



# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

Hot-rolled wire rods and bars

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## PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES (PCR)

Basic iron or steel products & special steels, except construction steel products, registration number PCR 2015:03, version 2.0, UN CPC code: 4112 and 412

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISATION

ORI Martin is a modern steel plant with an electric furnace, considered one of the most advanced companies in technological and innovative terms.

Thanks to farsighted investments in Research and Development, over the years it has become a benchmark for the steel sector.

The main raw material used to produce steel is scrap. Accordingly, ORI Martin operates following a circular economy approach.

The Group's current composition is the result of a diversification strategy that began in the 1960s which led to the internalisation and consolidation of various companies operating at different levels of the steel industry.

This strategy is much appreciated by customers because it guarantees full traceability, end-pro-

duct quality and punctual deliveries along the entire transformation chain.

Today the Group is composed of eleven companies, where ORI Martin is present with either equal shares or as majority shareholder.

Now, with more than 200 steel grades for special uses in the mechanical and automotive industries, the Group is present in all the main European markets, thanks to its strategic geographical position and a wide commercial network in all of the main markets of special steels.

The ORI Martin Group operates in Italy, France, Germany, England, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Austria, Finland, Greece, Slovenia, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Lichtenstein and Bosnia through sales offices and agents spread throughout Europe. Outside Europe, the Group also exports to China, South Korea, India, Algeria, Brazil, and Argentina.



**344**

million euros of **generated value**

**620**

**tons of steel produced** by recycling scrap

**435**

**people** in the Brescia facility



**Product-related or management system-related certifications:**

ORI Martin is certified according to:

**IATF 16949:2016**  
(former ISO/TS 16949 since 2004)  
Quality Management System for automotive market

**2014/68/EU Directive**  
For the market of stationary pressure equipment

**UNI EN ISO 14001:2015**  
Since 2002 (first plant in Italy)  
Environmental Management System

**UNI ISO 45001:2018**  
Since 2019 (former BS OHSAS 18001:2007 Since 2011)  
Health & Safety Management System

**UNI EN ISO 9001:2015**  
Since 1990  
Quality Management System

**ISO 14064:2018**  
Product Carbon Footprint – specific CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per unit of product

**UNI EN ISO 50001:2018**  
Since 2020  
Energy Management System

**NAME AND LOCATION OF PRODUCTION SITE**

Production facility in Brescia  
Via Cosimo Canovetti, 13, 25128 Brescia, Italy



## Product information



### PRODUCT NAME

HOT-ROLLED WIRE RODS AND BARS

UN CPC CODE: 412 | GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE: Global

### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Hot-rolled wire rods and bars are made from carbon steels, low alloyed steels and alloyed carbon steels. They are semi-finished products directly coming from the hot rolling process of the billets produced in the Steelshop. They are produced according with national and international standards, depending on final destination and customer requests.

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Both hot-rolled wire rods and bars are semi-finished steel products whose destination can be the heat treatment and other operations like straightening and NDT control inside the ORI MARTIN production site, or direct selling to customer that will transform them into semi-finished or finished product.

