

THE PROJECT

The recovery and recycling process by partners <u>Humana People to People Italia</u>, <u>Casati Flock & Fibers</u> and <u>SuperForma</u> represents an example of industrial symbiosis by <u>transforming post-consumer textile waste</u> (otherwise landfilled or incinerated) <u>into</u> valuable resources. The LCA conducted in 2025 on the production of <u>a Velaskello</u>, <u>made with 85% recovered PLA and 15% recovered textiles</u>, in collaboration with Humana People to People Italia, Casati Flock & Fibers, and SuperForma, was carried out using the Environmental Footprint (EF) 3.1 methodology and a cradle-to-gate system boundary. The resulting impact for the climate change category is 9.1 kg CO₂-equivalents. 97% of this impact is associated with the phases of PLA and compound preparation and product manufacturing using 3D printing technology. Notably, 86% of the total impact is attributed to electricity consumption.

METHODOLOGICAL ELEMENTS



Functional Unit:

15% recycled textiles and recycled PLA Velaskello

System Boundary: From cradle to gate

Impact Categories:

Climate Change Methods:

EF 3.1

Background Datasets:

Ecoinvent ver 3.10



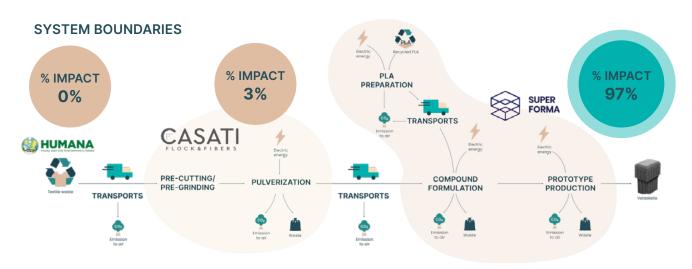
Methodology:

The textile waste and the PLA waste have zero impact, since it was donated, in accordance with internationally recognized LCA standards*

Assumptions and limitations:

Packaging of the materials transported from one site to the other were included, assuming the ones from Humana People to People Italia, Casati Flock & Fibers, and SuperForma, was carried out using the Environmental Footprint (EF) 3.1 metho to Casati Flock & Fibers since no data were available. For the waste destination, plastic components were considered recycled, while cardboard boxes used for PLA were assumed to be reused.

*ILCD Handbook (International Reference Life Cycle Data System)



PARTNERS ROLE

MUSA Spoke 5 Bocconi researchers:

project initiator and coordinator

Humana People to People Italia:

Supply of non-recyclable textile waste.

Casati Flock & Fibers:

Pulverization of non recyclable textile fibers

SuperForma:

3D printing of the Velaskello, using the textile powder received from Casat Flock & Fibers and recovered PLA

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DALLA MODA AL DESIGN

ONE-PAGER LCA REPORT

The amount of textiles recovered in each Velaskello (1,11kg of textiles) corresponds to around 6 sport polyester blend T-Shirts

1,11 kg textiles:



6 sport T-shirts* (weight of 1 t-shirt: 186 g) The amount of electric energy employed in the production of a Velaskello (21.02 kWh) made with recovered materials corresponds to the use of a TV for 170 hours

21,02 kWh of electric energy:



(electricity consumptions per 1 hour: 0,1235kWh)

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LCA RESULTS (KIMPI - KEY IMPACT INDICATORS) AND HOTSPOTS

| KIMPI | UOM | PRE-CUTTING/ PRE-GRINDING | PULVERIZATION | PLA PREPARATION | COMPOUND FORMULATION | PROTOTYPE PRODUCTION | TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| TEXTILE WASTE | % | | | | | | |
| RECYCLED PLA | % | | | | | | |
| PACKAGING | % | | | 12% | | | 13%* |
| ALLOCATED WATER | % | | | | | | |
| THERMAL ENERGY | % | | | | | | |
| ELECTRIC ENERGY | % | | 2% | 6% | 16% | 62% | 86%* |
| TRANSPORTS | % | | | | | | |
| EMISSIONS TO AIR | % | | | | | | |
| EMISSIONS TO WATE | R % | | | | | | |
| WASTE PRODUCED | % | | | | | | |
| WASTEWATER | % | | | | | | 9,1 |
| TOTAL | % | | 3%* | 19%* | 16%* | 62%* | 9,1 |

*Due to rounding to the nearest unit, the sum of individual items may not exactly match the reported total.

KgCO₂eq/unit

POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

ELECTRIC ENERGY:

Use of a certified renewable energy mix

DURATION OF PROCESSES:

Minimize the duration of pulverization processes, to reduce electric energy consumption

PACKAGING:

Avoid the use of unnecessary packaging. Reuse or recycle packaging, instead of sending it at disposal

INPUT MATERIALS:

Reduce the quantity of material used for the production of the object. As a consequence, the electricity consumption will decrease

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