

#### Preparatory Study on iron and steel products First on-line stakeholder meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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# Welcoming– JRC

Mikel Landabaso – Director JRC B – Fair and Sustainable Industry



# Opening Remarks – DG GROW

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# The Ecodesign for Sustainable Products: overview and state of play

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### ESPR – the ecodesign approach



ESPR = framework legislation

It does not set specific measures. Rather, it enables their later adoption **Framework legislation** 

**Specific measures** based on detailed impact assessment Regularly updated multiannual working plans setting out priorities



### Setting ecodesign requirements under ESPR



\*Not earlier than 18m, shorter periods possible in duly justified cases, staggered application of specific requirements possible



# ESPR - the new sustainability & ecodesign approach





#### Broad scope Moving beyond

energy-related products to a wide product scope including components and intermediate

products

### New sustainability & ecodesign aspects

e.g. performance requirements durability, CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, recycled content

#### Green Public Procurement

Mandatory GPP requirements for contracting authorities or contracting entities



#### Strong focus on product information

Digital Product Passport, labels & information requirements

Enhanced Market surveillance and customs controls



#### Key product aspects under ESPR Article 5 – Ecodesign requirements :0: î **Resource use Possibility of** Water use & Recycled Upgradability & efficiency Recycling efficiency content **Possibility of Generation of** Energy use & **Environmental Recovery of** Waste Reusability Reliability efficiency **Footprint Materials** materials **Presence of Possibility of** Maintenance & **Substances of** Reparability **Remanufact-**Durability **Refurbishment** Concern uring





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#### **Political Context**



# Scientific and technical support for ESPR steel – JRC

Serenella Sala – Head of Unit JRC D.3 – Land Resources and Supply Chain Assessments





### Agenda

- Overview of the Preparatory Study
- Task 1 Definition, related legislation, and initiatives for decarbonisation
- Task 2 Market Analysis
- Task 3 Grid Analysis
- Closing remarks and next steps





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# Overview of the Preparatory Study

Sara Blanco Pérez – Project Officer JRC B.5



### Objective

The **preparatory study** aims to deliver an indepth exploration of the <u>environmental and</u> <u>techno-economic aspects</u> of iron and steel products, producing scientific evidence to support future discussion on EU product policies and lay the ground for a <u>possible future</u> **Delegated Act** for iron and steel products.

#### **Expected results:**

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Identification of measures with the highest improvement potential



Proposal for scope of data for Digital Product Passport



### Work Plan (following MEErP+)

Completed

Ongoing





### Status of the Project



#### Stakeholders' involvement

Milestones / Deliverables	Scope/format	Timeline
Stakeholders' survey	Survey on scope	Oct - Nov 2023
1 <sup>st</sup> Stakeholders' meeting	Online (Task 1 - 3)	June 2024
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stakeholders' meeting	Online (Task 3 - 5)	Q4 2024/Q1 2025



# Task 1: Definitions, related legislation, and initiatives for decarbonisation

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### **Objectives**

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**Classifications** 



#### Related Legislation and standards



### Initiatives towards decarbonisation



### **Existing Definitions and classification**

- Steel grades, designated according to the chemical composition, mechanical and physical properties → EN 10020:2000 "Definition and classification of grades of steel"
- Application and mechanical or physical properties
- Shape and surface conditions  $\rightarrow$  EN 10079:2007
- European Statistics → NACE Sector C24.1, C24.2, C24.3, C24.5
- Combined Nomenclature → Group 72 & 73





### **Related EU Policy and Legislation**

	Domain	Policy Initiatives
	Circular Economy and Sustainable Product Policy	Circular Economy Action Plan Ecodesign for Sustainable Product Regulation European Critical Raw Material Act <b>Construction Products Regulation</b> Waste Framework Directive Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive Waste Shipment Regulation <b>End-of-Life Vehicles Directive</b> Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals Classification, Labelling, and Packaging Directive
	Sustainable Industry and Investments	European Industrial Strategy Green Deal Industrial Plan Net Zero Industry Act European Taxonomy EU Open Strategic Autonomy
	GHG Emissions Reduction and Energy Transition	European Emissions Trading System Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Industrial Emissions Directive EU Hydrogen Strategy
0.1	Trade Policy	Trade Defence Instrument
22	Consumers Rights	Green Claims

#### Initiatives towards decarbonisation



- Finance To develop financing mechanisms to support
- Policy To develop government policy support
- Framework Methodology for GHG emission intensity accounting



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#### International initiatives to define "green steel"





### **Takeaways from Task 1**

Finding 1: Steel is a heterogeneous product classified based on different aspects, such as steel grades, application, shape, surface conditions, combined nomenclature, etc.

