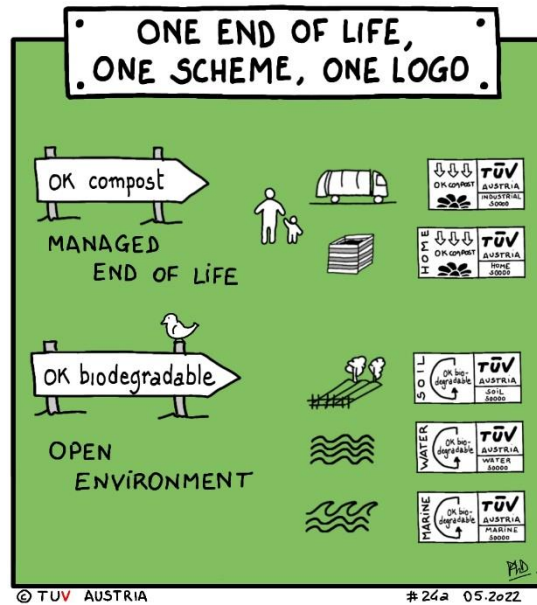


24 – one end of life, one logo



We have seen in the previous sketches that the environment in which the biodegradation/disintegration process occurs is of enormous importance. The presence of microorganisms, the effects of humidity or temperature, or human intervention are indeed crucial.

This is one of the differences between composting and biodegradation in an open environment. Composting, whether in an industrial facility or in your backyard, is a human-managed process (regular input of fresh material, aeration, collection and allocation of compost), whereas biodegradation in an open environment is in a way subcontracting a process to nature without further human intervention.

To take all these differences into account, we have developed a certification scheme and a logo for each type of end of life.

And to ensure clear communication to consumers, this environment is always specified in the logo: **INDUSTRIAL / HOME / SOIL / WATER / MARINE.**

OK compost and OK biodegradable are the only certification schemes that include both the end-of-life environment and the traceability code (SCode) in their logos.