a literal, e.g. a text string, a number or some other value. Although not shown in the illustration, this also means we can express other metadata about a data sheet and a statement, e.g. the time of issuing or validity, the version, the location of the sheet in a file etc.

To further detail the kinds of statements we have in our data sheets we have modelled two more specific kinds of statements; Quantity and Participation. A quantity expresses a relation between some thing, and a numeric value, with an associate unit of measure, e.g. the weight of a product in grams. The participation you have actually already seen in previous examples, such as the role of an actor in relation to a resource, e.g. this could represent the statement about who has issued the data sheet, or who is the manufacturer of the product the data sheet represents. Remember that things can also be of both types, i.e. both a participation AND a quantity, if one wishes to express for instance that a product is composed of a certain amount of material. *



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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the general pattern in question 8?

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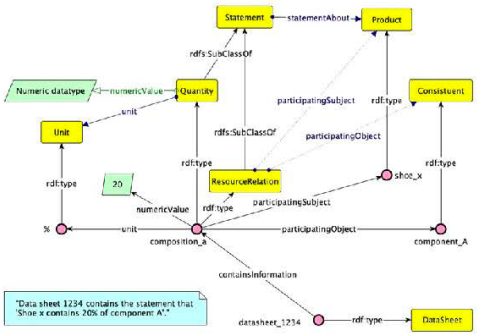
Statements in sheets:
Data sheets are collections of statements. Hence, in this example you can see an example data sheet instance (called datasheet_1234) which contains the statement from the previous example. More information about the data sheet could of course be added, and we will look at that in further examples below, as well as many more statements (rather than just one statement, as in the illustration). As before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 12?

Issuing of data sheets:
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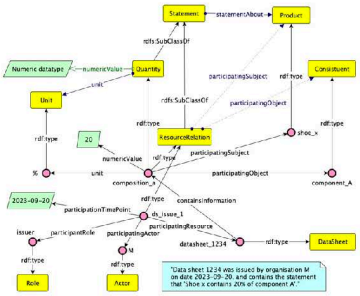

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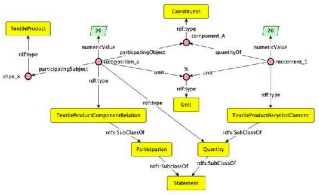
Product breakdown and content

In this section, we will illustrate some examples of data about a product breakdown, its content and other data.

16

Product components and their content:
Earlier we have already seen how to express the components of a product, as a statement and quantity of a product. The example below shows an example that is a bit more detailed, where we have also specialised some of the concepts, for the textile use case, i.e. such as the TextileProduct (which is a subclass of Product, but this is omitted in the illustration), and the specific participation and quantity concepts. These are not essential for the functionality of the ontologies as such, but increases the human usability of the ontologies, i.e. hopefully increases the understanding of how to use the ontologies. Hence, we have included some concepts like this in the use case specific ontologies of Onto-DESIDE, but we are happy to receive feedback on this.

Otherwise, the example shows first the same statement on product composition that we have seen before (to the left), i.e. that the shoe x contains 20% of component A. Now this is complemented with a second statement (to the right) that mentions the amount of recycled content of component A, which is also 20%. The example shows the amount of recycled content, but similar statements can be made also about the actual chemical composition of the product etc., although this was not currently detailed in the initial evaluation scenario and hence not illustrated here. *



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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 16?

Different sources:
Continuing on the example above, the information about the product would be held by the manufacturer or the brand, while the information of the content of the component is held by the supplier of the component. In the example below, we illustrate how this can be expressed using the current ontologies. We first add the information that composition_a is in datasheet_1234 and that the statement reccontent_1 is in another data sheet, datasheed_2345. Note that this does not say where this data is actually stored, which could be in two separate Solid pods, for instance, but this is not part of the example. We are just saying that the sources are different.

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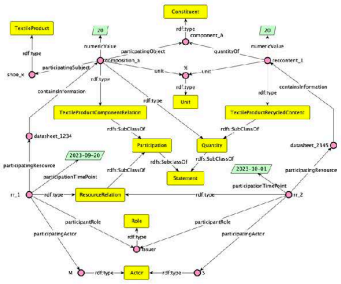

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 18?

Final comments

Please share any additional comments and thoughts you have.

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Overall, how well do you think that the above examples cover the content and intention of the evaluation scenario of the textille use case for the first project iteration? Let 1 mean "not at all" and 5 "completely". *

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Construction ontology survey

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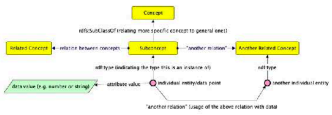

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Actors and their relations to products

In this section we will show some examples expressing the relations of actors to resources, and product break-down into components.

