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## Qualifications

Habilitation, *venia legendi*: "Business Administration", Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

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Management and Technology, PhD, Dr.rer.pol., Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

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## Employment

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## Research outputs

**Advancing circularity in a Chilean neighborhood through the water-waste-energy nexus: A stakeholder analysis**

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## **Prizes**

### **TUM Sustainability Award 2021**

Fröhling, M. (Recipient) & Fottner, J. (Recipient), 2 Dec 2021

## **Projects**

### **BioReSt: BioReSt: Preparation of a Bavarian Resource Strategy - Scientific Foundations and Recommendations**

Fröhling, M. (PI) & Weber-Blaschke, G. (PI)

1/04/21 → 30/09/24

### **Biotenside Alliance: Functionally optimised biotensides based on regionally available raw materials produced with optimised biotechnological processes**

Fröhling, M. (PI)

1/01/18 → 28/02/21

### **Car2Car: Car2Car: Closed-loop recycling concepts for end-of-life vehicles**

Fröhling, M. (PI), Mayr, P. (PI) & Fottner, J. (PI)

1/01/23 → 31/12/25

### **ECOMO: Electrobiocatalytic cascade for bulk reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> to CO coupled to fermentative production of high value diamine monomers**

Fröhling, M. (PI)

1/11/23 → 31/10/26

### **FaCE: FaCE: Facilitating the Circular Economy with Distributed Ledger Technology**

Fröhling, M. (PI)

1/10/22 → 30/09/26

### **FleWoKo: FleWoKo: Planning and assessment of flexibel residential concepts for different life cycle phases built with wood**

Fröhling, M. (PI) & Menrad, K. (PI)

1/01/21 → 30/09/24

**FUMA: FuMa: Functional optimised face masks for protection against infection and contamination**

Fröhling, M. (PI) & Prazeres da Costa, C. (PI)

1/04/21 → 30/09/24

**FSCM: Future Sustainable Car Materials**

Fröhling, M. (PI), Fottner, J. (PI) & Zäh, M. (PI)

1/10/22 → 30/09/25

**Ökett: Life Cycle Assessment for new adhesive labels**

Fröhling, M. (PI) & Zäh, M. (PI)

1/11/21 → 31/01/22

**ReNaRe: ReNaRe: H2 Giga: Recycling and Sustainable Resource Use - Circular Economy Concepts and Economic Feasibility**

Fröhling, M. (PI)

1/04/21 → 30/09/25

**RePurKo: RePurKo: Elaboration and assessment of new recycling concept for polyurethane composite wastes**

Fröhling, M. (PI)

1/09/21 → 30/06/22

**r+TeTra: r+TeTra: Technology Transfer Project – Sub-project 2: Impact Assessment in the BMBF funding scheme r+ Impulse: Innovative Technologies for Resource Efficiency**

Fröhling, M. (PI)

1/01/16 → 30/06/23

**TU&M: Timber Use and Maintain (TU&M): Development and assessment of circular woodframed building elements**

Fröhling, M. (PI), Winter, S. (PI), Benz, J. P. (PI), Birk, S. (PI), Petzold, F. (PI) & van de Kuilen, J. W. (PI)

1/02/23 → 31/01/26