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Her Circular Plastics lab and research group are on the Chemelot industrial site in Sittard-Geleen, NL. The 25-strong group works on polymer science to improve mechanical recycling, circular data science, a systemic view on plastics circularity and interdisciplinary topics like economics of recycling.

Kim is a strong believer in value-chain cooperation and open science. She was the 2020 European Plastics Recycling Ambassador and a 2024 royal finalist of the Prins Friso Engineer of the Year award.