2

The basic pattern:
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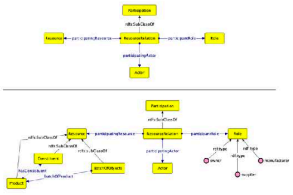
Below the grey line you can see an extension of the pattern, more specific to our CE context, showing some of the subclasses of resource, i.e. indicating that Product, Constituent (components of products), BatchOfObjects are three kinds of resources. The relationship (link) from BatchOfObjects intends to represent that a specific batch consists of objects that are all of a certain product. The illustration also shows three example instances of the role concept, i.e. owner, supplier, and manufacturer. *



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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the basic pattern in question 2?

4

Manufacturers, suppliers, batches of products and products:
Now we shall use the basic pattern to express some example data, where a supplier supplies a batch of products, and a manufacturer manufactures a product. In the illustration below, you can see two examples, one expressing a batch of tiles and the supplier of the batch, the other expressing the relation between a specific tile and the manufacturer. Both of these can of course be in our data at the same time, but have been broken it into two separate illustrations here simply for clarity of the illustration. For the sake of clarity, we also include a textual description of the data expressed (in the blue box below each image).

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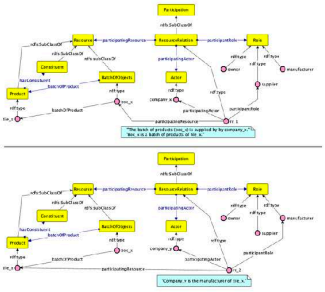

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How well do you feel that you understand the examples?	○	○	○	○	○

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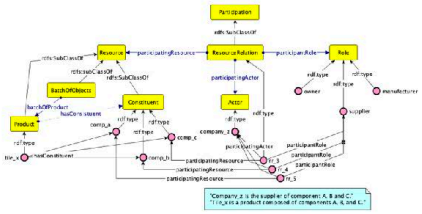
Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the examples in question 4?

6

Products and components:
Now lets look at an example that is a bit more complex, where a product has been broken down into three components (constituents) which are supplied by the same supplier in this case. Similarly to the examples above, we provide a textual representation of the data expressed in the image in the blue box. And this data could of course be combined with the other information about the tile illustrated above, but has been broken out to a separate example here for clarity. *



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How well do you feel you understand the example?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 6?

Data sheets and statements

In this section we will show some examples expressing both metadata about data sheets and statements, as well as how information inside a data sheet can be expressed.

8

The basic pattern:
In order to be able to express information about various data sheets, which in turn are collections of statements expressing facts about a product, component, or something else, we need to model the general concept of a data sheet. Below you can see an illustration of this part of the ontologies.
There is a concept of DataSheet that contains information, which are some Statements. A Statement in turn is "about" something (owl:Thing is the most general concept in an ontology, i.e. this means "anything") and can have a content that is a literal, e.g. a text string, a number or some other value. Although not shown in the illustration, this also means we can express other metadata about a data sheet and a statement, e.g. the time of issuing or validity, the version, the location of the sheet in a file etc.

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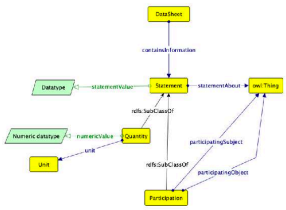

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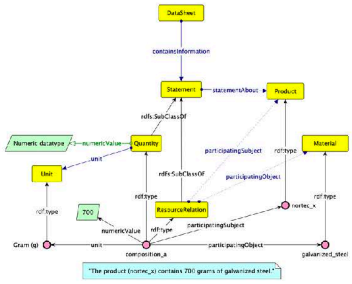
Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the general pattern in question 8?

10

A basic statement:
Now lets look at an example of a basic statement that can be found in a data sheet, e.g. you could view it as a row in an Excel sheet. In this example we are expressing a fact about a product, e.g. a specific product (nortec_x), which contains 700 grams of galvanized steel. This statement expresses information about the relation between the product and its components, hence it is a relation between resources (ResourceRelation), but it also expresses a concrete quantity, i.e. the numeric value 700 and its associated unit (grams). Like before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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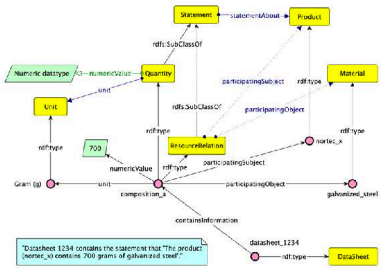
11

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 10?

