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BCE Community

The LURCA project joins the Biorefine Cluster Europe!



LUCRA – Sustainable sUCCinic acid production using an integRAted electrochemical bioreactor and renewable feedstock – will exploit EUs underutilized and abundant organic fractions of municipal solid waste and wood sidestreams as feedstocks for the large scale production of a biobased building platform chemical at high yield with significant industrial end-user interest using a bioeconomy biorefinery approach.

Find out more [here](#).

Project news

Upcoming biogas masterclasses in Brussels



Biogases Course | A Comprehensive Overview of the Biogas Sector

18 September 2025 | European Biogas Association, Brussels

This full-day training offers a solid introduction to the biogas sector. Participants will explore market dynamics, production processes, and the EU legislative framework, all through expert-led sessions and practical examples.

[More details and registration here.](#)



Masterclass | The Biogases Market: Certification and Trade

13 October 2025 | Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

This expert-level Masterclass focuses on certification schemes and cross-border biomethane trading. It provides both a regulatory overview and practical case studies to support companies in navigating the evolving market for biomethane. This is organised as part of European Biomethane Week 2025.

[More details and registration here.](#)

Project news

Nutrient management strategies for regional ecosystems across Europe

GREENHOOD is a European flagship action for implementing integrated nutrient management action plans - where **5 countries** (Spain, The Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Finland) will be participating in **four different demonstrators**, each representing different cases of unbalanced regions. To reach this goal, first of all GREENHOOD will analyse and optimise regional nutrient budgets to then implement techniques to mitigate nutrient losses. These activities will be mainly carried out and showcased in the 4 different demo-regions: the goal is to create tailored and scalable solutions that can be adapted to specific local needs and conditions. With these solutions, GREENHOOD's ambition is to reduce nutrient losses by 50%, in line with the EU Integrated Nutrient Management Action Plan, the EU Biodiversity Strategy and the Farm to Fork Strategy.

Read more on the [project website](#), and fill in their [stakeholder form](#) for all the updates!



GREENHOOD

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Project news

The HOOP trademark is out there!

The **HOOP trademark** has been successfully **registered with the European Union Intellectual Property Office** under the registration number [019163622](#)!



For the next 10 years, this registration will protect the brand identity of the [HOOP Hub](#) and [Network of Cities and Regions](#), that will remain active, offering new services and activities beyond the project's lifespan.

Stay tuned through [HOOP LinkedIn](#) profile to follow the next steps in circular innovation!

Project news

The future of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups: challenges, opportunities and existing support services

On 14 May, **five EU-funded Thematic Networks** (BBioNets, FOREST4EU, Soil-X-Change, NUTRI-KNOW, AQUAGRI-KNOW) held an **online workshop** on the **future of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups** (OGs). The event connected existing OGs in resource recovery and the circular bioeconomy, fostering collaboration and a transnational network for innovation. It also identified policy measures to boost resource recovery efficiency, aligning agricultural and environmental policies to support OGs in achieving sustainability goals. Key takeaways have just been released.

Read more [here](#).







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Our

Joint Publication Has

Been Released -

Check It Out!



Collaboration in Action: Unlocking the Potential of OGs

Project news

Ferticoverry online workshop: Advancing Nutrient Recovery and Bio-Based Fertilisers: Overview and Selection of Value Chains

How can we transform secondary raw materials into sustainable, high-quality biofertilisers? Join Ferticoverry's interactive workshop on Tuesday September 9th (10:00-11:30 CET) to explore innovative technologies, validated case studies, and practical approaches for advancing bio-based fertilisers across Europe. Experts and stakeholders will come together to share insights and evaluate the most promising value chains for nutrient recovery.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the transition to circular and sustainable agriculture! Find more [here](#).



Project news

Hybrid LUCRA workshop on municipal biowaste as feedstock in a sustainable and circular bioeconomy



On June 11, 2025, the LUCRA consortium hosted a hybrid workshop titled “**Municipal biowaste as feedstock in a sustainable and circular bioeconomy**” in the scenic harbor city of Chania, Crete, at the Center of Mediterranean Architecture. Organized in collaboration with the Agricultural University of Athens and the local municipal waste company DEDISA SA, the event gathered experts, stakeholders, and the public for a day of knowledge-sharing, innovation, and meaningful dialogue.

Check out the **blog article** about the workshop [here](#) and also the **workshop recording** on YouTube [here](#).

Project news

FOLOU's case study on food loss in Norway: salmon

How much do we really know about food loss in aquaculture?

In **FOLOU's case study**, Hector Barco Cobalea from Espigoladors travels to **Norway** to explore how **salmon losses are tracked** — and what they reveal about one of Europe’s most iconic food sectors.