- There is not an absolute correspondence between categories across different classification systems
- The availability of datasets disaggregated according to different classification systems is limited
- Our approach must be straightforward and coherent with the datasets available

**Finding 2:** The most appropriate way to cluster products seeking to establish ecodesign measures for steel products should be connected with the product **application/functionality** 

**Finding 3:** While coherence with the CBAM is desirable, the categories used by the Combined Nomenclature are not suitable for clustering products for the purpose of this preparatory study.

**Finding 4:** The availability and accessibility of reliable data, with sufficient granularity and temporal and spatial coverage, are essential considerations when selecting product categories



# **Q&A – Task 1**



# Break - 10'



## Task 2: Market Analysis

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### EU Iron and Steel Market





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#### **Ex-ante data availability** Data availability matrix ٠ Reference list of product ۰ categories Correspondence with CN codes ٠ and EN100027 **Data collection** Input for the representative ۰ product selection **Data analysis** Analysis of trends and • drivers



#### Ex-ante data availability matrix

	Iron ore	Iron	Ferroalloys	Crude steel	Finished steel products	Trade
World Steel Association	Total	Granular		Granular	Granular	Yes
BGS 2024	Total	Partial	Granular	Total		Yes
USGS 2021	Total	Granular	Granular	Total		
Minerals4EU	Total	Partial		Total		Yes
PRODCOM by Eurostat	Granular	Granular	Granular		Granular	Yes
EUROFER 2023				Granular	Granular	Yes
WV Stahl				Granular		Yes
Dworak et al. (2021)				Granular	Granular	Yes
CAEF					Partial	
WFO					Partial	
Rostek et al. (2022)						
UN Comtrade						Yes
ISSB (2024)						Yes
worldstainless (2023a)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Partial	Unknown
CRU (2024)	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Unknown
Comext by eurostat (2024a)						Yes

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Matrix will be shared as an annex to preparatory study (in a digital file).

### Consolidated list of product categories

#### **Flat products**

Hot rolled plate (e.g. Quarto plate) Electrical sheet Hot rolled coil Cold rolled coil Tinplate and tinned products Galvanized coil Organically coated and other coated products

#### Long products

Railway track material and other long products Heavy sections and mining frames Light sections Other hot rolled bars (e.g. merchant bars) Bars for reinforcement of concrete Rod and wire rod

> Tubular Products Forged products

#### **Foundry products**

Cast steel products Cast iron products

#### **Stainless steel**

#### **Flat products**

Hot rolled strip mill products Hot rolled plate (e.g. Quarto plate) Cold rolled flat products Other flat products

#### Long products

Wire rod Merchant bars Bright bars Drawn wires Other long products



### **Correspondence** matrix

Correspondence between reference product categories and

- Statistical data sources *incl. Eurofer, WorldSteel, PRODCOM, UN Comex*
- CN codes
- EN10027

Example for "Hot rolled coil"	
CN Code	
7208: Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated	72081000 72082500 72082600 72082700 72083600 72083700 72083800 72083900
7211: Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm, not clad, plated or coated	72111400 72111900
7112: Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm, clad, plated or coated	72126000
7225: Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more	72251910 72253010 72253030 72253090
7226: Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm	72261910 72269120 72269191 72269199

### Scope of data collection

Historical trends (2013-2022) and projections (2035-)



#### **Europe's demand**

for steel and iron products



Source: New Steel Construction

#### Supply chain (from mining to finished goods)

Including domestic production, export and import



### EU Demand for finished steel goods

The European Union accounts for about 8% of the global demand with a steel consumption of 136 Mt in 2023\*.

The demand trends were relatively stable in the long-term.

Since 2020, the steel consumption is on decline in Europe and worldwide, mainly related to aftermaths of the <u>COVID-19 crisis</u> (and prolonged downturn in the construction sector).





Source: own estimates based on merging of several data sources (CAEF, 2021; Dworak and Fellner, 2021; EUROFER, 2023; Harvey, 2022; WFO, 2021; World Steel Association, 2023;



#### Iron ore and concentrates



Mining Steel making is the main consumer of iron ore

- Iron ore mining has almost tripled over the past twenty years, it remains highly concentrated in the top global producers
- Global iron ore production reached 2500 Mt in 2022
- Sold production\* of iron ore in EU27 was 38 Mt in 2022
- Iron ore mining in EU27: Sweden, Austria, Slovakia and Germany
- To meet its demand (107Mt in 2022), Europe **imports 75%** of the iron ore and concentrates, mainly from Canada (30%), Ukraine (18%) and Brazil (24%).
  - Steady increase in consumption by 2017, minor fluctuations afterwards
  - Domestic production increase in terms of volumes and values
  - Import decrease from around 103 Mt/y in 2013 to 82 Mt/y in 2022