12

Statements in sheets:
Data sheets are collections of statements. Hence, in this example you can see an example datasheet instance (datasheet_1234), which contains the statement from the previous example. More information about the data sheet could of course be added, and we will look at that in further examples below, as well as more statements (rather than just one statement, as in the illustration). As before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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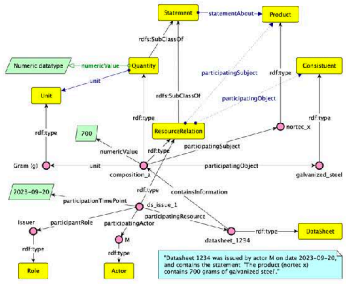
Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 12?

14

Issuing of data sheets:
Now let's add some more information about the datasheet, i.e. the information about which organisation has issued it. This is again a relation between an organisation (Actor) and a datasheet (which is actually a Resource, but this is omitted in the illustration for readability reasons), where the role of the actor is "issuer". To illustrate the fact that any additional information about the issuing of the sheet can be added to this relation, we take the example of adding an issuing date (using the relation participationTimePoint). As before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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Product breakdown and content

In this section, we will illustrate some examples of data about a product breakdown, its content and other data.

16

Products and their content:
Earlier we have seen how to express the components of a product, as a statement and quantity of a product. The example below shows an example that is a bit more detailed, where we have specialised some of the concepts for the construction use case, such as the FloorTileProduct (which is a subclass of Product), FloorTileConditionRelation (which is a subclass of ResourceRelation) and RemainingUseSpan (which is a subclass of Quantity). The concepts Product and ResourceRelation have been left out of simply for the clarity of the illustration. Note that these subclasses are not essential for the functionality of the ontologies as such, but increases the human usability of the ontologies, i.e. hopefully increases the understanding of how to use the ontologies. Hence, we have included some concepts like this in the use case specific ontologies of Onto-DESIDE, but we are happy to receive feedback on this.

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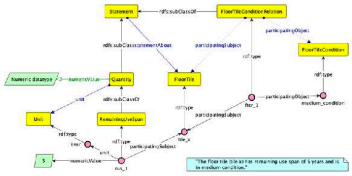

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 16?

18

Different sources:
Continuing on the example above, the information about the product could be held by different actors. In the example below, we illustrate how this can be expressed using the current ontologies. We first add the information that rus_1 is in datasheet_1 and that ftrc_1 is in datasheet_2. Note that this does not say where this data is actually stored, which could be in two separate Solid pods, for instance, but this is not part of the example. We are just saying that the sources are different.

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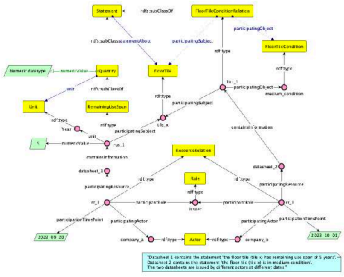

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Overall, how well do you think that the above examples cover the content and intention of the evaluation scenario of the construction use case for the first project iteration? Let 1 mean "not at all" and 5 "completely". *

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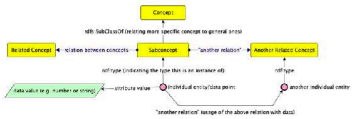

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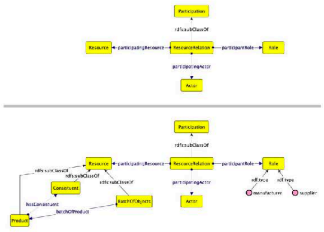
In order to be able to express information abut the relation between an actor and a specific resource, such as the role(s) that the actor has in relation to the resource, and perhaps also temporal and spatial context (which is however not shown here), we need to represent the relation as a specific concept (yellow box) rather than as a simple relation (arrow) in the ontology. In the image below you can see the general pattern how this is expressed for relations between actors and resources, above the grey line. This pattern is quite abstract, but will occur later on in the examples.

Below the grey line you can see an extension of the pattern, more specific to our CE context, showing some of the subclasses of resource, i.e. indicating that Product, Consistuent (components of products), BatchOfObjects are three kinds of resources. The relationship (link) from BatchOfObjects intends to represent that a specific batch consists of objects that are all a certain product. The illustration also shows two example instances of the role concept, i.e. manufacturer, and supplier. *



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How well do you feel that you understand this pattern?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the basic pattern in question 2?

