

UNESID. Multiapproach on steel C label

Classification of the Steel families based on fossil carbon Footprint (BASED on CONSENSUS)

Evolution and ADAPTATION.

... now quicker

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decarbonization



Technical development

(NO CO2 or suppression footprint energy vectors, CCS/U...)



Efficiency

(energy, materials – CE, water, etc- , products processes and administration)



Leveled playground intra extra EU

(ETS, CBAM, other commercial & market measures).



Effective affordable “input & invest”

(specially Energy carriers and CAPEX)

Output recognition

(public & private purchases, eligibility, production Production or regulatory and administrative support etc)



If ↑↑ € (↓↓ ↓ CO₂): ensure what I buy

€ “green steel” **more expensive**



**Valuate : 1° measure (same),
2° inform (same)**

Sliding Scale(% metal recycling).

GE-LESS, IEA, ResponsibleSteel, China



EU steelmakers. NO agreement 7yr

Footprint. threshold (IT,GSCC, SS-EU)



If not → Brussels WILL

COM. Voluntary labelling in
I(D)AA (Green Ind. Deal).
ESPR+CPR

UNESID PREPOSAL Sliding scale + thresholds

Integration of improvements. Feedback from many stakeholders

- From National/regional authorities
- From other steelmaking producers
- From hired specialised consultancy company
- From other labelling schemes

Spring document. 13 -> 5 → 17 + example of possible NON sliding families

While keeping coherence with approved principles.

IAA. Took place, but “Steel” ground to improve



Sliding SCALE: ONLY C steel <90% metallic from mineral



NON sliding SCALE: Alloy, high Alloy



Not defining “how to slide”



Not good for Fine
NON alloy, NON Flat

IAA. Good intention → bad (in)definition/execution

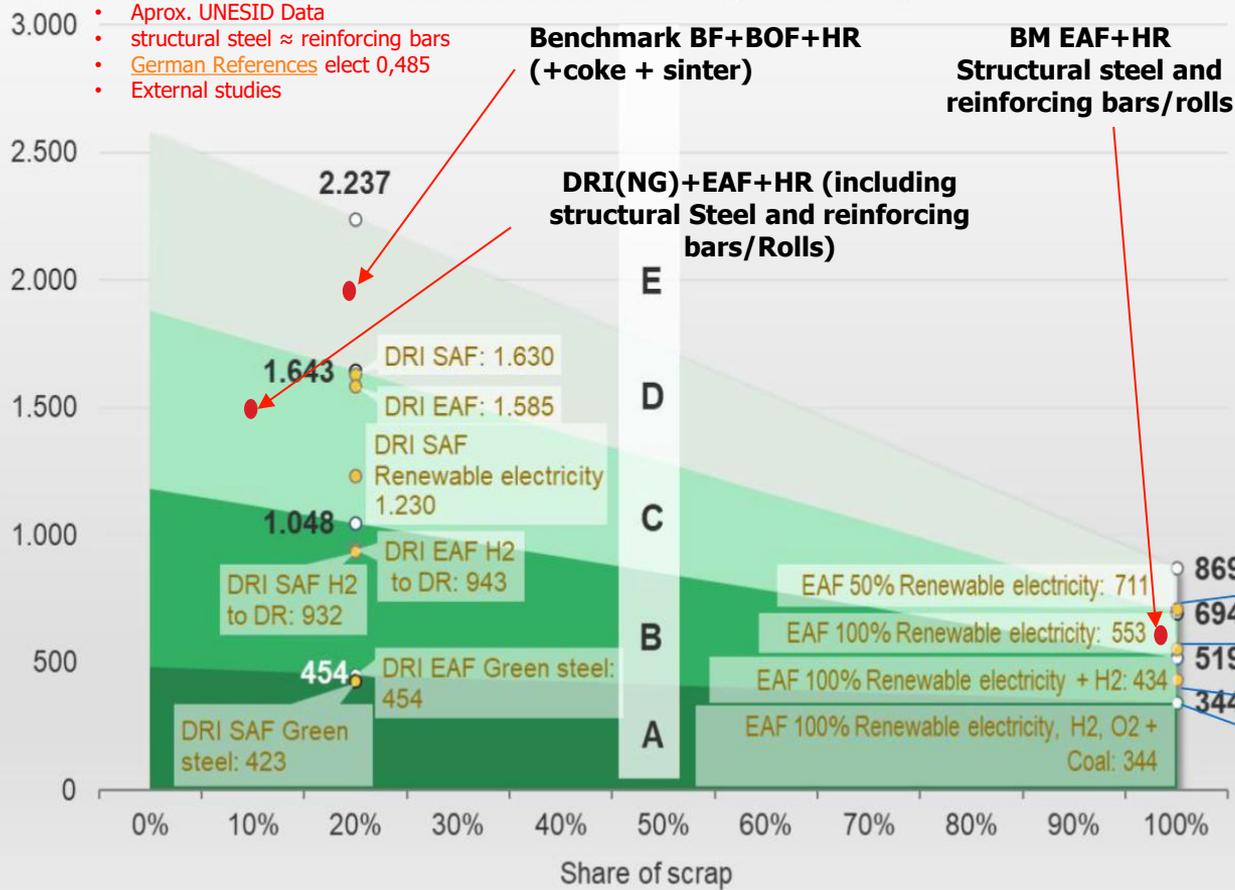
What if:
DRI-EAF for reinforcing bars.

