Agri-food innovative solutions towards a Zero Pollution EU

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#EUGreenWeek partner event

Organiser: Innovarum
Approximate date: 31st of May 2021 (Monday)
Audience: Industry stakeholders, clusters, and associations
About the event

The “Agri-food innovative solutions towards a Zero Pollution EU” is an online interactive event that gathers innovative EU projects in the agri-food sector — Greenprotein, Pro-Enrich, Bioschamp, Biofruitnet & Coopid— to present their solutions and contributions towards a Zero Pollution Europe. It also counts with the joint participation of the projects like Hoop or Valuewaste, which will be presented as an example of how urban biowaste management can contribute to the sustainability of cities and the agri-food sector.

It is divided into 2 main blocks:

1. Innovation actions in the agri-food sector, tackling pollution challenges in the EU.
2. Networking actions among the primary sector in EU and their contribution to healthy environments.

The event is directed towards industry stakeholders and the business sector, who are invited to attend and benefit from the knowledge exchange and networking opportunity.

EU partner events

The “Agri-food innovative solutions towards a Zero Pollution EU” is an EU partner event, a parallel event to the #EUGreenWeek 2021. The main topic for this year EU Green Week is “Zero Pollution”:

“Pollution affects everybody – through the air we breathe, the water we drink or the land we grow our food on. (...) The European Green Week 2021 will be dedicated to the ‘zero pollution ambition’. It will also look at other relevant European Green Deal initiatives, such as the climate initiatives, the upcoming Chemicals Strategy, as well as initiatives in the fields of energy, industry, mobility, agriculture, fisheries, health and biodiversity.” – EU Green Week 2021
Preliminary agenda for the 31st of May

13:00–13:05 Welcome and introduction

SPEAKERS & HOSTS: Maya Hernando and Irene Paredes, Co-Founders and Co-CEOs at INNOVARUM.

Irene holds the title of agronomist from the Polytechnic University of Madrid (ES) with a specialisation on agri-food industry, and a MSc in Food Safety from the University of Wageningen (NL).

Maya is an agricultural engineer from the Polytechnic University of Madrid (ES) and she has a MSc. in Plant science from the University of Wageningen (NL). Before founding Innovarum she worked as project coordinator for IFOAM EU – Brussels (BE).

Currently, they both work as partners at Innovarum as Co-founders and Co-CEOs.

INTRODUCTION: Agri-food sector contributions to the EU environment.

13:05 Part 1: innovative actions in the agri-food sector, tackling pollution challenges in the EU

13:05-13:15 Presentation 1: GreenProtein

SPEAKER: Prof. Dr. Dubravka Skunca, FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND LAW, NIKOLA TESLA UNIVERSITY

Prof. Dr. Dubravka Skunca is LCA Leader for the GreenProtein project. She has earned a Doctor of Science degree in Technology Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Management. Professor Skunca has 15 years of experience in the field and is a representative at the Environmental Footprint Technical Advisory Board at European Commission.

TOPIC: Life Cycle Assessment of Rubisco Protein Production


SPEAKER: Dr Anne Christine Steenkjær Hastrup, Danish Technological Institute (DTI)

Dr Anne Christine Steenkjær Hastrup is director at the Danish Technological Institute for Center for Bioresources and Biorefining focusing on the valorisation of biomass. Dr. Hastrup has headed the establishment of a food grade pilot plant at DTI for upscaling of biorefining processes. TOPIC: Pro-Enrich: Developing novel functional proteins and bioactive ingredients from agricultural side streams.
Dr. Jaime Carrasco is a researcher with an interest for mushroom science and pathology. He is currently acting as innovation manager for the Project BIOSCHAMP at ASOCHAMP, working both for the industry and academia to tackle ambitious goals for the greening of the sector.

**TOPIC:** Biostimulation of eco-friendly substrates for the mushroom industry: BIOSCHAMP

Mrs. Francisca Sánchez (female). Holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering. She is currently EU Project Leader in CETENMA and counts with more than 10 years of experience in issues related to wastewaster&waste to bioenergy valorisation and biorefineries approaches from a circular economy perspective.

**TOPIC:** Contribution of urban biowaste management to the sustainability of cities and the agri-food sector.

**13:45-13:50 Part 1: Questions and interaction**
13:50 Part 2: networking actions among the EU primary sector and their contribution to healthy environments

13:50 – 14:00 Presentation 5: COOPID

SPEAKER: Susana Rivera, AGRI-FOOD COOPERATIVES SPAIN

Susana is an agricultural engineer with specialization in agri-food industry. She works in the Department of Sustainability, Quality and Innovation of Cooperativas Agroalimentarias de España. She is the person in charge of all national and European standards and rules related to quality, food safety, energy auditing methodologies and organic farming regulations.

TOPIC: Cooperation in the EU primary sector in the transition to a sustainable bioeconomy

14:00 – 14:10 Presentation 6: BIOFRUITNET

SPEAKER: Jutta Kienzle, NATURLAND

Jutta Kienzle, has more than 30 years of experience in research and in network coordination in organic fruit growing in Germany. Main research topics are pest regulation strategy and biodiversity enhancement. In Biofruitnet Jutta is active as assistant to the project coordination for Naturland e.V.

TOPIC: BIOFRUITNET, Innovate European Organic Fruit Production

14:10-14:15 Part 2: Questions and interaction

14:15 Sum up and farewell

SPEAKERS & HOSTS: Maya Hernando and Irene Paredes, Co-Founders and Co-CEOs at INNOVARUM.