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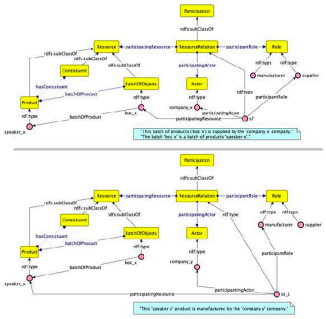
Manufacturers, Suppliers, batches of products and products:
Now we shall use the basic pattern to express some example data, where a supplier supplies a batch of products, and a manufacturer manufactures a product. In the illustration below, you can see two examples, one expressing a batch of speakers and the supplier of the batch, the other expressing the relation between a specific speaker and the manufacturer. Both of these can of course be in our data at the same time, but have been broken into two separate illustrations here simply for clarity of the illustration. For the sake of clarity we also include a textual description of the data expressed (in the blue box below each image). *



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How well do you feel that you understand the examples?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the examples in question 4?

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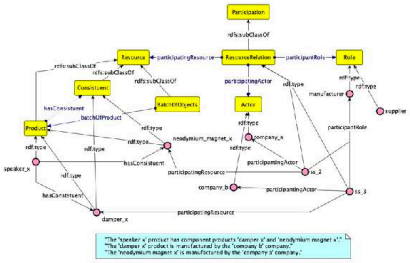
Products and components:
Now lets look at an example that is a bit more complex, where a product has been broken down into three components (constituents) which are supplied by the same supplier in this case. Similarly to the examples above, we provide a textual representation of the data expressed in the image in the blue box. And this data could of course be combined with the other information about the speaker illustrated above, but has been broken out to a separate example here for clarity. *



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How well do you feel you understand the example?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 6?

Data sheets and statements

In this section we will show some examples expressing both metadata about data sheets and statements, as well as how information inside a data sheet can be expressed.

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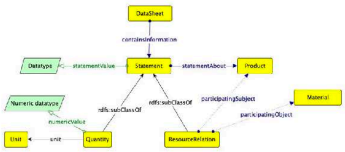
The basic pattern:
In order to be able to express information about various data sheets, which in turn are collections of statements expressing facts about a product, component, or something else, we need to model the general concept of a data sheet. Below you can see an illustration of this part of the ontologies.
There is a concept of DataSheet that contains information, which are some Statements. A Statement in turn is "about" something (owl:Thing is the most general concept in an ontology, i.e. this means "anything") and can have a content that is a literal, e.g. a text string, a number or some other value. Although not shown in the illustration, this also means we can express other metadata about a data sheet and a statement, e.g. the time of issuing or validity, the version, the location of the sheet in a file etc.

To further detail the kinds of statements we have in our data sheets we have modelled two more specific kinds of statements; Quantity and Participation. A quantity expresses a relation between some thing, and a numeric value, with an associate unit of measure, e.g. the weight of a product in grams. The participation you have actually already seen in previous examples, such as the role of an actor in relation to a resource, e.g. this could represent the statement about who has issued the data sheet, or who is the manufacturer of a product. Remember that things can also be of both types, i.e. both a participation AND a quantity, if one wishes to express for instance that a product is composed of a certain amount of material. *



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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the general pattern in question 8?

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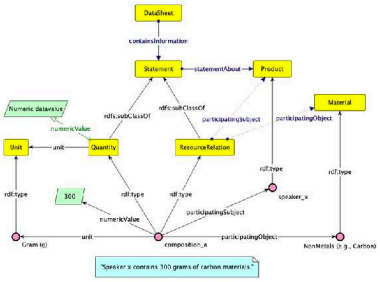
A basic statement:
Now lets look at an example of a basic statement that can be found in a data sheet, e.g. you could view it as a row in an Excel sheet. In this example we are expressing a fact about a product, e.g. a specific speaker product, which overall contains 300 grams of a nonmetal materials (e.g., carbon). This statement expresses information about the relation between the speaker and the component, hence it is a relation between resources (ResourceRelation), but it also expresses a concrete quantity, i.e. the numeric value 300 and its associated unit (gram). Like before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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How well do you feel you understand the example?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 10?