Leaked IAA: sounding balloon

Integration of improvements from many stakeholders

- ❑ Up Hot rolled. OK BUT (flat / long all
- ❑ Use ETS or CBAM verified data (recital 91) → NOT enough granularity
- ❑ Alloyed steel. Not sliding scale OK, BUT need to open for consideration (delegate acts)
- ❑ Need to differentiate Carbon Fine Steel (to better apply taxonomy criteria which opens to fine tune (e.g. social aspects or DNSH)
- ❑ A – F (seven levels) → A+ - E (seven levels but “A+” (differentiate **scope 3** reference value)
- ❑ Open the ground for “unharmonized” labelling → **absurd** (TBT when linked to Public Contracts)
- ❑ Lacking Annex VII (main aspects)

Categorisation of virtual reference plants into the classification system for green steel production



Sliding Scale Good approach

Support technological changes – and investments- from mineral

avoid excessive scrap use (dilute fossil carbon footprint)

But Secondary effects

- Sanctify C steel from mineral 3x.!!!
 - not suitable **High Alloyed Steels**
 - Not fine tuned** for recycled “fine” steels.
- **NO Support already massively by recycling steels @EU**

UNESID levelled solution for a diverse sector

Hybrid approach, technically but pragmatic (open for discussion on technicalities).

limits: cradle – Hot thermo-mechanic (first heat on hot roll; scope:1, 2, 3.1,3.3, 3.4)

‣ aggregation by steel families (“similar” metallurgical + emission profiles)

- sliding scale *recalculated*: steel families mainly from mineral
- **Specific threshold**: steel families almost from recycling @ EU.

TAXONOMY BASED (mitigation) sustainable investment (EU legislation)

‣ Reference level for labelling by families (@ EU)

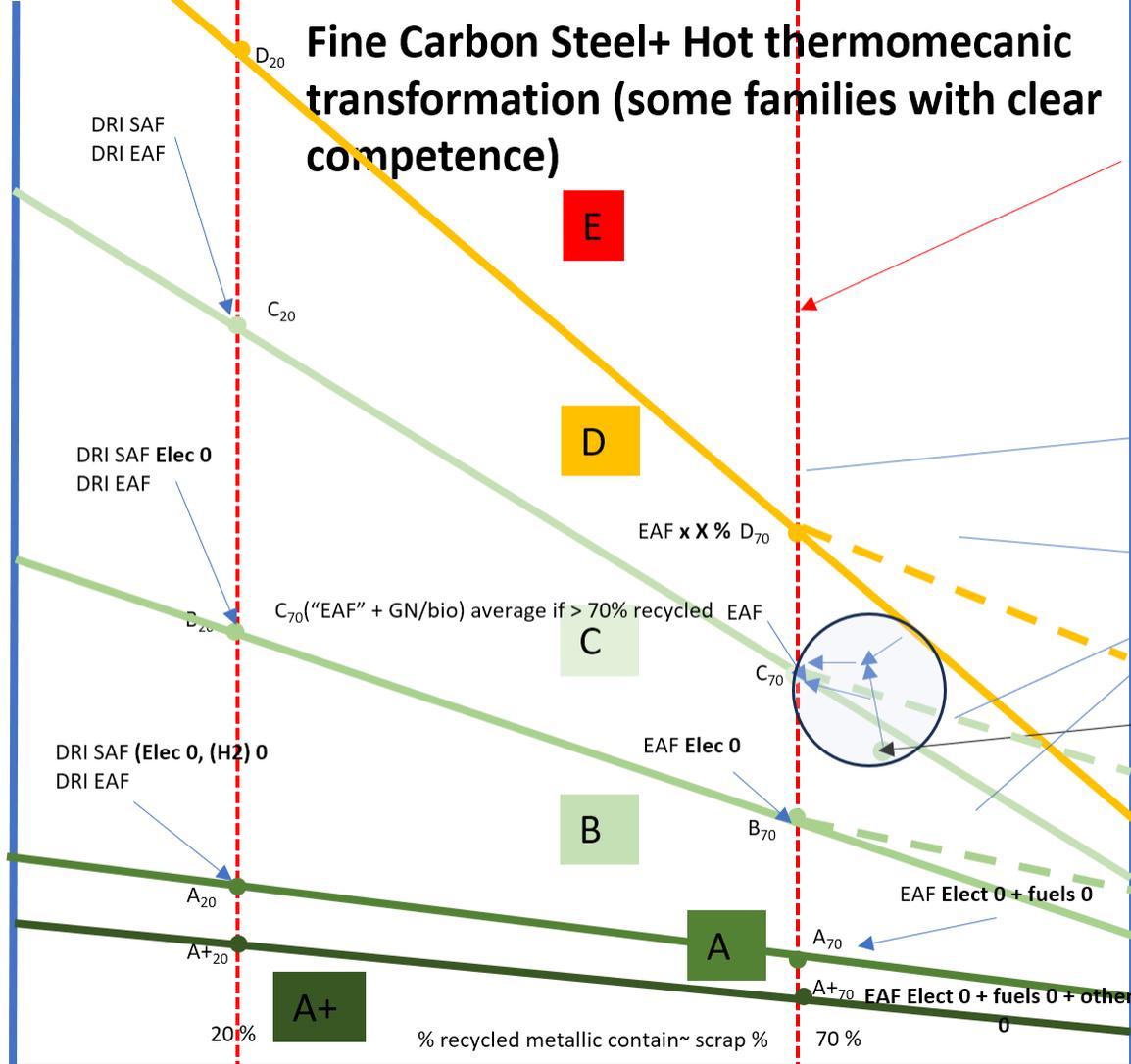
‣ Avg production footprint (taxonomy installation-route-product)→threshold

