#### Bioplastics today – an overview Gitte Tang Kristensen 6 February 2019 Bioplastic Conference 2019

### Agenda

Why am I here? Bioplastics – what is it? Bioplastic applications and market Challenges and barriers



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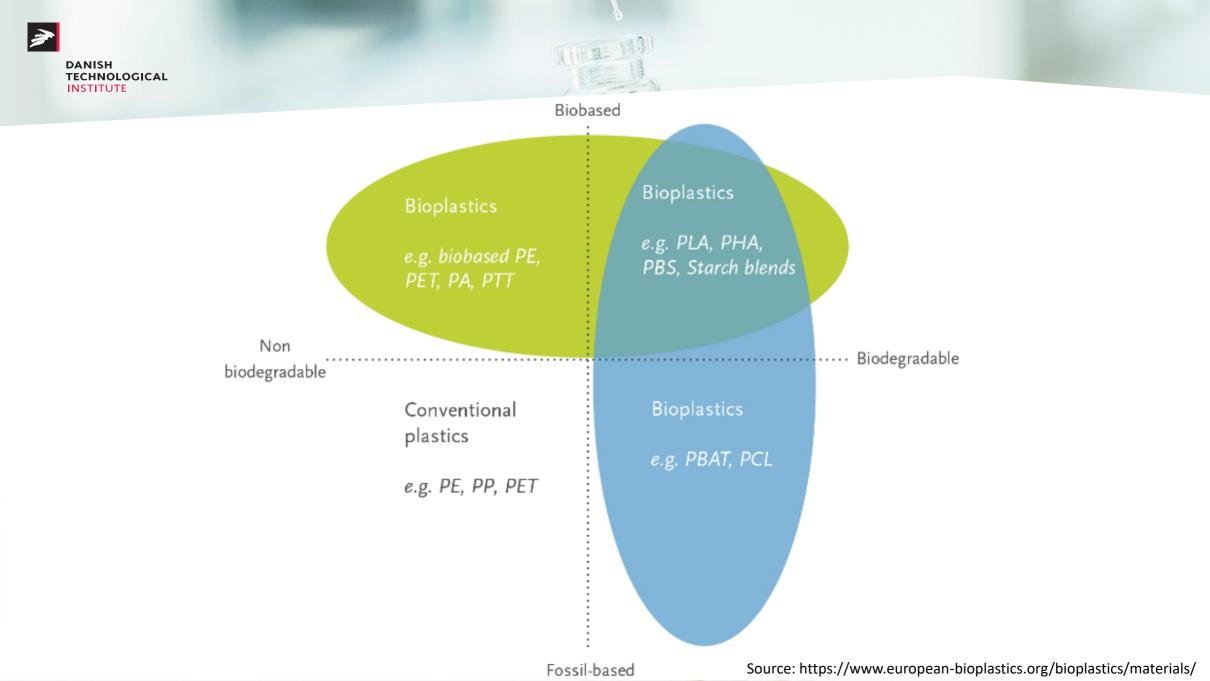