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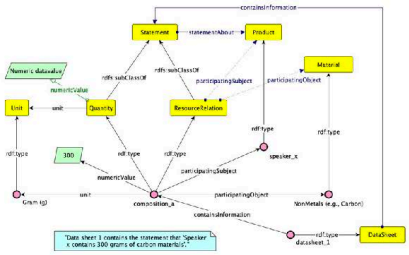
Statements in sheets:
Data sheets are collections of statements. Hence, in this example you can see an example data sheet instance (called datasheet_1) which contains the statement from the previous example. More information about the data sheet could of course be added, and we will look at that in further examples below, as well as many more statements. As before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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How well do you feel you understand the example?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 12?

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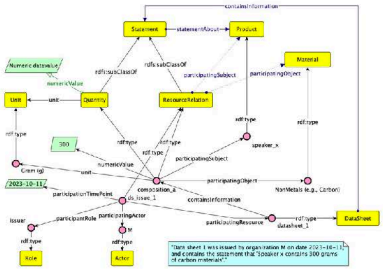
Issuing of data sheets:
Now let's add some more information about the data sheet, i.e. the information about which organisation has issued it. This is again a relation between an organisation (Actor) and a data sheet (which is actually a Resource, but this is omitted in the illustration for readability reasons), where the role of the actor is "issuer". To illustrate the fact that any additional information about the issuing of the sheet can be added to this relation, we take the example of adding an issuing date (using the relation participationTimePoint). As before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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How well do you feel you understand the example?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 14?

Product breakdown and content

In this section, we will illustrate some examples of data about a product breakdown, its content and other data.

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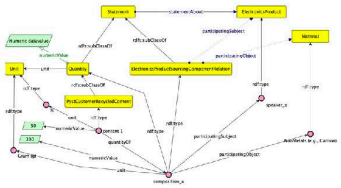
Product components and their content:
Earlier we have already seen how to express the components of a product, as a statement and quantity of a product. The example below shows an example that is a bit more detailed, where we have also specialised some of the concepts, for the electronics use case, i.e. such as the ElectronicsProduct, and the specific participation and quantity concepts. These are not essential for the functionality of the ontologies as such, but increases the human usability of the ontologies, i.e. hopefully increases the understanding of how to use the ontologies. Hence, we have included some concepts like this in the use case specific ontologies of Onto-DESIDE, but we are happy to receive feedback on this.

Otherwise, the example shows first the same statement on product composition that we have seen before (at the bottom), i.e. that the speaker x contains 300 grams of a carbon material. Now this is complemented with a second statement (above to the left) that mentions the amount of post-customer recycled content of this material, which is 50%. The example shows the amount of post-customer recycled content, but similar statements can be made also about the actual chemical composition of the product etc. *



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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 16?

Product Properties and Statements

In this section, we will illustrate some examples of properties about a product and their statements.

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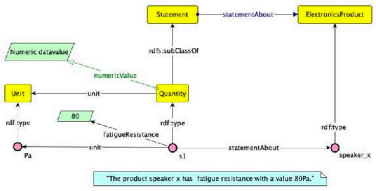
Product properties and statements:
Earlier we have already seen how to express the components of a product, as a statement and quantity of a product. The example below shows an example of properties (mechanical, physical) of a specific product and statements about such properties. In the below example, we specialize numericValue with fatigueResistance as a sub-relationship from Quantity to numeric data value. Then of course, we can use more such relationships to represent different quantity properties of products. As before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity. *



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How well do you feel you understand the example?	○	○	○	○	○

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 18?

Batch Recycling/Dismantling Process and Statements

In this final section, we will illustrate some examples of processes about a batch of products and their statements.

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Processes, batches and statements:
Earlier we have already seen how to express a batch of products, the relationships to express suppliers and manufacturers of batch of products and products, respectively. In the below example, we are going to show how CE-related processes can be represented. We first illustrate the Participation with a ColaborationParticipation sub-concept which can participate in a process. The CollaborationParticipation is similar to ResourceRelation introduced in previous examples, which has participantRole and participatingActor relations. We also specialize statementValue with decommissionReason as a sub-relationship from statement to data value. As before, we have included a textual description of this information in the blue box at the bottom, for increased clarity.
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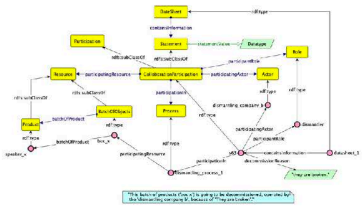

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the example in question 20?

Final comments

Please share any final comments and thoughts you have.

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Overall, how well do you think that the above examples cover the content and intention of the electronics use case in the first project iteration? Let 1 mean "not at all" and 5 "completely".

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Do you have any final comments, questions or suggestions based on the examples you have seen in this evaluation survey?

