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Towards net-zero emission of T&D grids



Decarbonization through procurement of components

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OUR STORY



**Introduction of
Stedin**



**The procurement
method**



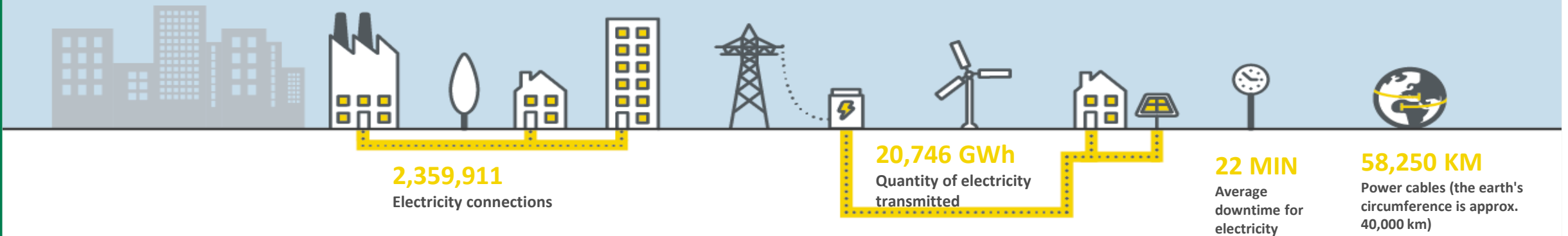
Results



**Example /
comparison**

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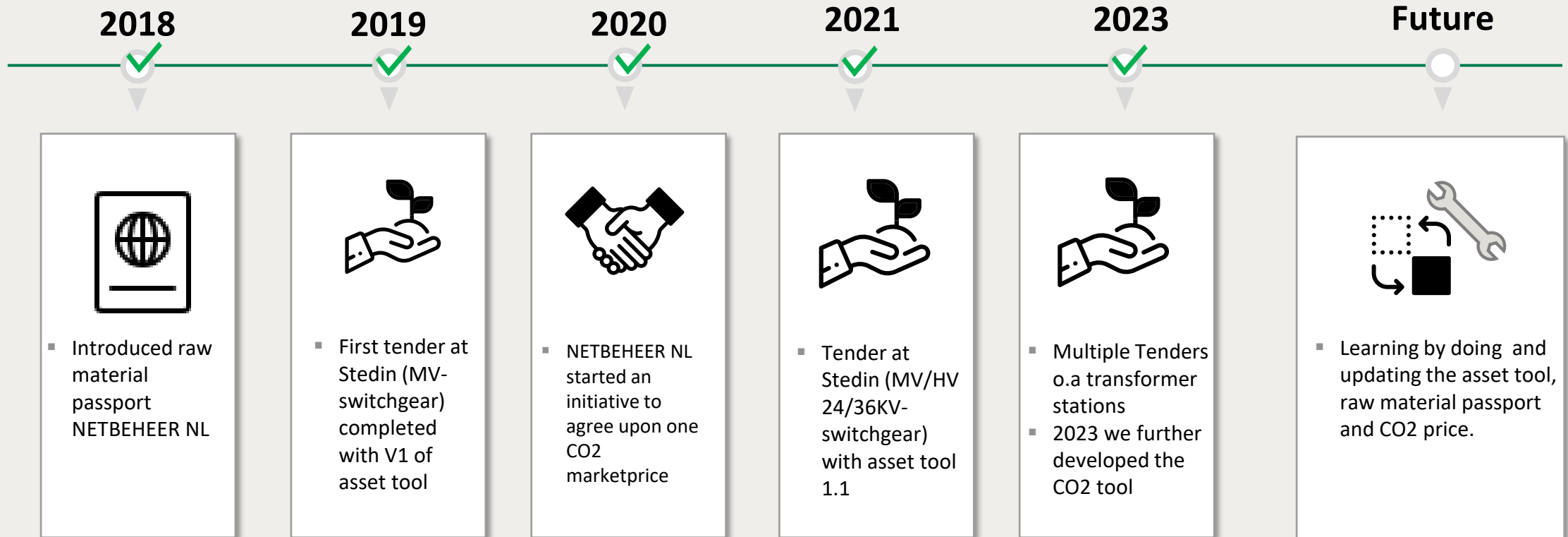
Electricity