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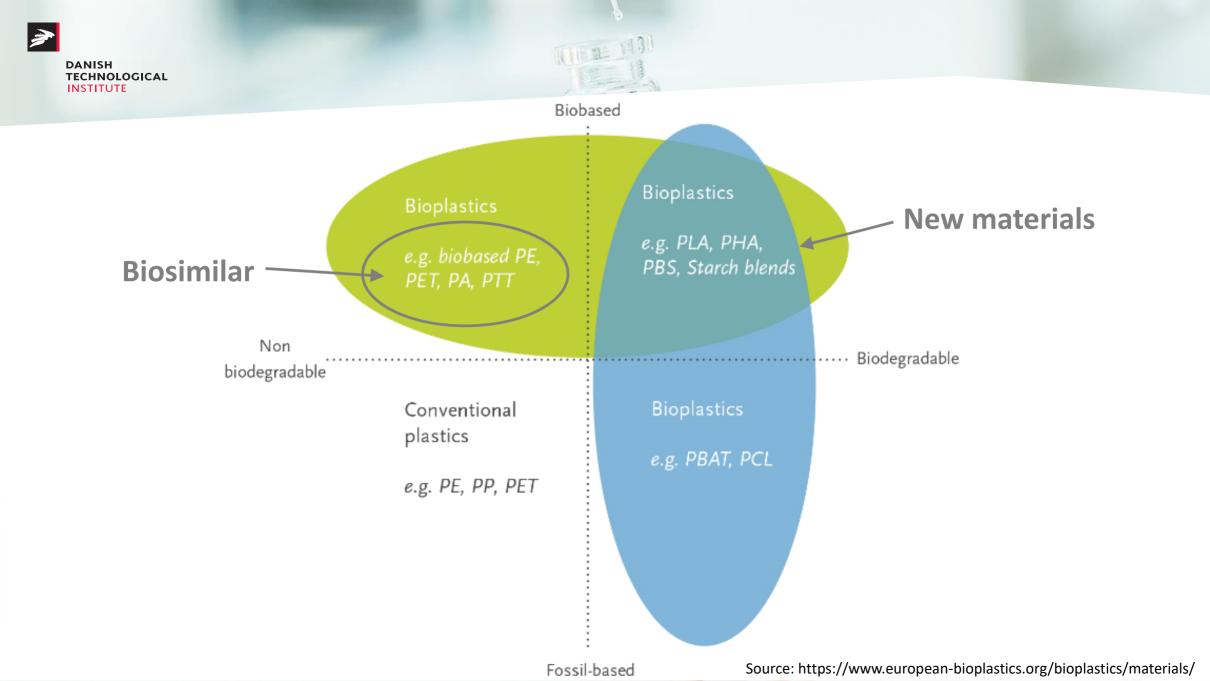
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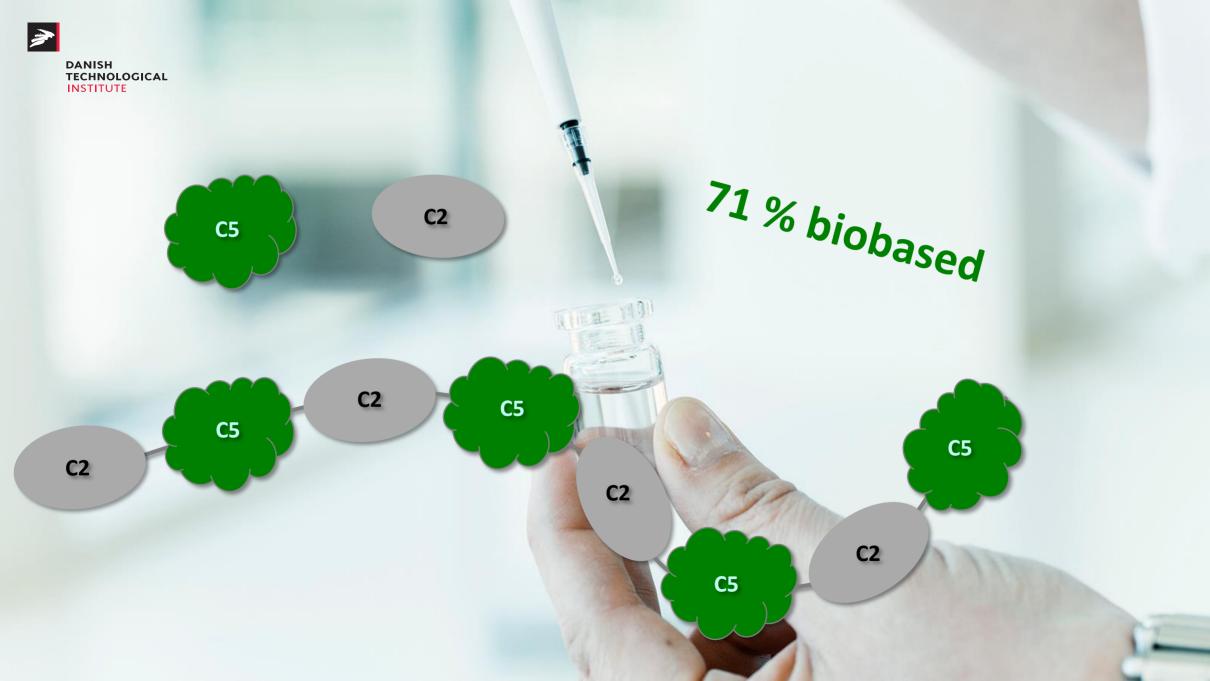
### Bioplastics: Biobased or biodegradable? Or both?