11 Appendix 2 – User Story Table

User stories

ID	AS A	I WANT	Functional requirements
CUS01	Building owner	to know which are the different EOL scenarios for building materials	Query
CUS02	Building owner	I want to obtain economic and environmental costs of different end-of-life scenarios for building material	Query,Calculate
CUS03	Manufacturer	I want to obtain information on quantities and locations of my products that will be dismantled.	Query
CUS04	Manufacturer	I want to find out if the rest material from my production could be used in other production processes	Query
CUS05	Manufacturer	I want to know the costs of dismantling and refurbishing my products.	Query,Calculate
CUS06	Manufacturer	I want to know the market demand for a refurbished product.	Query
CUS07	Dismantler	I want to find out where there are needs of dismantling of products for a certain building and what these products are	Query
CUS08	Tenderer	I want to retrieve product information from the manufacturer.	Query
CUS09	Recycler	I want to be informed on buildings where deconstruction and retrieval of certain secondary raw materials is planned and for what products it is planned	Query,Update
CUS10	Deconstruction company	I want to be informed on buildings where the deconstruction is planned and for what products	Query,Update
CUS11	Marketplace	I want to retrieve product information such as composition, dimensions, quantities, and pricing	Query
CUS12	Planner	I want to retrieve product information such as measurements, qualities, and quantities.	Query
CUS13	Manufacturer, Dismantler, Tenderer, Recycler, Deconstruction company, Planner, Marketplace	I want to retrieve product information such as measurements, composition, qualities, quantities, and location. I also need to be able to access the process and handling information that are related to these products.	Query
EUS01	Supplier	To be able to proof the quality characteristics of the material I supply to the Brand, End- user, and Legislator	Query,Validate
EUS02	Manufacturer	To understand the origin of the materials and the production processes	Query
EUS03	Manufacturer, Brand	To asses the sustainability performance of my production.	Query, Calculate

EUS04	User	To find information on how sustainable my product is and how to recycle or refurbish my product	Query
EUS05	Recycler	To understand the composition of the product.	Query
EUS06	Recycler	To find out if a product contains hazardous materials.	Query
TUS01	Fiber supplier	a possibility to display the material content of my fibers requested by my customers	Query,Input (Data,Certificate,Image)
TUS02	Fibre supplier, Transformation actor	A possibility to edit and update the material content of my fibers/properties of my product displayed on the platform	Input(Data,Certificate)
TUS03	Fibre manufacturer, Transformation actor	An overview when I log into the platform to see all my materials including which materials have been viewed or where I have been contacted	Query,Share,Input(Certificate)
TUS04	Transformation actor	Access trustful data of the fibers and other materials I used in my transformation process (properties, origin of materials/fibers and the conditions in which they have been produced/ cultivated)	Query,Input(Data)
TUS05	Fiber supplier, Transformation actor	A platform that can generate material inventories (based on imported data from my ERP system or from digital document such as excel, json, etc.) and upload certificate	Input(Data,Certificate)
TUS06	Transformation actor	A visible and transparent score on my product sustainability/circularity performance	Calculate
TUS07	Brand	To have access and explore freely a catalogue of available circular materials. To improve the design phase of my products (eco-design).	Query
TUS08	Brand	To have access to data on properties, assembly methods and composition of components	Query
TUS09	Brand	Recognition of recycled material though certificates, labels, etc.	Query,Validate
TUS10	Brand	• To access data on manufacturing process on how fibers have been assembled AND/OR the quantity of resources used in the process • To create waste minimization strategies • To find eco-friendly alternatives.	Query
TUS11	Brand	To access to secure and validated data (i.e., composition of material) through the platform.	Authenticate

TUS12	Brand	Mechanisms boosting visibility of sustainability & circularity efforts.	Query
TUS13	Brand	Display my circular and sustainable products in the platform including all product details	Input (Data,Image)
TUS14	Retailer	To access information on brands that offer product that can be remanufactured AND ways to sell them the products back.	Query
TUS15	Retailer	To access guidance on how to repair or reuse product.	Query
TUS16	Retailer	To access sustainable data on the product from the brands	Query
TUS17	User	To access trustful and understandable data on circularity and sustainability aspects of the shoes	Reference
TUS18	User	To access information on the appropriate treatment to my shoes (e.g., wash, care for)	Query
TUS19	User	To access guidance on how to replace shoes elements (i.e., inner sole, outer sole, laces)	Query
TUS20	User	To access guidance on how to dispose my shoes after I don't want them anymore	Query
TUS21	Collector, Sorter	To access product information	Query
TUS22	Collector, Sorter	• To access to material inventory • To build knowledge about mechanical and chemical recycling destinations	Query
TUS23	Recycler	To access guidance on how to disassemble the components. To access material inventory.	Query