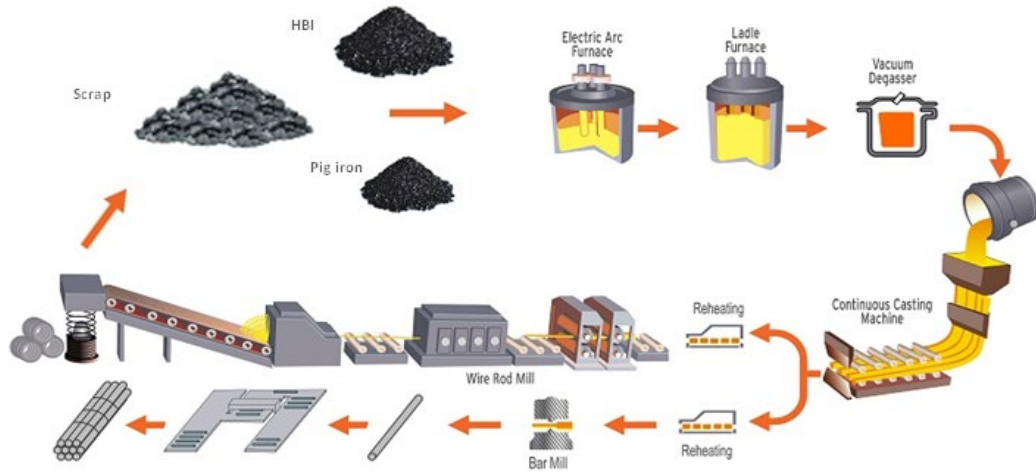
### DIMENSIONS AND PRODUCTS

- **Wire (Stelmore cooling bed):**  
5,5 – 21,5 mm diameter
- **Wire (Garret cooling bed):**  
22 – 38.5 mm diameter
- **Round bars:**  
15 – 65 mm diameter

The previously described products are usually dedicated to the production of mechanical components, for several markets, principally the Automotive market.

With respect to alloying elements, the production ranges from unalloyed carbon steels to low alloyed or alloyed carbon steels, with alloying elements minimum and maximum values being listed in the Content Declaration below.

# Process Description



## LCA INFORMATION

### DECLARED UNIT

1 tonne (1000 kg) of hot-rolled wire rods and bars at ORI MARTIN gate in Brescia, Italy

### REFERENCE SERVICE LIFE

Not applicable

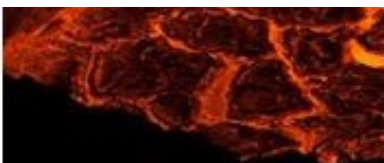
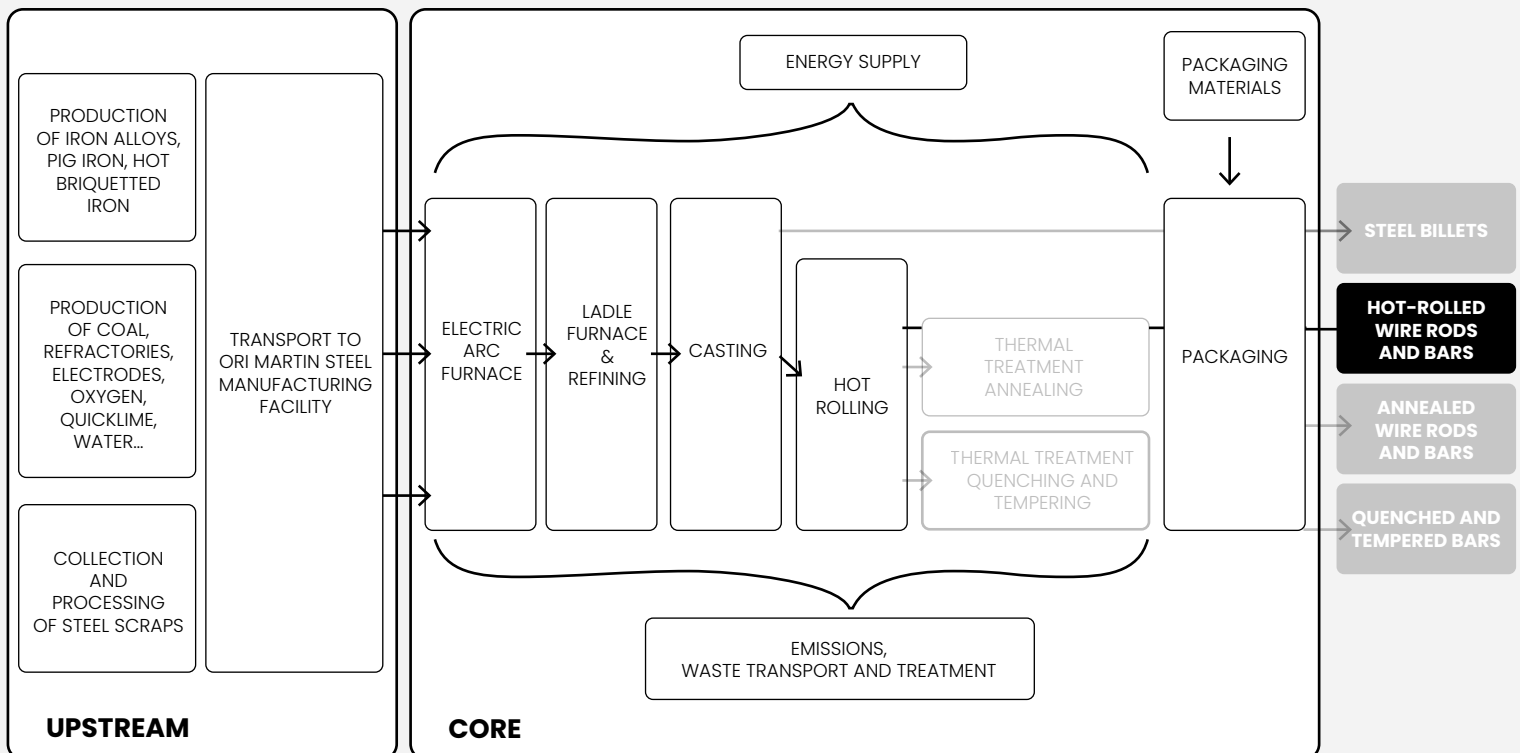
### TIME REPRESENTATIVENESS

