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Extract of trends towards biointellingence

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- Different companies, especially start-ups, experiment with bio-based production
- Rise of do-it-yourself entities and small, innovative start ups enforce the concept of prosumer – each consumer acts as a provider of resources
- European Commission plans to reduce the GHG emissions by 40% in 2030¹
- New concepts with AI technologies enable decentral and autonomous planning.
- New strategies to couple simulation and AI enable an ad-hoc re-planning of supply chain structures based on scenario management



<u>Requirement</u>

A re-design and re-planning of supply chains is needed that respects an ad-hoc re-allocation of resources within a multi-partner network and ensures ecological neutrality.

Circular Economy and Hyperconnected Supply Chains are a requirement to enable a Biointelligent Supply Chain.

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Ressource Efficient / Cirular Economy



The concept of circular economy neglects essential aspects of manufacturing and industry.

Hyperconnected SC



Digitisation as an enabler, but not as a process for sustainable economy.

Biointelligent Supply Chain Strategy





- Parallel developments of circular economy practices and digital transformation.
- Concepts to mirror nature to derive further systemic solutions and technical systems to manage production and logistics.
- Ecological goal: implementation of green concepts enabling emission neutral SC processes.
- Efficiency goal: imitating concepts from nature for decentralised settings and self-configurations of the SCs.

Challenges



- Efficient reuse of resources New concepts need to be developed.
- Resource Management The underlying concept of circular economy requires a 100% resource efficiency
- Collaboration in a decentralised environment A biointelligent integrates highly interconnected decentralised units. This includes new actors like prosumer and companies for disaggregation or amendment of products.
- Flexible, highly agile SC Request for production-on-demand requires a highly flexible and agile SC.
- Technological Integration for seamless connections Real-time communication, interoperability between devices and IoT systems, communication between autonomous devices require a respective technological architechture.

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Research and innovation topics for Biointelligent Supply Chain







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