Non-functional requirements

ID	Category	Description	Requirement
NF1	Interoperability	Data interoperability needs to be achieved through the use of shared vocabularies and languages for knowledge representation	Interoperable Data
NF2	Interoperability	Vocabularies and languages for knowledge representation needs to adhere to FAIR principles of sc. data	Interoperable Data
NF3	Security	It should not be possible to manipulate source data by an unauthorized actor	Authenticate
NF4	Security	It should not be possible to manipulate data in transit by an unauthorized actor	Authenticate
NF5	Security	Source code of circularity platform can be made open-source (e.g. GitHub)	Reproduce
NF6	Privacy	Storage and handling of data related to individuals and organizations must adhere to GDPR	Ethical
NF7	Privacy	Interoperable data needs to be managed in a privacy preserving manner	Ethical
NF8	Usability	Clear guidance and instructions on how to use the developed solutions	Reproduce

NF9	Usability	Code should be clearly documented	Reproduce
NF10	Scalability & Performance	All solutions developed need to scale with performance given an increase of utilization	Performance
NF11	Scalability & Performance	End-users of the platform should not get the perception of poor performance	Performance
NF12	Availability	Data needs to be recoverable from accidental and malicious deletion	Performance
NF13	Availability	Operations need to be recoverable from disasters as well as malicious attacks	Performance

Application Testing Scenario

Category	ID	Main user action	Requirement
Main	ATM01	Login	Authenticate
Main	ATM02	Logout	Authenticate
Main	ATM03	Forgot Password	Authenticate
Main	ATM04	Different content per actor	Query
Main	ATM05	Different permissions per actor	Share
Main	ATM06	Data sharing between 2 actors- Textile team needs to define use case eg supplier sharing with brand on high level	Share
Main	ATM07	Ontology testing: See eg whats a fiber -> The right content is displayed Check if all data we have provided are displayed correctly -> All info we receive is defined and setup within ontology framework	Query
Main	ATM08	POC API connection (raw API responses) but on a very basic level or uploading excel/ csv	Input
Main	ATM09	Scalability	Performance
Main	ATM10	Verifiying data -> certificates etc eg Verify recycled content eg by certificates -> Verify functionality to check if certificate is valid	Validate
Manufacturer	ATMF01	As a manufacturer I can log in with my credentials	Authenticate
Manufacturer	ATMF02	As a manufacturer I have the possibility to display the material content of my fibers requested by my customers by clicking "Add material" (?)	Input(Data)
Manufacturer	ATMF03		Input(Data)
Manufacturer	ATMF04		Input(Certificate)
Manufacturer	ATMF05		Input(Certificate)
Manufacturer	ATMF06		Input(Image)
Manufacturer	ATMF07	As a manufacturer I see an overview when I log into the platform with all my materials and can share those with different stakeholders	Query
Manufacturer	ATMF08		Query,Share
Manufacturer	ATMF09		Share,View
Brand	ATB01	As a brand I can log in with my credentials	Authenticate

Brand	ATB02	As a brand I want to have access to data on properties, assembly methods and composition of components so that I can assure the quality and the sustainability of the material	Query,Share
Brand	ATB03		Query
Brand	ATB04	As a brand I want to have access and explore freely a catalogue of available circular materials to improve the design phase of my products (eco-design) and am able to improve the circularity of my products	Query
Brand	ATB05		Share
Brand	ATB06		Query,Validate
Brand	ATB07		Query
Brand	ATB08	In order to know the composition of the material I use to make my products I want to access data on manufacturing process on how fibers have been assembled AND/OR the quantity of resources used in the process • To create waste minimization strategies • To find eco-friendly alternatives.	Query
Brand	ATB09		Share
Brand	ATB10	As a brand I want to display and promote my circular and sustainable products in the platform including all product details and even cross-link to materials uploaded by manufacturers	Query
Brand	ATB11		Input(data)
Brand	ATB12		Input(image)
Brand	ATB13		Input
Brand	ATB14		Share
Brand	ATB15		Input
Brand	ATB16		Query
Retailer	ATR01	As a retailer I can log in with my credentials	Authenticate
Retailer	ATR02	"As a retailer I want to check if brands have an existing ""take back"" program with information on which footwear product can be send back to the brand, reduce or even minimize waste and ensure circularity.	Share
Retailer	ATR03		Share
Retailer	ATR04	As a retailer I want to access guidance on how to repair or reuse product. So that either I can reintroduce them on the market or display this to potential customers bying shoes.	Share
Retailer	ATR05		Share
Retailer	ATR06		Share
Retailer	ATR07	As a retailer I want to make sure that I empower the purchase of sustainable products by displaying all information for my customers. To access sustainable data on the product from the brands	Share
Retailer	ATR08		Query