### Pig iron and direct reduced iron (DRI)



#### Iron making

98% of global mined iron ore is used to make pig iron

- Global pig iron production reached 1,300 Mt in 2022, of which 5.8% in EU27
- Global DRI was 126 Mt in 2021 of which 0.5% in EU27.
- 93% of the EUs demand (61.7Mt in 2022) domestic production.
- Total iron production decreased from 72 Mt/y in 2013 to nearly 57 Mt/y in 2022
- Almost entire iron production in EU27 is pig iron, DRI production is currently insignificant in EU27. New investments plans in DRI in Europe are planned.
- In 2022, 2.44Mt of pig iron was imported to the EU mainly from Russia, Brazil and South Africa. Around half of the imported iron is DRI.



#### Crude steel



There are two main technology routes of steel making: BF-BOF and EAF

- The EU27, with an output of 126 Mt of crude steel per annum (20MS), accounts for 6.8% of global output of 1850 Mt. (2023)
- The key global players are China, India, Japan, USA and Russia. One third of the EU production takes place in Germany. Italy, France and Spain follow in the ranking of the top EU steel producers
- 76% of the overall steel production in the EU is non-alloyed carbon steel, 19% is alloyed carbon steel. Stainless steel volumes account for 5%.
- In the EU, the ratio between BOF to EAF is 55% to 45%, with a slow increasing importance towards an electric-arc furnaces (EAF).
- OECD report confirms the new capacities in Europe in EAF by 2026.



### Steel scrap



BOF uses typically 20% of scrap; In EAF enables use up to 100%.

- EU with the steel scrap consumption of 79.3 Mt in 2022, is second (after China) biggest scrap consumer around the globe. Demand for steel scrap is likely to increase substantially with more ambitious climate policy coming into action.
- The production of flat steel products has a dominant role in the generation of the new scrap that use to be dominating the domestic production. Today, over 60% demand is met by post-consumer scrap.
- Europe is a net-exporter of scrap with 17.6 Mt. of steel scrap export, mainly to Turkey (67%).
- Modelled results show an increase in steel scrap generation in Europe up to 150Mt in 2050, compared to 128Mt in 2024.



#### **Finished products**



Hot rolled coil with the biggest market in EU27

- In the last decade, the apparent consumption of finished steel products in the EU27 is stable, and is driven by EU production.
- The total production has peaked in 2018, reaching 162.5 Mt/y, since then on a decreasing path reaching 137.7 Mt in 2022.
- 27% of demand was supplied by import in 2023 (compared to 20.5% in 2022)
- The flat steel carbon product accounts for 56.5% (85.2Mt) of the total consumption. Import accounts for 25% of the flat product demand, with the key trade partners being: Turkey, South Korea, India and Taiwan.
- The long steel carbon products accounts for 34% (52Mt) of the total consumption. Import accounts for 13.3% of the demand, which the key trade partners being: Turkey, China and Switzerland.



### Finished products

		Production [in Mt]	Import [in Mt]	Export [in Mt]	Apparent consumption [in Mt]	% import in AP
Cast iron		0.00	0.23	0.13	0.10	0.1%
Cast steel		0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.0%
Castings		8.11	0.00	0.00	8.11	5.4%
	Total	74.88	21.90	11.55	85.23	56.5%
	Cold rolled coil	14.01	3.77	1.60	16.17	10.7%
at 1	Hot rolled coil and electrical sheet	29.25	10.09	4.93	34.41	22.8%
Ë	Hot rolled plate (e.g. Quarto plate)	10.01	1.77	1.99	9.79	6.5%
	Organically coated and other coated sheets	4.42	1.20	0.43	5.20	3.4%
	Tinplate, tinned products, galvanized coil	17.20	5.06	2.60	19.66	13.0%
	Total	50.48	7.01	5.11	52.39	34.7%
	Bars for reinforcement of concrete	11.52	2.10	1.12	12.50	8.3%
bu	Heavy sections and mining frames	7.17	0.29	1.56	5.91	3.9%
۲۵	Other hot rolled bars and light sections	10.42	1.86	0.89	11.39	7.5%
	Railway track material and other long products	2.46	0.07	0.54	1.99	1.3%
	Rod and wire rod	18.91	2.68	1.00	20.59	13.7%
Stainless stee	el flat products	3.57	1.63	0.80	4.40	2.9%
Stainless stee	el long products	0.62	0.43	0.35	0.70	0.5%



#### Rode and wire rod (example)



Rod and wire rod is the second most important steel products at the EU market



#### **Import** directions (<>50%):

- UK
- Malaysia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Switzerland

#### **Export** directions (<>50%)

- Turkey
- USA
- UK



#### Takeaways from Task 2

**Finding 1:** Two years of decline in Europe's annual demand for steel (2021, 2022). Forecast indicator an increase in 2025 – attributed to investments in green infrastructure (e.g. wind energy installations)

**Finding 2:** Europe the only region around the world with negative capacities investments in steel manufacturing. Announced and ongoing investments projects dominated with EAF technology.

