



LINGO

Leave it in the Ground Initiative

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends of LINGO,

2024 marked the first year the 1.5C threshold was surpassed. We are reminded of the need for the KING movement's work to keep fossil fuels in the ground, and the importance to pursue our mission with determination.

At the same time, renewables continue to hit positive tipping points, bringing market forces to their side and some much needed wind in the sails of climate action.

Against this backdrop, LINGO's community of funders, partners and colleagues has grown, marking another year of positive momentum in our activities.

Among our initiatives, some of the most notable have been:

- The first fully funded project for carbon bombs, focused on the UK, full of promising outcomes
- The first engagements with governments on our activities, on mitigation potentials highlighted in our analysis of fossil fuels in protected areas
- Working towards the world's first Fossil Free Product Standard

We are grateful for the trust put in us by our supporters, and the inspiring work by the climate and justice movements which we are proud to be a part of.

Our commitment to you is as always to maintain the highest ambitions in our work and rise to any challenge on the way towards a fossil free world.

Kjell Kühne
Director

Carbon Bombs

In 2024 we began mapping the involvement of UK actors in carbon bombs - finding billions of USD pouring into carbon bomb projects globally. We collaborated with UK civil society partners to denounce involvement by Lloyds, Barclays and others.

Notably, the carbon bombs framing was present in the UK's largest climate mobilisation of the year by Insure Our Future. We continue to deepen our engagements and look towards opportunities to strengthen opposition to carbon bomb projects in other geographies.

Our team studied carbon bomb projects of the Climate COP Presidencies Troika, presenting the findings at a press conference during COP29. There, we made the case for Paris-aligned scenarios, publishing a brief on Harvest mode as an ingredient of shutting down carbon bombs.



Carbon bomb imagery from the Insure Our Future action



Kjell Kühne presenting the harvest mode brief at COP29

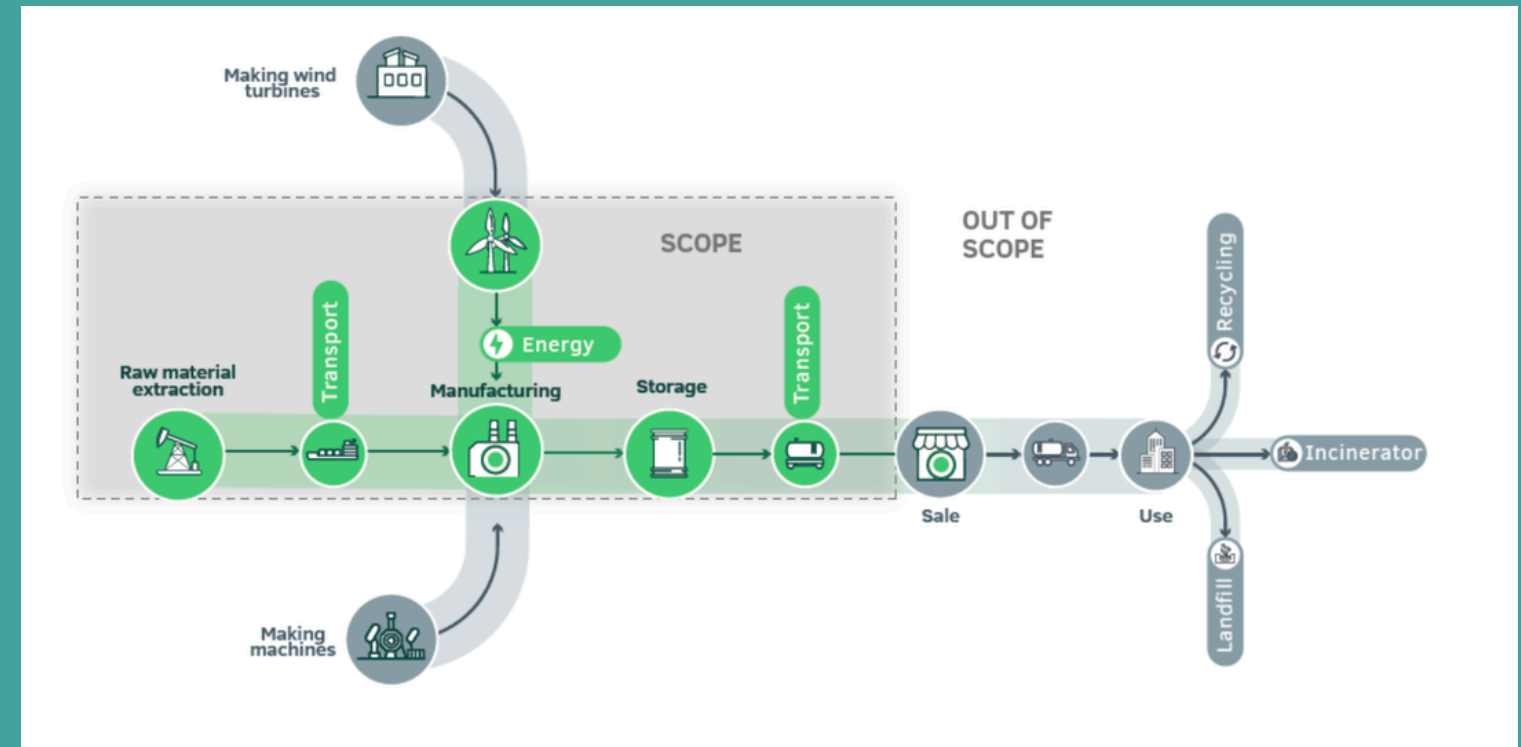
Fossil Free Products

In collaboration with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), and the Italian National Standards Body (UNI), our team drafted the regulations for the world's first fossil-free product standard.

The standard will enable companies to have products certified as 'fossil free' or 'partially fossil free', giving clarity on who has gone fossil free and invites companies to go fossil free and clean up their own supply chain.

A "fossil free" certification is easier and cheaper than emissions accounting, harbouring potential for uptake by companies and for short-circuiting the "offsetting" and "net zero" approaches that are prone to greenwashing and delay tactics.

In August, a CEN Workshop Agreement was launched, alongside a public consultation. The Workshop Agreement will become a standardisation document in 2025, and certifying products will be possible.



Fossil Free Product visual guideline



Fossil Free Product Certification

Protected Carbon

Following the release of our analysis of fossil fuel extraction in legally protected areas globally, we focused on engaging governments on keeping those fossil fuels in the ground.

We were present during COP16 and COP29, where we organised actions against fossil fuel extraction in protected areas, presented our new analysis of fossil fuel extraction in UNESCO sites, and organised a side event on leveraging NDCs to transition away from fossil fuels in vulnerable areas, with participation of the colombian ministry of mines.

As part of this initiative, a toolkit on Leave it in the Ground Incentive Deals (LIDs) was published, detailing financial mechanisms for countries to fossil fuels in the ground in exchange for renewables development. Government officials from 7 countries joined us in a panel at the Francophone Pavilion at COP29, announcing openness for such initiatives and prompting us to continue working towards LIDs in the new year.



Action against fossil fuel extraction in protected areas during COP16



Cover of the Extraction at Any Cost report

Financials

In 2024, LINGO received a total of **€772,722** from individuals and organisations across the world.



Revenue:	2024	2023
● Grants	€772,220	€249,517
● Donations	€502	€35
Total	€772,722	€249,552

OUR FUNDERS

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