‣ Optative: + offsetting footprint. Melted and Poured (and extensive logging)

‣ “Heritable” (steel transformation: labelled according of steel used)

Fine Carbon Steel+ Hot thermomechanic transformation (some families with clear competence)

Adapted Sliding Scale



Taxonomy Criteria \geq 70% recycled metallic contain

Indirect emission for threshold calculations :
EU Electricity Average (0,365??)

Mathematical normalization for averaging the EU plants which meet the taxonomy criteria values EAF > 70% (recycled metallic contain) as if they were all at 70%

Correction – very simplified- due to the full use of external energy for the Hot transformation in an EAF - vs BF and their energy gases (pending to be assessed).Estricto sensu diverging curve)

Ej Real footprint from an EAF + hot rolling
Labelling level C
750 kg CO2/tsteel hot rolled
81 % scrap (more correctly: metallic recycled contain).

Processing emissions for a Steel family from a route from a site.

Considering actual route for a Steel families. **YES**

Actual inputs for a Steel family (if relevant differences). **YES**

Reallocation of inputs to specific batches. **NO**

Electricity. Reference of the electricity consumption footprint of the site
*Specific input

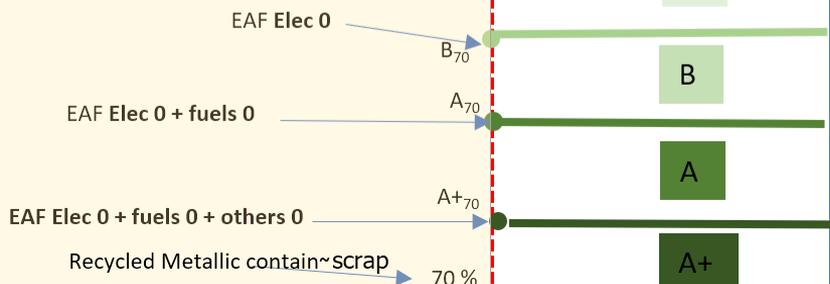
Other direct emissions from ancillary or raw materials with relevant emissions EAF (direct C inputs: electrodes, coals, Ferros high C, DRI etc)

Scope 3

Fine steel (fine C, High Alloy, Specials) > 85 % (ej) EAF in EU in EU

Processing emissions for a Steel family from a route from a site.
 Considering actual route for a Steel families. **YES**
 Actual inputs for a Steel family (if relevant differences). **YES**
 Reallocation of inputs to specific batches. **NO**
 Electricity. Reference of the electricity consumption footprint of the site
 *Specific input

C_{70} ("EAF" + NG/bio) NORMALISED average at 70% recycled contain if > 70% recycled contain



By Steel family: metallurgical and C-footprint similarities

Threshold for each family

Taxonomy Criteria $\geq 70\%$ recycled metallic contain
 Indirect emission for threshold calculations :
 EU Electricity Average (0,365??)

Mathematical normalization for averaging only EU plants which meet the taxonomy criteria values for a family
 EAF > 70% (recycled metallic contain) as if they were all at 70%

Ej Real footprint from an EAF + hot rolling
 Labelling level C
 850 kg CO₂/tsteel hot rolled
 75 % scrap (more correctly: metallic recycled contain).