**Finding 3:** Europe is second largest consumer of steel scrap, after China. At the same time, Europe is the net-exporter of scrap. The industry is concern about the gap in the scrap supply in the future.

**Finding 4:** To meet its demand Europe imports 75% of the iron ore and concentrates. Also, nearly 70% of ferro-allows is met by import, mainly from Norway, South Africa, India, and Ukraine.



# Q&A – Task 2



### Task 3: Technical Analysis sub-task: Selection of representative products Thibaut Maury – Project Officer JRC D.3



# Rationale for the selection of representative products (RPs)

#### **Objective of the preparatory study**

- Explore environmental and techno-economic aspects,
- Provide scientific evidence to support potential future EU policy intervention

#### Challenge

The scope for steel as an **intermediate product** is extensive (70 CN codes for CBAMs, 20+ intermediate product categories for the market analysis, specific quality grades)

#### Approach

To streamline the analysis, we need to focus on **limited number of representative products** and prioritize the assessment where it has the most impact (particularly for the Environmental Footprint)

Hence, we decide to perform a quantitative assessment to select a limited number of representative products (5 products)





#### Scope of intermediate steel products







### Criteria (1) – EU apparent consumption

Apparent consumption of intermediate steel products (kt, average 2020-22)



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Data from Market analysis -Task 2 (Fraunhofer institute, 2024 based on Eurofer)

### Criteria (2) – EU production

EU production of intermediate steel products (kt, average 2020-22)



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56 Data from Market analysis -Task 2 (Fraunhofer institute, 2024 based on Eurofer)

# Criteria (1) & (2)

#### • Table of results:

	(1) Consumption	2 Production
Hot rolled coil	1.00	1.00
Rod and wire rod	0.82	0.92
Galvanised cold rolled coil	0.67	0.72
Cold rolled coil	0.64	0.68
Bars for reinforcement of concrete	0.50	0.56
Casted iron products	0.35	0.43
Hot rolled plate (e.g. quarto plate)	0.33	0.41
Welded tube	0.31	0.40
Other hot rolled bars (e.g. merchant bars)	0.35	0.39
Heavy sections and mining frames	0.24	0.35
Stainless steel products	0.32	0.30
Organically coated and other coated products	0.21	0.22
Seamless tube	0.11	0.14
Railway track material and other long products	0.08	0.12
Light sections	0.11	0.12
Galvanised hot rolled coil	0.07	0.08
Hot rolled coil narrow strip	0.07	0.07
Tinplate and tinned products	0.04	0.04
Electrical sheet	0.04	0.04
Casted steel products	0.02	0.03



### Criteria (3) – EU supply dependencies

• Characterised by Import Reliance indicator (IR) parameters: IR =

(Imports – Exports)

(Domestic Production + Imports – Exports)



A negative value (blue bars) means the EU is a net exporter

### Criteria 1-2-3: Interim ranking



### **Criteria** (4) - CO<sub>2</sub> footprint



/!\ various data

light blue: stainless steel, green: flat products, yellow: long products, grey: cast products

# Estimated EU consumption footprint (CO<sub>2</sub>) for intermediate steel categories



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Size of the bubble represents the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> eq. emissions for yearly EU consumption of each candidate for representative product

### Criteria (5) – Targeted economic end-sectors

### Economic importance (EI) score for each candidate, based on:

• The share of each intermediate in end-use sectors



Organically c

Other

**Railway track n** 

 The economic weight (Gross Value Added in million €) of each end-use sectors (retrieved from NACE2 code / similar to CRMs list assessment)

End-use sectors	NACE-2 code	Gross Value Added (M€)	Description
Metal goods (Domestic appliances)	C28	204,200	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c
Industrial Machinery (Mechanical)	C28	204,200	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.
Transport (HCV + buses)	C29	194,448	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
Transport (LDV + LCV)	C29	194,448	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
Infrastructure	C25	163,568	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
Buildings	C25	163,568	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
Industrial machinery (Electrical)	C27	89,422	Manufacture of electrical equipment
Metal goods (Other)	C24	64,561	Manufacture of basic metals
Metal goods (Packaging)	C24	64,561	Manufacture of basic metals
Transport (Other)	C30	55,777	Manufacture of other transport equipment