The LCA covered 2018 data

### DATABASE(S) AND LCA SOFTWARE USED

Ecoinvent 3.6 cut-off by classification, Open LCA 1.10.3

### SYSTEM DIAGRAM:





## DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM BOUNDARIES

Cradle-to-gate

## EXCLUDED LIFECYCLE STAGES

Use and End-of-life stages were not included, since they are out of the scope of the PCR used in the present EPD

## MORE INFORMATION

The 2020 sustainability report can be downloaded [here](#).

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STIIMA-CNR (Institute of Intelligent Industrial Technologies and Systems for Advanced Manufacturing of the National Research Council of Italy) – [website link](#).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No Cut off rules have been applied. A quality check based on pedigree matrix has been applied. Italian 2018 residual electricity mix (612 g CO<sub>2</sub>eq/kWh) is used for Core processes.



# Content declaration

## Product

Materials / chemical substances	[kg/tonne]	%	Environmental / hazardous properties
Iron	Balance	Balance	-
Carbon	0.2 – 13.5	0.02 – 1.35	
Manganese	2 – 21.5	0.2 – 2.15	-
Chromium	0.5 – 60	0.05 – 6.0	-
Nickel	1 – 27	0.1 – 2.7	Nickel is classified in EC Directive 67/548/EEC as a suspect carcinogen (category 3 – R40) and as a skin sensitizer (R43).
Silicon	0.2 – 22	0.02 – 2.2	-
Molybdenum	0.3 – 12	0.03 – 1.2	-
Vanadium	0.2 – 3.5	0.02 – 0.35	
Others	<10	<1.0	

Steel products are considered as articles under the European Regulation (EC) 1907/2006, concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). All intentionally added alloying elements in Ori Martin products with the exception of nickel are not classified as hazardous. Nevertheless, there are certain substances covered by European and national chemical legislation and lists (REACH Annex XIV and XVII, RoHS-directive (2011/65/EC and

2015/863/EU) Annex II and Global Automotive Declarable Substance List (“GADSL”) that cannot physically be measured in steel and others that are difficult to measure due to being present in very low levels. The alloying elements in low alloyed steel are firmly bonded in its chemical matrix. Due to this bonding and to the presence of a protective oxide film the release of any of the constituents is very low and negligible when the steel is used appropriately.

## Packaging

### DISTRIBUTION PACKAGING

Approximately 1.03 kg of wood packaging and 0.02 kg of carton board packaging per ton of steel.

### CONSUMER PACKAGING

Not applicable.

## Recycled material

### PROVENIENCE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS (PRE-CONSUMER OR POST-CONSUMER) IN THE PRODUCT

The steel billet product is made from 89% recycled steel.