Gas



OUR SOLUTION: Material passport, CO2 price and carbon footprint tool to achieve our sustainability goals



IMPLEMENTATION: The tools are incorporated in our procurement process

Our awarding model



Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)



CAPEX
OPEX



Quality criteria are quantified in €

Q1: CO₂ footprint

Q2: Dimensions

Q3: Fullfilment additional technical requirements

Q1: CO₂ footprint

- Carbon footprint tool (in kg CO₂-eq)*
 - Based on Raw material passport
 - CO₂ price of 150** euro ton CO₂-eq



- Environmental Investment reduction (MIA, SF₆-free tax discount)
- Validation and verification by using audits and involvement of external specialists (CE Delft and DNV).

*The carbon footprint tool uses the LCA methodology to determine the carbon footprint and circularity score of an asset (ISO 14040).

** 150 euros in 2023; Value revised every year by Netbeheer Nederland

RESULTS: The procurement of switchgear contributes to achieve our 2030 sustainability goals

Insights and results



- Growing cooperation between market parties in the field of the application of LCA tooling
- Suppliers can give more insights in % recycled material used
- Suppliers accept our awarding model and tool within tenders
- Environmental Investment reduction has a significant role in achieving our goals
- Significant part of 24kV switchgear portfolio without SF6
- About 13.500 ton CO2 will be avoided during the contract period of 8 years
- About 12.000 kg SF6 less will be placed in our infrastructure during the contract period of 8 years




Points for improvement



- Expanding carbon footprint tool with more asset types
- Further development and improvement of award model together with the market
- Improve the verification and validation process
- Increasing the CO2 price

EXAMPLE: The carbon footprint tooling in Tenders




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Guidelines and assessment methods for end users to estimate, quantify and challenge climate change and ecological impacts of medium- and high-voltage switchgear

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EXAMPLE: The carbon footprint tooling in Tenders

How to correctly evaluate the environmental impacts of a product?

Best solution

Certified LCAs with harmonized Product Category Rules (PCR)

- Identical system boundaries
- Harmonized functional unit definition and structure
- Defined used phase and end of life conditions

→ Truly comparable results

For HV switchgear: refer to the incoming IEC 62271-320, planned for mid-2024

Fallback #1

Existing LCAs adapted or reworked to match the defined PCR

- Existing LCAs may not match the (same) desired PCR
- Study should be reworked
- Utility must review and accept the new results

→ Comparable results

Fallback #2

Simplified estimations based on the LCA concepts

- No LCA available or that cannot be adapted
- Simplified estimations covering manufacturing and use phase at least

→ Qualitative comparison

EXAMPLE: The carbon footprint tooling in detail



Asset tool - Start Tender

Using the tool
Step 1: Read the instructions in the document "Manual Asset tool" carefully
Step 2: Fill out contact information
Step 3: Select the number of assets (max 3 per Excel)
Step 4: Fill out the datasheet(s). Make sure to fill out all fields.
Step 5: Save datasheet(s) and results as PDF- or Excel document.

Tender prepared by

Network operator	Stedin
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This tool is prepared for the following asset

Asset	Switchgear
Subtype	Example

Step 2: Fill out contact information

Supplier / producer	Example
Contact supplier / producer	X

Step 3: Select the number of assets (max 3 per Excel)

Number of assets	3
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Logos: alliander, ENEXIS NETBEHEER, STEDIN, CE Delft


Asset tool developed for Dutch distribution system operators, initiated by Alliander, Enexis and Stedin. © CE Delft 2020

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EXAMPLE: The carbon footprint tooling in detail

Reset
Datasheet 1 - Switchgear (Example)

Product information

Asset	Switchgear		
Subtype	Example		
Unique identifier product	A		
Guaranteed lifespan of asset	40		years
Total weight of the asset	1130844		g/unit