From smolt mortality to sea lice and sludge valorisation, the story dives into the complex systems, manual reporting, and institutional trust that underpin salmon farming.

With losses estimated around 17%, understanding and improving these systems is key to reducing waste — not just in salmon, but across the food chain.

Read the full story [here](#).



Food for thoughts

ALGAE-STATE - [Assessing University Students' Perceptions of Environmental Issues in the Mediterranean Region: Enhancing Higher Education in Circular Bioeconomy](#)

UNLOCK - [Impact of Steam-Exploded Feather Incorporation on the Biodegradation Performance of Renewable Biocomposites](#)

BIORADAR - [Measuring the Circularity of Bio-Based Fertilizers: Applying the BIORADAR Product Circularity Monitoring Framework](#)

Event

ALFA project: final event and policy roundtable

25 September 2025 – Brussels (BE)

Within the framework of the EU-funded ALFA project, White Research, together with project partners and key stakeholders from the biogas and livestock sectors, is pleased to invite you to the **ALFA Final Event and Policy Roundtable**. This full-day event will take place on **25 September 2025** in **Brussels** and will bring together experts, policymakers, and industry representatives to share insights and co-create actionable policy recommendations for scaling biogas uptake in EU livestock farming.

Read more [here](#).



Event

RAMIRAN 2025: Recycling of Agricultural, Municipal and Industrial Residus in Agricultural Network

15 - 17 October 2025 – Wageningen (NL)

The 19th RAMIRAN Conference focuses on the **management of agricultural, municipal, and industrial residues**, addressing challenges and opportunities in sustainable resource use amid climate and environmental pressures.

Key topics will include the **safe and efficient application of organic residues in agriculture**, exploring trade-offs and synergies for improved sustainability.

Stay tuned for updates: www.ramiran2025.nl



Event

BioReCer final event: Trust, Traceability & Certification - Valorising Biological Feedstocks

29 October 2025 - Santiago de Compostela (ES)

The BioReCer final event will present the **project's key-outcomes, including guidelines for certification schemes** and the **BioReCer ICT Tool**, and highlight derived **circular economy frameworks**. In a round table event, insights and lessons learnt will be discussed for the assessment of the sustainability and circularity of the bio-based industry. Furthermore, current European projects will share their thoughts on the valorisation and use of biological feedstocks derived from biogenic waste and residues.

The event is open to members of the bioeconomy, researchers, certification and standardisation bodies, and policy makers, and especially invites European projects in a similar focus area to showcase outcomes and materials in a dedicated expo corner.

Find more [here](#).

Event

NUTRI-CHECK NET final conference | 18 November 2025

Save the date

The final conference of the NUTRI-CHECK NET project will be held on 18 November in Brussels, at the NH Brussels EU Berlaymont Hotel, with the topic: **Steps to Optimising Crop Nutrition**. Join in person or online via Zoom to explore the latest scientific findings, discuss innovative nutrient management practices, and exchange experiences with leading experts from across Europe. This event will highlight the project's key outcomes, provide practical insights into sustainable fertilisation strategies, and foster collaboration towards more efficient and environmentally responsible crop nutrition.

The detailed agenda will be shared soon. Secure your place and register [here](#)!



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Event

ManuResource 2026 | 4 & 5 March 2026

Save the date

VCM is excited to announce the dates and location of **the next International ManuREsource Conference** on manure management and valorization: Ede/Wageningen, The Netherlands on March 4–5 (6), 2026. Registration opens fall 2025.

The organisers are currently working on shaping an insightful programme. Curious about what to expect? Check out the **aftermovie from the last edition** for a taste of the atmosphere [here](#).

Event

ESNI-NERM Conference 2026 | 28 & 29 April 2026

Save the date

The **European Sustainable Nutrient Initiative (ESNI) Conference**, organised by **Biorefine Cluster Europe** (www.biorefine.eu), and the **Nutrients in Europe Research Meeting (NERM)**, organised by ESPP (www.phosphorusplatform.eu), are merging into a single reference meeting to put together all the community working on research and innovation focused on nutrient management.

The ESNI-NERM conference will be organised on **28 and 29 April 2026 in Brussels** and aims to showcase the latest research and demonstration outcomes in nutrient management and nutrient recycling.



ESNI-NERM

28-29 April 2026

Brussels & hybrid

Check our website for more events



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The Biorefine Cluster is supported by the European Biogas Association (EBA), a non-profit organisation which advocates for recognition of biomethane and other renewable gases as sustainable, on demand and flexible energy sources that provide multiple knock on socio-economic and environmental benefits. Learn more [here](#).



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