

## **Recycling and biodegradability of RFID**



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- Mandated by the French "pole de competitivite MauD", situated in the Lille region in France, to undergo a study aimed at evaluating the research interests in the field of recyclable and biodegradable RFID tags.
  - Identification of running initiatives in the field
  - Opportunities to launch a research activity on such topics,
  - Potential partners with whom R&D cooperation should be sought.



- Very few people/organisations having seriously considered the issue while most of them consider it has important
- Issues are not today on recycling of the tags but <u>potential</u> <u>perturbations of recycling streams</u> by RFID tags
  - By construct, tags not easy to remove
  - Contamination by tags substrates and antenna metals
- Mostly concerned : passive tags. Active tags follows electronic products recycling directives



### Short term

- Compatibility of RFID tags, usage and support recycling stream
- Medium term
  - Life cycle assessment: RFID tags enabled LCA databases building
- Long term
  - Biodegradable tags

## **Missing information**



### Impact of emerging technologies

▶ Printed electronic, molecular electronic, organic electronic, micro power

#### Topics requiring new or intensified research

Vision society	The second secon	Integration of objects	Internet of things	<ul> <li>Unlocked full potential of the Internet of Things</li> </ul>
People	<ul> <li>Socially acceptable RFID</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ambient assisted living</li> <li>Biometric IDs</li> <li>Industrial ecosystems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Smart living</li> <li>In-vivo health</li> <li>Security based living</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mastered continuum of people, computers and things</li> <li>Automated healthcare</li> </ul>
Politics	<ul> <li>First global guidance</li> <li>Standardisation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>First global governance</li> <li>Unified open interoperability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Authentication, trust and verification</li> </ul>	Inclusive Internet of Things
Standards	<ul> <li>Network security</li> <li>Ad-hoc sensor networks</li> <li>Protocols for distributed control and processing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interoperability protocols and frequencies</li> <li>Power and fault resilient protocols</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intelligent devices cooperation</li> </ul>	Health security
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Vision technology	Low power and low cost	<ul> <li>Ubiquitous integration of tags and sensor networks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Code in tags and objects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Smart objects everywhere</li> </ul>
Use	<ul> <li>Interoperability framework (protocols and frequencies)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Distributed control and databases</li> <li>Ad-hoc hybrid networks</li> <li>Harsh Environments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Global applications</li> <li>Self-adaptive systems</li> <li>Distributed memory and processing</li> </ul>	Heterogeneous systems
Devices	<ul> <li>Smart multi-band antennas</li> <li>Smaller and cheaper tags</li> <li>Higher frequency tags</li> <li>Miniaturised and embedded readers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extended range of tags and readers and higher frequencies</li> <li>Transmission speed</li> <li>On-chip antennas</li> <li>Integration with other materials</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Executable tags</li> <li>Intelligent tags</li> <li>Autonomous tags</li> <li>Collaborative tags</li> <li>New materials</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Biodegradable devices</li> <li>Nano-power processing units</li> </ul>
Energy	<ul> <li>Low power chip sets</li> <li>Thin batteries</li> <li>Power optimised systems (energy management)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Energy harvesting (energy conversion, photovoltaic)</li> <li>Printed batteries</li> <li>Ultra low power chip sets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Energy harvesting (biology, chemistry, induction)</li> <li>Power generation in hash environments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Biodegradable batteries</li> <li>Wireless power</li> </ul>
Source: Intern	et of things in 2020 – EPoSS	working group report	<ul> <li>Energy recycling</li> </ul>	



Many thanks to all persons having contributed to the

study

Final report to be presented end of October

► All:

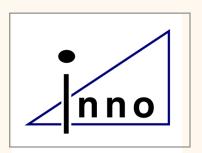
- Contributions
- Comments
- Interests for cooperation still more than welcome





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# Thank you for your attention!