# Environmental performance

## Potential environmental impact

PARAMETER	UNIT	Upstream	Core	Downstream	TOTAL	
Global warming potential (GWP)	Fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	444.715	677.370	INA	1122.086
	Biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	0.669	0.110	INA	0.779
	Land use and land transformation	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	0.496	0.043	INA	0.539
	TOTAL	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	445.880	677.526	INA	1123.406
Acidification potential (AP)	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.	3.814	2.195	INA	6.010	
Eutrophication potential (EP)	kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> eq.	2.659	0.948	INA	3.607	
Photochemical oxidant formation potential (POFP)	kg NMVOC eq.	2.371	1.407	INA	3.778	
Abiotic depletion potential – Elements	kg Sb eq.	0.024	0.002	INA	0.026	
Abiotic depletion potential – Fossil fuels	MJ, net calorific value	6672.200	9801.855	INA	16474.055	
Water scarcity potential	m <sup>3</sup> eq.	192.797	69.710	INA	262.507	

## Use of resources

PARAMETER	UNIT	Upstream	Core	Downstream	TOTAL	
Primary energy resources – Renewable	Use as energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value	169.554	318.746	INA	488.299
	Used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	342.424	24.285	INA	366.710
	TOTAL	MJ, net calorific value	511.978	343.031	INA	855.009
Primary energy resources – Non-renewable	Use as energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value	2792.399	11194.775	INA	13987.174
	Used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	4394.156	6.111	INA	4400.267
	TOTAL	MJ, net calorific value	7186.555	11200.886	INA	18387.441
Secondary material	kg	892.245	0.000	INA	892.245	
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	INA	INA	INA	INA	
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	INA	INA	INA	INA	
Net use of fresh water	m <sup>3</sup>	4.439	1.622	INA	6.062	



## Waste production and output flows

### Waste production

PARAMETER	UNIT	Upstream	Core	Downstream	TOTAL
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.033	0.011	INA	0.044
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	90.161	61.982	INA	152.143
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	0.019	0.023	INA	0.041

### Output flows

PARAMETER	UNIT	TOTAL
Components for reuse	kg	0.000
Material for recycling	kg	132.064
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.000
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0.000
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0.034

## Other environmental indicators

Direct amount of water consumed by the core process: 0.821 m<sup>3</sup>.



## Additional information

The Company operates according to high quality standards and responsibly manages its business activities.

To achieve the targets, ORI Martin has structured a procedural body based on the principles established in the **Code of Business Conduct**.

This document defines the preventive approach adopted by ORI Martin for the management of negative impacts, in particular relating to the environment and employee safety. This is achieved through a risk assessment which allows us to identify and implement mitigation actions in favour of the environment around the community in which the Company operates and of its employees.

In 2002, ORI Martin had already provided itself with an **Environmental Management System certified UNI EN ISO 14001** and an integrated policy for environmental protection highlighting the Company's commitment to safeguarding both the environment and occupational health and safety in a combined manner - these two aspects being so fundamental and so embedded in the Company activities.

The Company has also implemented an **Energy Management System compliant with UNI EN ISO 50001**, with certification attained in 2020.

As for the environmental impact, plant activities are authorised and regulated by the Integrated Environmental Authorisation (**AIA**) issued first of all in 2006 and renewed in 2017.

In compliance with AIA provisions, ORI Martin adopts a plan to monitor and control the environmental impacts, with special reference to atmospheric emissions, water discharge and noise, periodically checked by the Regional Agency for environmental protection (ARPA).

In addition, AIA provides for the need to use the best available techniques to reduce pollution

(**BAT - Best Available Technologies**) defined at European level.

ORI MARTIN released the second Sustainability Report (financial year 2020). It was drawn up in accordance with the "GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards", the most recent and widespread non-financial reporting standards established in 2016 (and updated in 2018 and 2020) by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), based on "Core" option and represents the first audited version of the ORI Martin Sustainability Report.

The sustainability and innovation policies of ORI Martin aim at strengthening the circular economy model which the Company considers as the basis of its production process.

The choice to produce steel starting from electric arc melting, in fact, allows for the use of ferrous scrap as raw material with the double effect of reducing the use of natural resources and lowering the amount of industrial waste that would otherwise be disposed of.

This process is made possible by the ability of steel to maintain all of its properties unchanged throughout the process of melting and re-solidification.

ORI Martin is also involved in an energy and gradual transition project of decarbonisation of the production processes; with the progressive increase of the use of renewable energy sources and contextual containment of greenhouse gas emissions by plant activities.

In this regard, the Company certifies the carbon footprint of its products, in order to communicate the impact generated by the components produced in the factory and identify the critical variables where action is needed.

Since November 2020, there has been an agreement in force for the purchase of renewable energy (PPA - Power Purchase Agreement), that



will enable the Company to guarantee that about 10% of the plant's electricity supply comes from renewable sources.