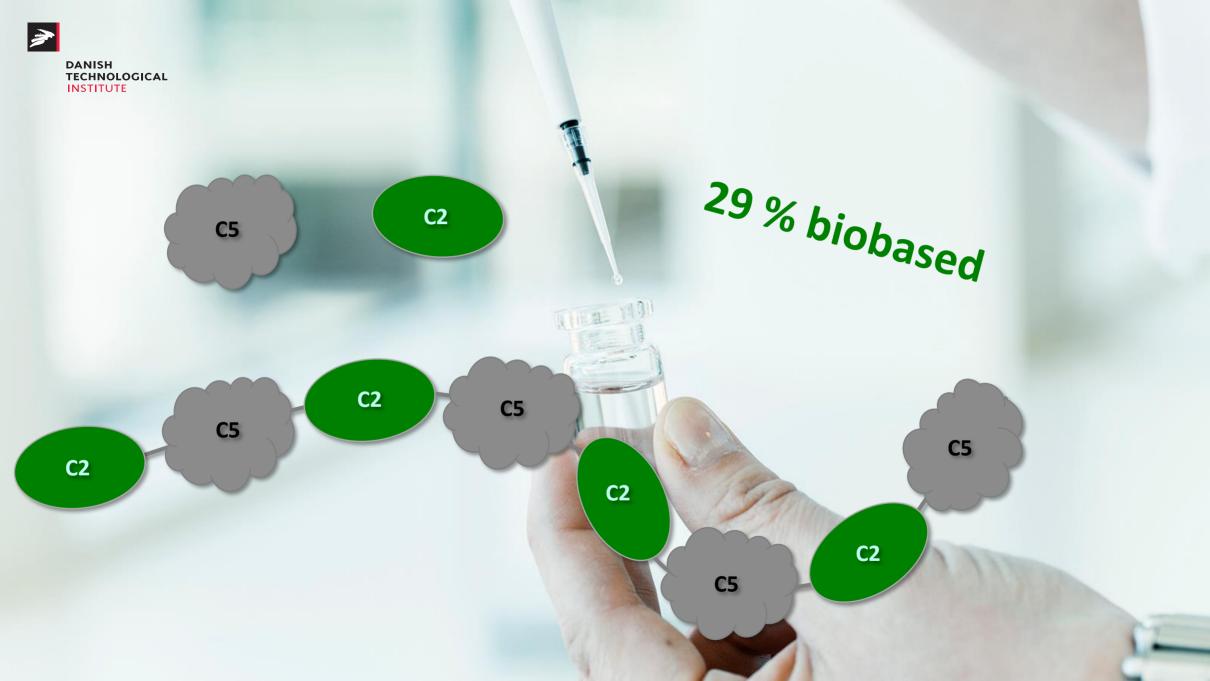








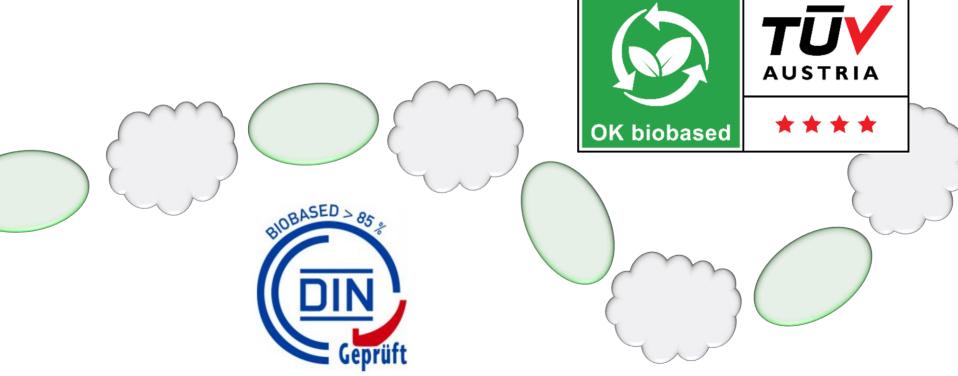


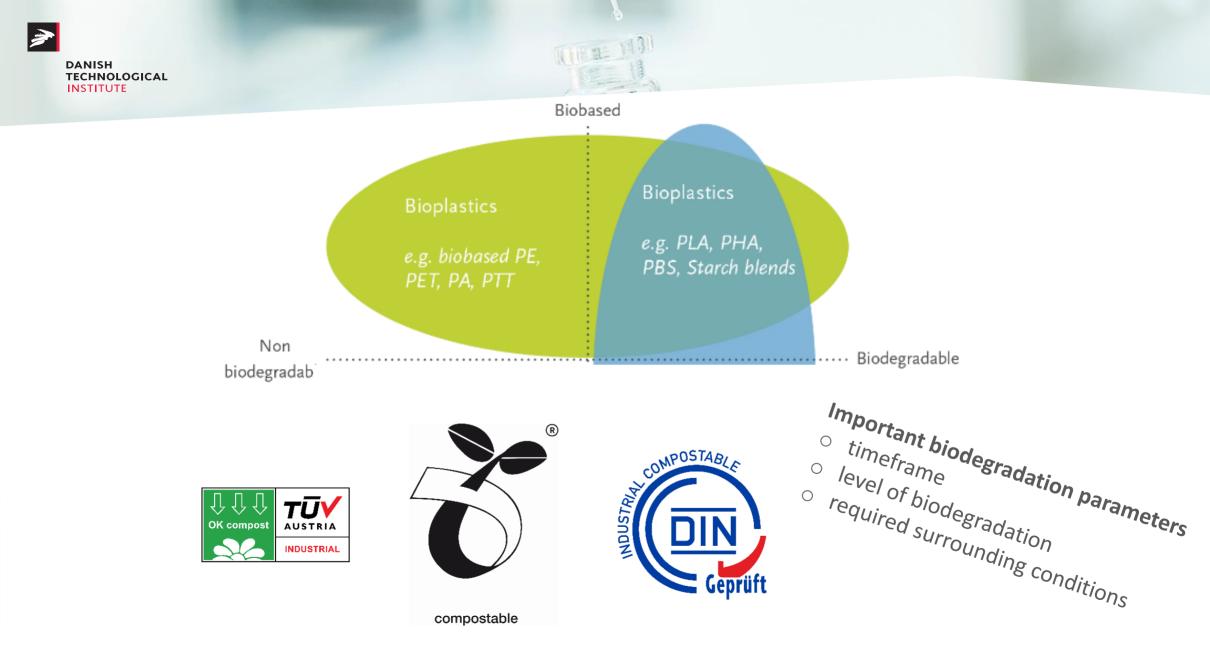






### Biobased content





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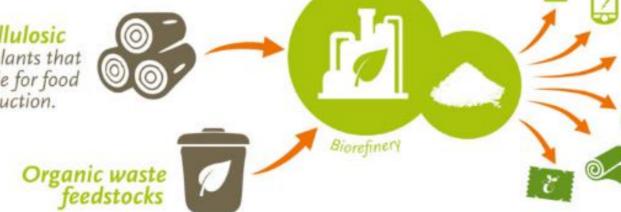
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Agro-based feedstocks – plants that are rich in carbohydrate, such as corn or sugar cane.

Ligno-cellulosic feedstocks – plants that are not eligible for food or feed production.



Source: https://www.european-bioplastics.org/bioplastics/feedstock/

#### **Bioplastics are here!**

### Application and market





Source: https://www.european-bioplastics.org/market/applications-sectors/





# Examples



DuPont<sup>™</sup> Sorona<sup>®</sup> EP renewably sourced<sup>™</sup> thermoplastic polymer<sup>•</sup>

