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## The point of view of the recycling industry players

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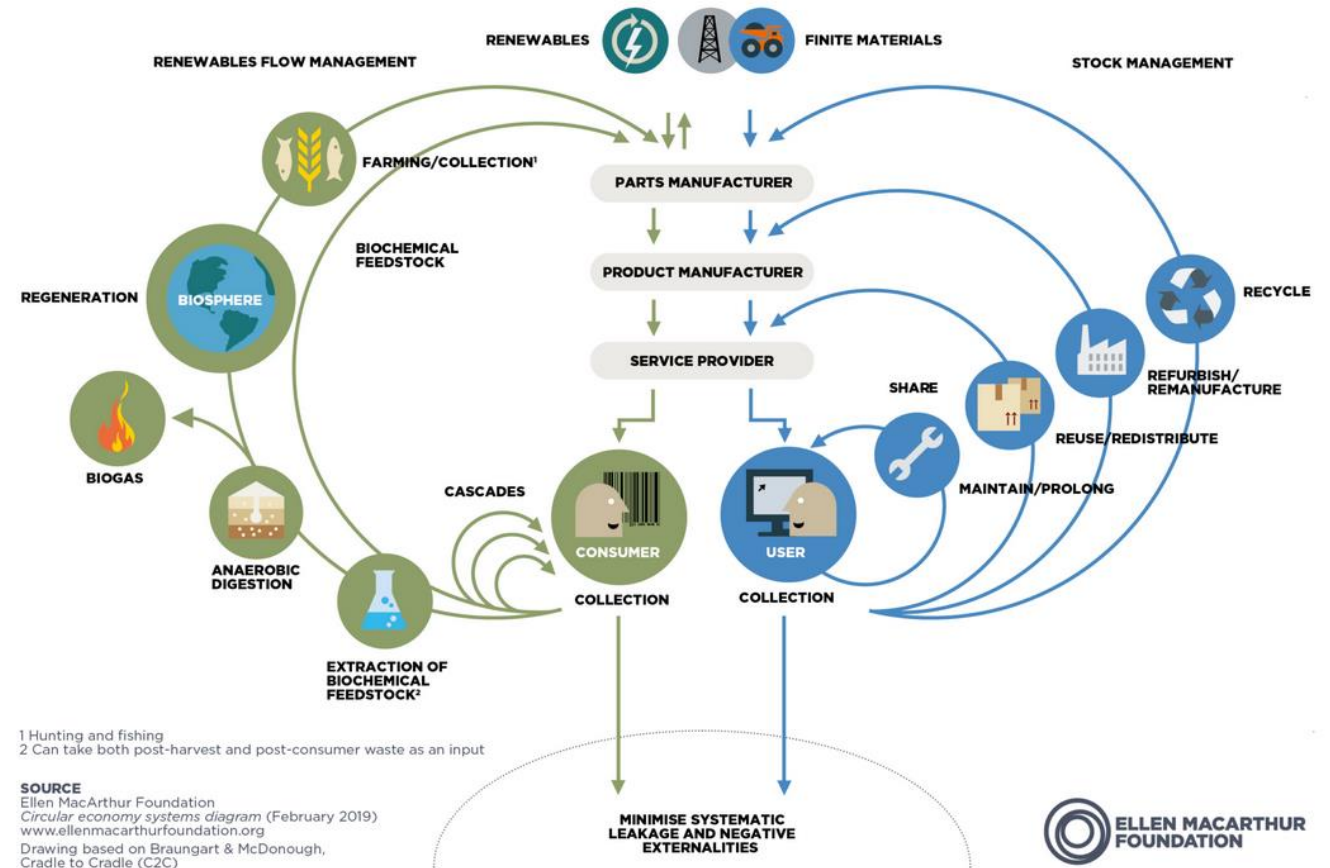
# BIO-CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Paper is based on cellulose fibres, a material of natural origin, biodegradable and compostable, as well as recyclable.

Paper can actively participate in both technological and biological cycles.

We reached a Material Circularity Indicator Ellen MacArthur Foundation of  
**0,79%**