On issues such as decarbonisation and circular economy, since 2020 the Company has been taking part in the activities of ESTEP (European Steel Technology Platform) a nonprofit organisation that promotes research activities in the technological field at European level to improve the sustainability of steel processes. In particular, through the "Clean Steel" project, guidelines for the production of sustainable steel from electric arc furnace at European level have been defined. This is the framework containing the **I-Recovery®** project, aimed at exploiting the heat generated by the industrial processes of the plant, that would otherwise be lost, to satisfy part of the city's energy needs.

I-Recovery® is a project worth over 12 million euro, active since 2016 and the first of its kind in Italy, implemented with a number of technical partners: Tenova, Turboden and A2A.

The I-Recovery® system enables conveying the large amount of heat contained in the fumes of the steel plant's electric arc furnace into a system that avoids its dispersion.

In fact, the heat is recovered through the generation of steam, which is stored and used for a dual purpose: it is either transformed into thermal energy to be fed into Brescia district heating network or into electricity through an organic fluid turbine (ORC).

Thanks to this technology, I-Recovery supplies about 10MWt for heating in the winter period,

equivalent to the annual needs of about 2,000 families. In summer, it produces clean electricity (about 1.8 MWe), equivalent to the needs of about 700 families.

### **HEAT LEAP**

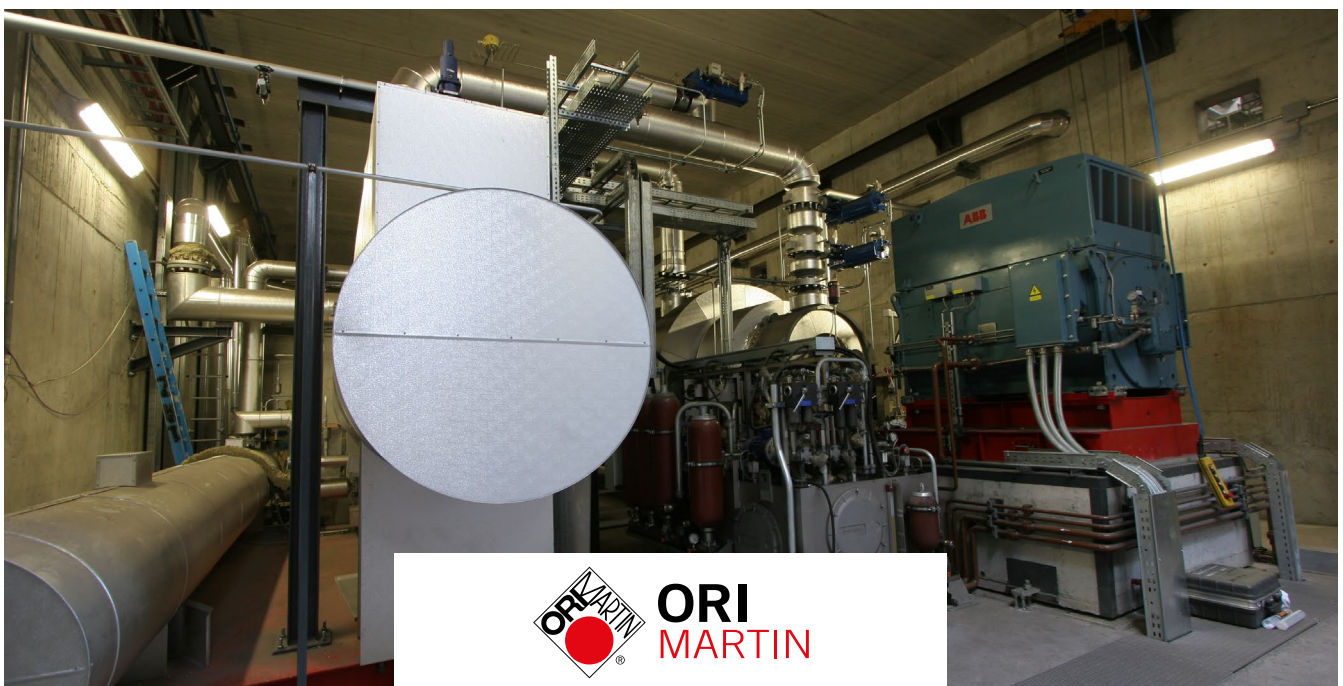
In 2020, the European project called Heat Leap was launched; it recovers heat from the cooling water of the melting furnace and the Consteel®. Thanks to a special, large heat pump, the heat is recovered at a low temperature (about 70°C) and then taken up to an adequate temperature (about 120°C) to then be put into the town district heating network.

