

Workshop

Regions at work for the Bio-Economy

How to help entrepreneurs to convert bio-wastes into efficient fertilisers in a fair regulatory framework and a financially de-risked environment

7-9 July 2014, Rennes (France)

Kindly hosted by
The Regional Council of Brittany

Co-organised by the European Commission (Directorate General Enterprise and Industry)



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The objective of the workshop co-organized by the European Commission (DG ENTR) and the Brittany Region is to bring together actors from different European regions affected by excess biomass from various sources or activities involved in recycling biomass to fertilizer materials, and facing difficulties to develop their activities or place the resulting products on the EU market.

The program includes site visits to engage the discussion among the participants. These visits will allow participants to explore innovative approaches presented by experienced site managers, with their difficulties and practical achievements of applied to this area of bio-waste particularly regulated bio-economy. The goal? Fruitful exchanges of practical experience between local entrepreneurs and participants from the rest of the EU.

The second day, the Commission organized three working groups in which participants are strongly encouraged to identify current regulatory challenges (workshop 1), needs research and innovation (workshop 2), the financial support of the various instruments existing (3 workshops) that could be useful or absolutely necessary to develop these "business cases". The purpose of these working groups is to develop, if deemed relevant and appropriate to the workshop, the terms of reference for a future inter-regional project to be launched by the Commission services on the theme of recycling of bio-waste into fertilizers.

Programme

July 7

Arrival of participants in Rennes (afternoon)

7 pm : **Dinner offered by Region Bretagne to restaurant 'les relais d'Alsace'**, (2 rue d'Alma, Rennes)

Introductory speech by Region Bretagne (Political level)

Setting the scene of the Workshop, Gwenole Cozigou,
Director DG ENTR F

10 pm : **Dinner end**



July 8

Visits

Moderator: Sonja van Renssen

Visit of sites combined with short presentations of case studies or points for further discussion from the participants

8.00

Departure from Rennes

9.30 - 10.30

Visit of a poultry farm (farm of M Yves Marie BEAUDET in Landehen)

Laying hens and system for drying poultry manure

11.00 - 12.15

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Visit of Cedev from COOPERL

12.30 -13.30

Lunch break

Lunch at the ZOOPOLE, Ploufragan

14.15 -15.15

GAEC du Clos de la Pierre à PLELO.

Pig farm with biological treatment of pig manure and biogas system

15.30 -16.30

Visit of Kerval in Launay-Lantic.

Organics processing from garbage and green algae treatment.

18.00

Return to Rennes by bus (evening: free).

July 9

Working Groups discussion

Moderator: Sonja van Renssen

8.30-9.30

Plenary session

Wrap-up of Day1. Objectives of the working groups.

9.30-12.30

Working Groups discussion

Working Group 1

Regulatory framework

Existing European, national and regional regulations related to bio-wastes and ways forward for improvement where necessary.

Working Group 2

Technological aspects

Research and up-scaling needs

Working Group 3

Financial instruments

Availability, accessibility, synergies between various instruments

12.30-14.00

Lunch Break

14.00-15.30

Plenary session

Introduction by the moderator.

Chairs and rapporteurs of the 3 WGs present their conclusions and interact with the participants of the other working groups to supplement their conclusions

15.45

Concluding remarks

Reinhard Buescher, Head of Unit – DG ENTR

16.00

Close of the workshop

General information

Venue : Agrocampus Ouest (Institute for Life, Food and Horticultural Sciences and Landscaping) 65 rue de Saint-Brieuc – Rennes

1 shuttle in the morning : departure by bus at 8:15 from the railway station (Rennes)

2 shuttles in the evening : departure by bus at 17:00 to the railway station and to the airport (Rennes)