

Circular Economy & Waste Policy

Purpose

This Policy ensures ROCKWOOL's compliance with leading standards and reinforces our commitment to circularity and waste management best practices. Our commitments include, but are not limited to:

- EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)
- EU Construction Products Regulation (CPR)
- EU Ecodesign for Sustainable Product Regulation (ESPR)
- EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR)
- EU Waste Framework Directive (WFD)

Our commitment

We support the transition to a circular economy by aligning products and production processes with circularity principles. Circularity is defined as maintaining a systemic, circular flow of resources that regenerate, retain, or add value, avoiding end-of-life waste. As the built environment consumes significant virgin resources and generates substantial waste, advancing circularity alongside technical innovation and factory energy efficiency is vital to achieving our decarbonisation goals.

Scope of policy

This Policy covers ROCKWOOL's global operations and encompasses products and packaging—including stone wool used in construction, horticulture, and climate solutions. It also includes parts of the downstream value chain, focusing on reclaiming and reusing materials from the market.

How we work

- **Data-driven approach:** We use data to enhance transparency and guide circularity efforts across inflows, outflows, and waste streams. Our [Circularity Dashboard](#) publicly reports on progress and informs continuous improvements.
- **Advocacy:** We engage with policymakers to promote ambitious, harmonised circular economy targets and regulatory incentives essential for sector-wide progress.
- **Advancing circularity and waste reduction:**
 - **Resource inflows:** Proprietary technology utilises internal waste, reclaimed market material, and industrial by-products and waste, reducing landfill. Stone wool, primarily made from abundant volcanic stone, is non-combustible and free of flame retardants. Our procurement complies with the Group Procurement Policy and Sustainable Sourcing Manual.
 - **Resource outflows and waste:** We prioritise recycling, focusing on closed-loop processes reclaiming and reprocessing our materials. Business models for reuse are under development, supported by design for disassembly. Stone wool's durability and endless recyclability underpin these efforts.



Packaging is optimised by reducing polyethylene foil thickness, increasing recyclability and recycled content.

For detailed targets and performance, please refer to the latest ROCKWOOL Annual Report.

Policy ownership

Group Management owns this Policy.

Regional Managing Directors and Technical Directors are responsible for implementation.