### **CORALIS**

ORI Martin has adhered to and launched the project CORALIS, financed by the European Community, for industrial symbiosis in the territory and to reduce waste through recovery in industrial processes.

### **LIGHTHOUSE**

Ori Martin adhered to the Lighthouse project, funded by the Lombardy region and Italian Ministry of Economic Development. In such project an automated framework for environmental monitoring based on LCA methodology was set up in order to dynamically monitor the environmental impacts of Ori Martin steel products, guaranteeing automatic data retrieval and LCA calculations and possibly integrating with other management systems within the organization.





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## Environmental performance – sensitivity to electricity mix

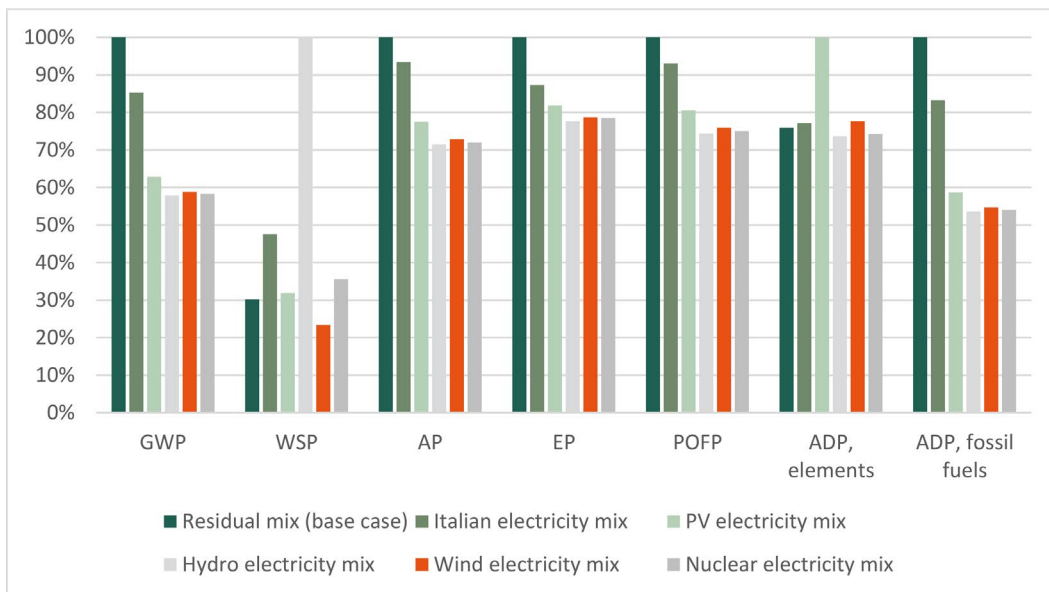
Given the high relevance of electricity in LCA results, a sensitivity to changes in the electricity mix is here provided.

Totally, 5 additional cases are evaluated, with respect to the base case which employs the Italian residual mix of 2018:

- Italian national electricity mix;
- 100% hydro electricity mix;
- 100% photovoltaic electricity mix;
- 100% wind electricity mix;
- 100% nuclear electricity mix.

Grid losses and electricity network infrastructure are kept equal to the Italian datasets for electricity.

The results show that the base case shows the highest impacts across all impact categories, excluding Water Scarcity Potential (WSP) and ADP, elements. Excluding these two categories, the Italian electricity mix case is associated to an average decrease of impacts by 12%, while the other cases are associated to an average decrease ranging between 28% and 33%. In particular, for the GWP category, a 15% decrease is observed for the Italian electricity mix case, while in the other cases the decrease ranges between 37% and 42%. This means that between 417-473 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq per ton of steel could be saved by changing the electricity mix with nuclear, hydro, photovoltaic or wind sources, leading to a GWP result equal to 650-706 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/ton steel.





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