Other direct emissions from ancillary or raw materials with relevant emissions EAF (direct C inputs: electrodes, coals, Ferros high C, DRI etc)

Scope 3

EAF C Steel (not fine Steel – High Alloy Bench.)

All the population VERY close each others (90-100% recycled metallic contain). For simplicity: NO normalization

C_{90} ("EAF" + NG/bio) average if > 90% recycled contain → EAF

EAF x X %
D₉₀

EAF Elec 0
B₉₀

EAF Elec 0 + fuel 0
A₉₀

EAF Elec 0 + fuels 0 + others 0
A+₉₀

Recycled Metallic contain ~ scrap 90 %

By Steel family: metallurgical and C-footprint similarites

Threshold for each family

Taxonomy Criteria ≥ 90% recycled metallic contain

Indirect emission for threshold calculations :
EU Electricity Average (0,365???)

CO2 de energía Traormación en Caliente como GN

ONLY EU SITES > 90 % recycled (+NG o biofuel for hot transforming)

Ej Actual Carbon footprint: EAF + hot rolling
Labelling level B
175 kg CO₂/tsteel hot rolled
93 % scrap (more correctly: metallic recycled contain).

Processing emissions for a Steel family from a route from a site. Considering actual route for a Steel families. YES
Actual inputs for a Steel family (if relevant differences). YES
Reallocation of inputs to specific batches. NO
Electricity. Reference of the electricity consumption footprint of the site
*Specific input

Other direct emissions from ancillary or raw materials with relevant emissions EAF (direct C inputs: electrodes, coals, Ferros high C, DRI etc)

Scope 3

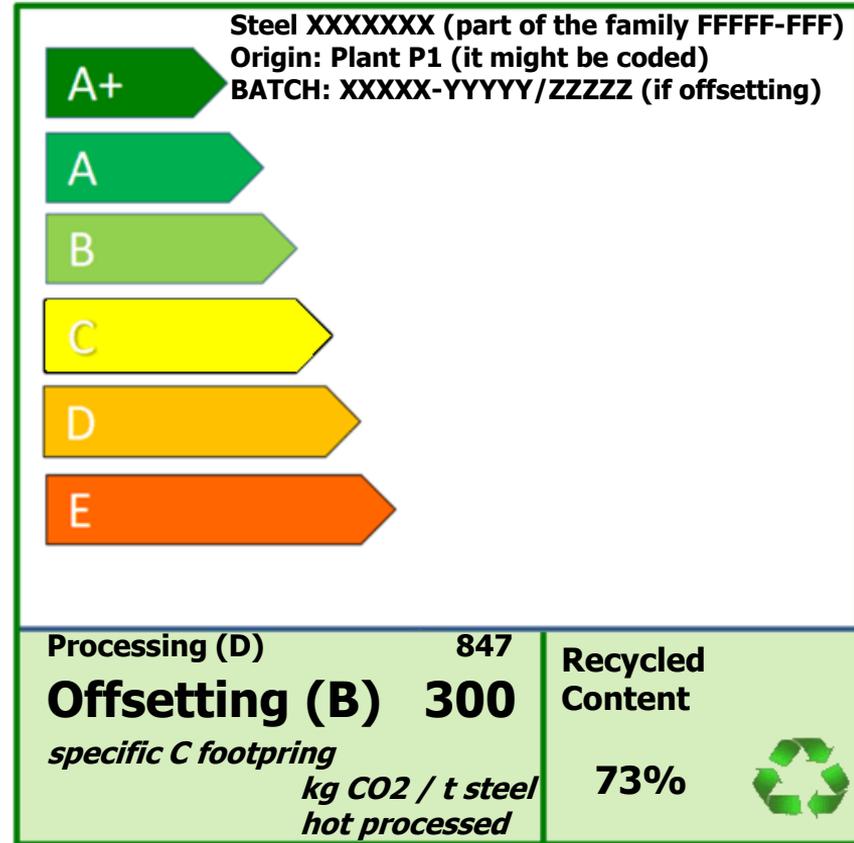
FULL INFORMATION. Customer to decide!!!

+ Additional OFFSETTING (annihilate)

- ETS allowances,
- Guarantees of Origin (0 electricity)
- GOO +Probe of sustainability
(0 gas/biomass/biogenic carbon)
- Elimination Certificates: CCU/S, sequestration

⚡ **NOT against Sliding Scale** BUT extend sides where does NOT work well.

→if NOT, EU Com/MS. Will propose (?? sliding scale 4 ALL??).



Summary: value of steel in future is forged today

- ψ Reasonable labelling for ALL (but optimum for none): our voice in the market.
- ψ robust, transparent, flexible ... y reasonably ours.
- ψ If paid for: administration, customers e investors will demand it

**Hoping EC-MS-Parliament
understand EU steel diversity!!!**

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