	Stainless steel products	12%		9%		5%	28%			37%	9%
	Casted iron products	4%	43%	- 11%	3%	2%	20%	7%		11%	
	Casted steel products						66%			34%	
	Seamless tube	43%	18%	11%	2%	5%	18%	3%			
	Welded tube	17%	40%		1%	2%	36%	4%		1%	
	Electrical sheet							100%			
Tini	plate and tinned products								100%		
									20070		
d a	nd other coated products	68%	12%	4%	1%		3%	3%		3%	7%
Ga	lvanized coil (Cold rolled)	17%	6%	38%	4%		5%	3%		16%	10%
	Cold rolled coil	15%	3%	9%	2%		22%	2%		20%	27%
-10	t rolled coil (Narrow strip)	20%	14%	28%	- 7% -	1%	5%	1%		23%	
G	alvanized coil (Hot rolled)	75%	25%								
	Hot rolled coil (Coil)	41%	18%	5%	1%	1%	26%	1%		7%	
le	d plate (e.g. Quarto plate)	14%	18%	0%	0%	20%	24%	2%		20%	
d	bars (e.g. merchant bars)	4%	10/	7%			54%			29%	
	Rod and wire rod	28%	33%	2%	2%	1%	1%	5%		28%	
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or	reinforcment of concrete	46%									
ria	l and other long products						13%				
se	ctions and mining frames	71%	29%								
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### Criteria (5) – Targeted economic sectors







- 1. EU consumption
  2. EU production
  3. EU supply dependencies
  4. CO2 footprint
- 5. Economic importance (end-sectors)

Hot rolled coil, Galvanised cold rolled coil and wire rod together represent around 40% of both total EU consumption & production

*Cold rolled coil* is covered, at least partly, by the downstream product **Galvanised cold rolled coil** and thus not selected as "RPs"

Bars for reinforcm	Organically coated and other c		Other hot rolled bars (e.g.	Ŧ		Galvanise	Hot rolled plate (e.	Caste	Heavy sections and			Tinplate and	Railway track material and othe	Casteo	
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- 1. EU consumption
- ■2. EU production
- 3. EU supply dependencies
- ■4. CO2 footprint
- 5. Economic importance (end-sectors)

#### **Stainless steel**

Compared to other categories, the more limited EU production leads to a substantial **import reliance (25%)**.

In terms of volume, its associated CO<sub>2</sub> consumption footprint is of the same order of magnitude as the most consumed products.

Bars for	Organically coated ar		Other hot rolled b			U U	Hot rolled		Heavy sec			Tinp	Railway track material	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		20 European



#### Electrical steel sheet

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Despite having lower production and consumption compared to others, its **strategic nature / economic importance** and significant **external supply** must be emphasized

■1. EU consumption

EU production

CO2 footprint

EU supply dependencies

■ 5. Economic importance (end-sectors)

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The **forecasted increase in consumption** within sectors such as e-mobility and wind turbines justifies its inclusion as a representative product

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#### Selected representative products



#### **Final RPs List:**

Hot rolled coil



- Galvanised cold rolled coil
- Electrical sheet
- Rod & wire rod
- Stainless steel



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# RPs selection to frame the environmental footprint assessment





#### **Next steps**

- Data collection for **Bill of materials** and associated inventory datasets
- Prepare the environmental footprint assessment (Task 4) and associated hotspots
- Evaluate the feasibility of potential policy interventions



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	Next sub-task	Bill of Materials	to receive technical feedback on dataset
	Pre-processing	Steelmaking	Steel manufacturing
**	Coke oven	Basic Oxygen Furnace	✤ Hot rolling
*	Sinter plant	✤ EAF (scrap)	<ul><li>Cold rolling</li><li>Hot-dip galvanising</li></ul>
*	Pellet plant	✤ EAF (DRI)	Stainless steel (EAF+AOD)
*	Blast Furnace		<ul><li>Annealing (electrical sheet)</li><li>Coating</li></ul>
•	DRI (NG/H2)		<ul> <li>Wire drawing</li> </ul>

- JRC, 2013 Best available techniques reference document for iron and steel production
- Greensteel ESTEP, 2023 Proposal for a rule book relating to the classification system for green steel - Annex II

#### Legend:

already available for potential review





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- Literature

# Q&A – Task 3



# Next steps & Closing Remarks

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