Data source materials

Based on material passport?	yes
if 'yes': start date material passport	1-1-2023

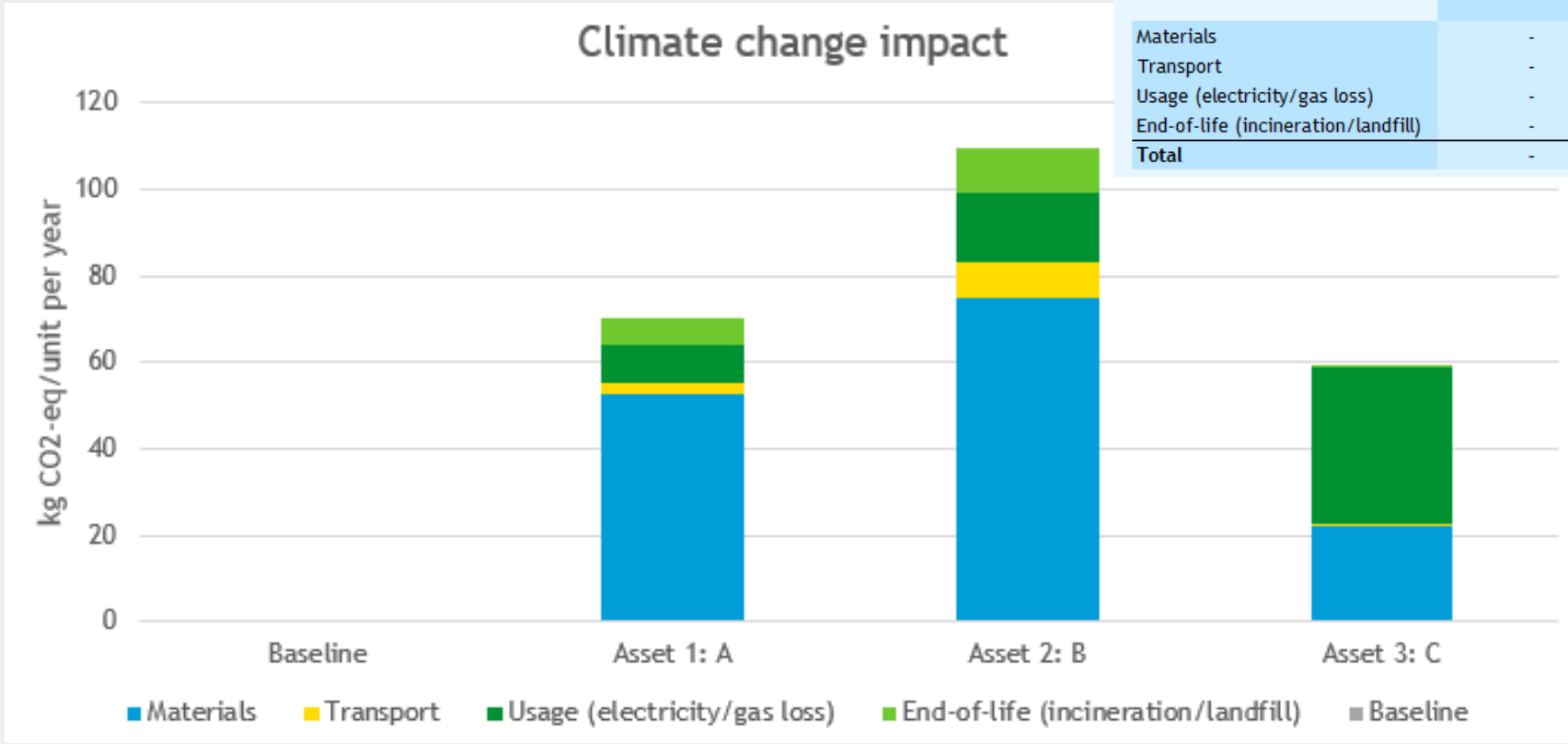
Materials (per unit)	Weight (g)	Recycled (%)*	Recyclable (%)*	Re/Down out*
ABS				
Aluminium (alloys)				
Aluminium (electronic purity)	19400	25%	100%	recycled
Brass				
Bronze				
Copper (electronic purity)	118000	35%	100%	recycled
Copper (mechanical purity)				
Epoxy resin	91100	0%	50%	downcycled
Gold				
Iron				
PA (nylon)	4560	0%	100%	recycled

EXAMPLE: The carbon footprint tooling in detail

Save PDF Save Excel Results - Switchgear (Example) [Grid Icon]

Climate change impact per year (kg CO₂-eq/unit per year)