Sorter	ATS01	In order to successfully sort the footwear product into the right fraction for either recycling or reuse/ resell I need to see all data of the footwear product such as • Valorization methods and actors • Information on legal restrictions regarding resale, repair, sorting and recycling of already used footwear products • Material composition with data such as: • Product with name, type, category & country code (ISO country list) • Brand name • Variation with name, description (consumer facing description provided by brand), year of sale, price, images, color, size, country of origin • Material with name and composition, content, percentage, is recycled • Material component steps with step type (Origin of raw material e.g. Production, Spinning • Tanning, Pre-Tanning, Dyeing, Finishing, Printing), country, color, category (trim, yarn, fabric, leather etc.) and country	Query
Sorter	ATS02	As a sorter Im able to add information on how product was sorted by eg using an API connection to the platform or the brand/ retailer	Input(Data)
Sorter	ATS03	As a sorter I can log in with my credentials	Authenticate
Sorter	ATS04	As a sorter Im able to see information about recyclers and their recycling methods	Query
Recycler	ATRY01	As a recycler I can log in with my credentials	Authenticate
Recycler	ATRY02	As a recycler I log into the platform to access guidance on how to disassemble the components of the footwear product	Authenticate
Recycler	ATRY03		Query
Recycler	ATRY04		Share
Recycler	ATRY05		Query
Recycler	ATRY06	As a recycler Im also able to to access material inventory	Query
Recycler	ATRY07		Share
Recycler	ATRY08		Query

Qualitative feedback consortium members

ID	DESC	Requirement
F01	Being able to manage custom queries, maybe with query templates	Query
F02	Process data, e.g. to perform LifeCycle Assesment	Calculate
F03	API documentation	Reproduce
F04	Align with the CEON ontology	Interoperable Data
F05	Describe the process in the CEON ontology	Interoperable Data
F06	Create subsets of the data	View

F07	Configure the authorization	Share
F08	Overview: where do I have access to?	Share

Coverage

ID	Covered from	ID	Covered from	ID	Covered from
CUS01	1	TUS22	1	ATR03	2
CUS02	1	TUS23	1	ATR04	2
CUS03	1	ATM01	1	ATR05	2
CUS04	1	ATM02	1	ATR06	2
CUS05	1	ATM03	1	ATR07	2
CUS06	1	ATM04	1	ATR08	1
CUS07	1	ATM05	2	ATS01	1
CUS08	1	ATM06	2	ATS02	2
CUS09	x	ATM07	1	ATS03	1
CUS10	x	ATM08	2	ATS04	1
CUS11	1	ATM09	x	ATRY01	1
CUS12	1	ATM10	2	ATRY02	1
CUS13	1	ATMF01	1	ATRY03	1
EUS01	2	ATMF02	2	ATRY04	2
EUS02	1	ATMF03	2	ATRY05	1
EUS03	1	ATMF04	2	ATRY06	1
EUS04	1	ATMF05	2	ATRY07	2
EUS05	1	ATMF06	2	ATRY08	1
EUS06	1	ATMF07	1	NF1	2
TUS01	2	ATMF08	2	NF2	2
TUS02	2	ATMF09	x	NF3	1
TUS03	2	ATB01	1	NF4	1
TUS04	2	ATB02	2	NF5	1
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TUS09	2	ATB07	1	NF10	x
TUS10	1	ATB08	1	NF11	x
TUS11	1	ATB09	2	NF12	x
TUS12	1	ATB10	1	NF13	x

TUS13	2	ATB11	2	F01	2
TUS14	1	ATB12	2	F02	1
TUS15	1	ATB13	2	F03	1
TUS16	1	ATB14	2	F04	2
TUS17	?	ATB15	2	F05	x
TUS18	1	ATB16	1	F06	x
TUS19	1	ATR01	1	F07	2
TUS20	1	ATR02	2	F08	?
TUS21	1				

Above, all requirements are consolidated and annotated with which iterations will cover them. Requirements deemed out of scope are marked with “x”, Requirements to be further discussed are marked with “?”.