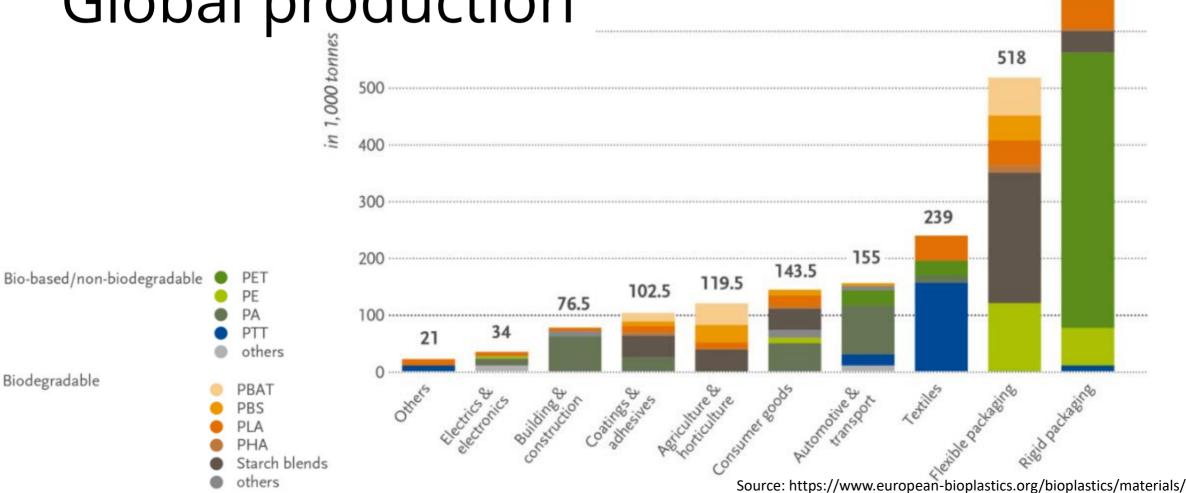




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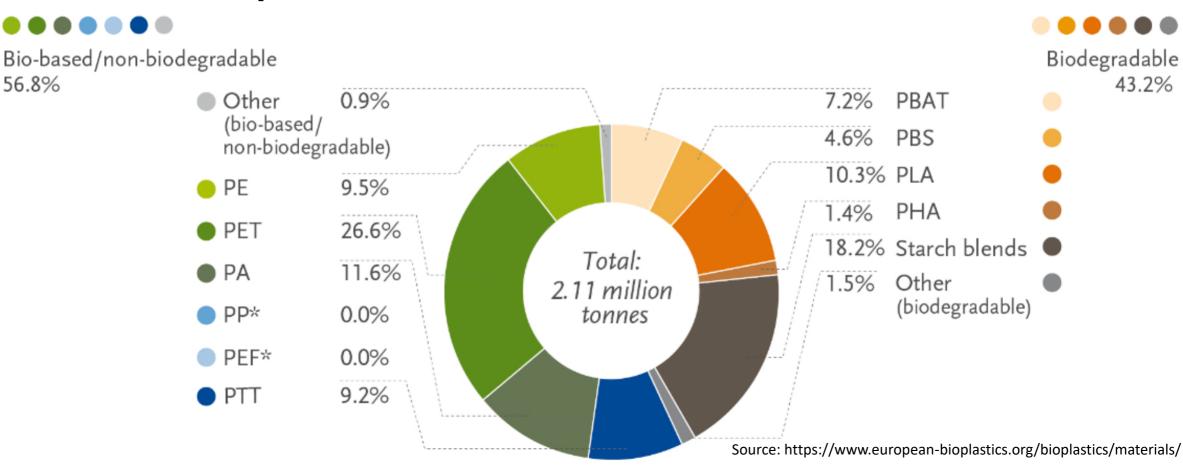


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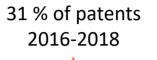


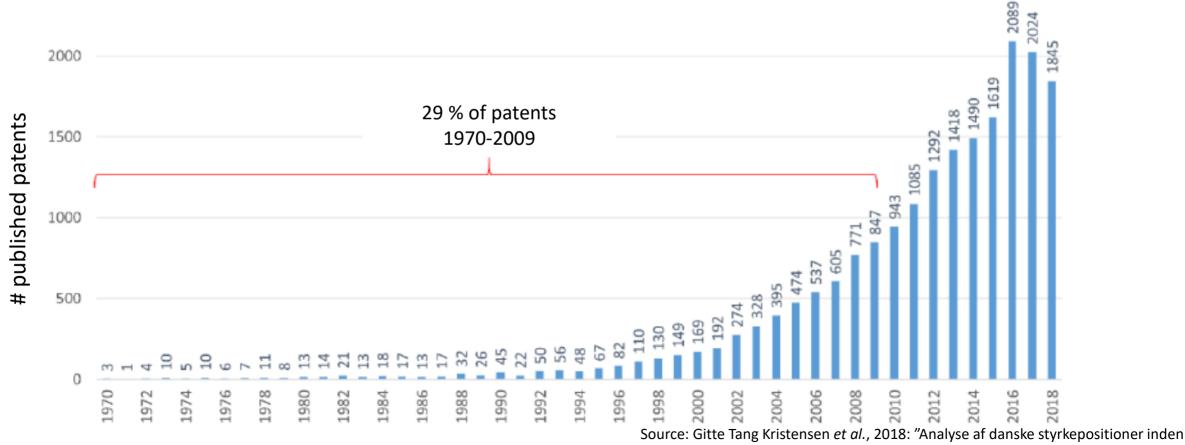
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for biopolymerværdikæden", carried out for the Danish National Bioeconomy Panel



# Great potential – what are the challenges?

- Transparancy of terms, confusion of concepts:
  - Biobased, biodegradability
  - Standards, certificates and labels
- Handling of new material types, including after-life
- Technical potential

- Availability vs. demand
- The investment risk

Interpretation of sustainability

Your why

- Time frame
- Which direction is the right?
  - Sources 1st or 2nd generation, land use or waste fractions
  - Bio-similar or new bioplastic biodegradable materials?

#### **Thank you – questions?** Gitte Tang Kristensen gsn@dti.dk Tel: +45 72 20 10 95

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