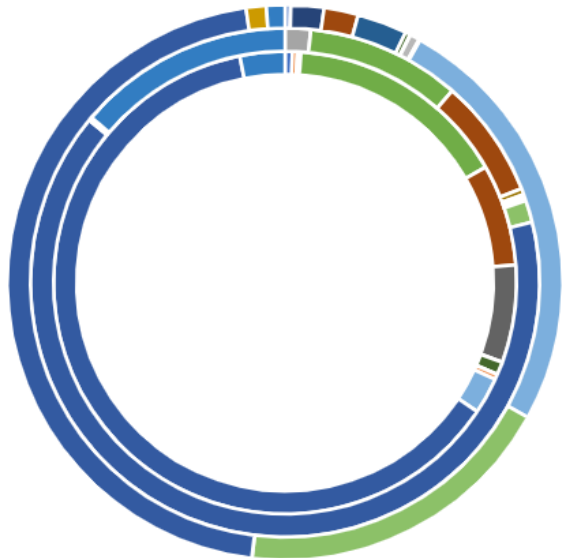
	Baseline	Asset 1: A	Asset 2: B	Asset 3: C
Materials	-	52,5	75,0	22,4
Transport	-	2,7	8,2	0,5
Usage (electricity/gas loss)	-	9,1	16,0	35,8
End-of-life (incineration/landfill)	-	6,0	10,3	0,9
Total	-	70,2	109,5	59,6



EXAMPLE: The insights

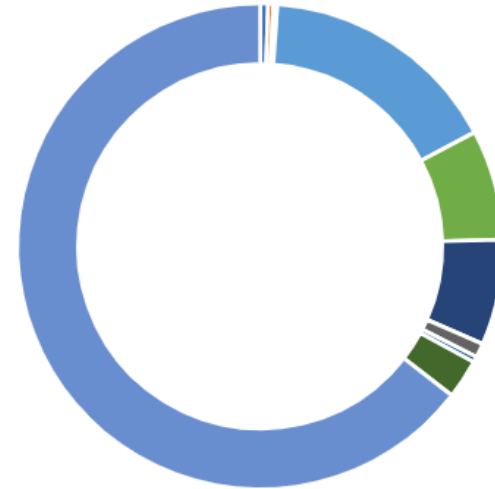
Supplier A B C - Materials (g/unit)

- ABS
- Aluminium (alloys)
- Aluminium (electronic purity)
- Brass
- Bronze
- Copper (electronic purity)
- Copper (mechanical purity)
- Epoxy resin
- Iron
- PA (nylon)
- PC
- PE
- PVC
- Rubber (not crosslinked)
- SF6
- Silver
- Steel
- Steel (stainless)
- Steel (zinc plates/galvanized/sendzimir)
- Tin
- Zinc
- XLPE insulation (natural)
- Unknown/other materials (based upon total weight, proxy value)



Supplier A - Materials (g/unit)

- ABS
- Aluminium (alloys)
- Aluminium (electronic purity)
- Bronze
- Copper (electronic purity)
- Epoxy resin
- Iron
- PC
- PE
- PVC
- Rubber (not crosslinked)
- Steel
- Steel (zinc plates/galvanized/sendzimir)



Materials (per unit)	Weight (g)	Recycled (%)*	Recyclable (%)*	Re/Down out*
Steel (zinc plated/galvanized/sendzimir)	780900	40%	100%	recycled
Steel (zinc plated/galvanized/sendzimir)	706280	18%	95%	recycled

Asset Tool: Further development v1.x (short term)

Calculation of energy losses on asset 'cables'

$$Loss = \frac{Ph * I^2 * R * T * Pl^2 * (1 + \lambda)}{1000} \rightarrow E_L = \frac{n * I^2 * R_C * t * (1 + \lambda)}{1000}$$

Update of database (Ecoinvent) regarding the climate impact of metals

Update of material list: added materials thinned copper, HDPE, lead, PET and carbon steel

Asset Tool: Further development v2 (long term)

Add electrical transport by road and water

New possibility to calculate impact of assets that have a longer LCA than intended

Update the tool with more assets, for example contracting/construction projects

Include integration of short-circuit losses in the tool.

A photograph of two workers in safety gear (hard hats and high-visibility vests) standing in a field of solar panels. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The worker on the left is a woman wearing a hard hat with the 'Dominion' logo and sunglasses. The worker on the right is a man wearing a hard hat and glasses. They appear to be in conversation. The background shows rows of solar panels stretching into the distance under a clear sky.

Thank you

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