

## Recycling rare earth elements from end-of-life NdFeB permanent magnets more efficiently

HARMONY's mission is clear: secure critical value chains, and pave the way for a sustainable, circular economy. The project aims to achieve this by developing a comprehensive recycling process, covering everything from magnet collection and dismantling to metal recovery and magnet production.



## Objectives

- collection and dismantling of NdFeB magnets
- production of powder through three technologies
- recovery of REE metals by an indirect recycling process
- production of recycled magnets via several industrial processes
- validation of the produced magnets in three high impact applications

## Methodology

- direct methods, using gas atomisation, melt spinning or selectively leached HPMS powder
- indirect methods, encompassing steps such as a pyrometallurgical concentration, selective leaching, solvent extraction refining and electrowinning



Pilot 1: Collection & dismantling optimisation





Pilot 3: Selective leaching



Pilot 4: Solvent extraction



Pilot 5: Electrowinning



Pilot 6: Gas atomisation



Pilot 7: Melt spinning



Pilot 8: NeoLeach







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