It is not just circular economy,  
it is **BIO-CIRCULAR ECONOMY**



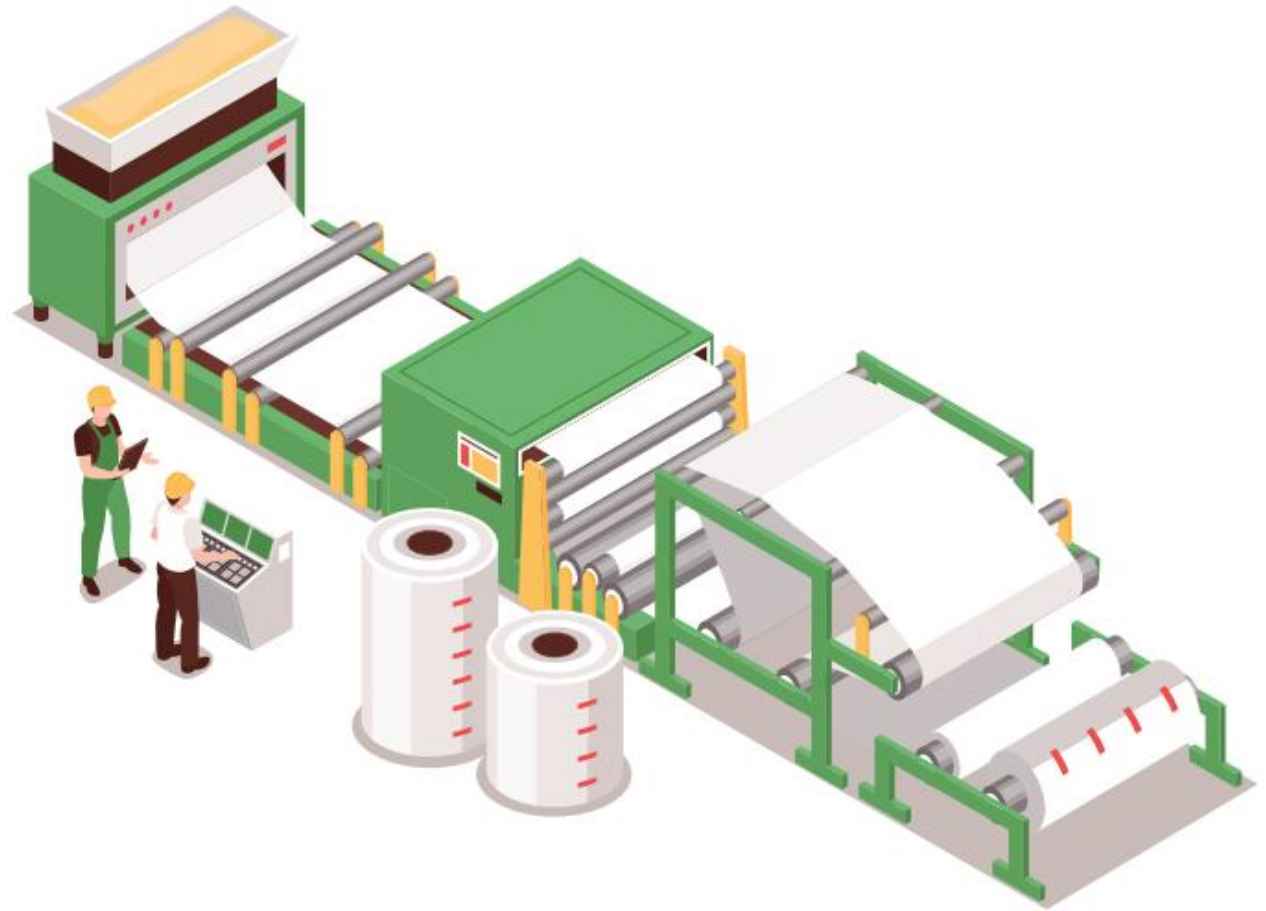
# ITALIAN PAPER INDUSTRY – 2024

**19.000** employees

**151** paper mills

**8** million tons of paper produced

**8,3** billion Euro of turnover



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## ITALIAN PAPER RECYCLING - 2024

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**6,8 million** tons of paper for recycling collected

**5,2 million** tons of paper for recycling recycled (in Italy)

**1,9 million** tons of paper for recycling exported

**65,5%** of the fibres used in Italy comes from paper from recycling

Recycling rate: **70,9%**

Paper based packaging recycling rate (average 2019-2022): **85%** = PPWR 2030 target

# PROXIMITY RECYCLING



In June 2025 Assocarta published a study conducted by the Research Institute Ambiente Italia addressing the issue of the «proximity recycling»

## KEY FINDINGS

**1,83** millions ton of paper for recycling exported from Italy

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**1,86** millions tons of packaging paper imported in Italy

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**1,87** million tons of unused recycling capacity in Italy



## KEY FINDINGS

Keeping in Italy about **60.000** middle size containers of paper for recycling collected thanks to the effort of the Italian citizens and going abroad means:

**+1360** new working places

**+27%** of productivity

**+1,4** billion euros of GDP

**- 500.000** tons of CO2





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## KEEP COMPETITIVE THE RECYCLING IN ITALY

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Proximity recycling is a strategic asset, securing high quality recycling, environmental protection, social benefits, and local added value.

We need to keep the recycling in Italy competitive:

- 1) Reducing the energy costs, introducing a EU **single energy market**;
- 2) Supporting of management of **rejects from recycling**;
- 3) Reducing **administrative burdens and legal uncertainty** of waste management and paper recycling;
- 4) Promoting the recycling of proximity with **TEEC and 3C**.





Thanks