



# Circular economy for biodiversity Unlocking the green potential

*Skills for sustainable,  
resilient, and socially  
fair communities*

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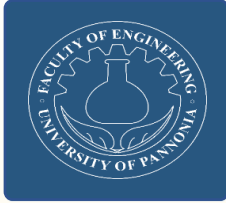


# Short introduction of the institution

## University of Pannonia



Faculty of Business and Economics



Faculty of Engineering



Faculty of Modern Philology and Social Sciences



Faculty of Information Technology



Faculty of Business Administration Zalaegerszeg

- The best university in Hungary in terms of research and development output per lecturer
- World-class education, internationally high publication rates
- Marketable knowledge, creative atmosphere, sustainability
- Innovative solutions both at regional and global level

### Research institutes, competences

- Research Centre for Biochemical, Environmental and Chemical Engineering
- Centre for Natural Sciences
- Institute of Mechatronics Engineering and Research
- Research Centre for Engineering Sciences
- Research Institute of Biomolecular and Chemical Engineering
- Soós Ernő Water Technology Research and Development Centre
- Sustainability Competence Centre (Circular Economy Competence Centre, Waste Management Competence Centre)
- National Laboratories (Water science and safety, Climate change, Social innovation, Renewable energies)
- Circular Economy Technology Platform
- Regional Innovation Platform Veszprém
- Under planning: Circular Economy Science Park

### Main R&D

- Waste management, waste treatment, renewable energies, energy management, waste minimization
- Water treatment technologies, air pollution, green chemistry
- Sustainable cities, sustainable tourism
- Circular economy and sustainability
- Process development, process integration and optimization
- Material science, bio- and nanotechnology
- Environmentally friendly engine fuels and propulsion methods
- Advanced structural materials and catalysts

### Main infrastructure

- Main and specialized analytical facilities to investigate the properties of raw materials and products
- Specialized reactor systems from micro scale to bench scale (e.g. high temperature, high pressure, catalysts)
- Main engineering (e.g. chemical, environmental, biochemical, material, mechanical) processes in lab scale
- Engineering software to model and optimize the process parameters
- Waste based processes
- Cooperation with industrial partners to ensure the process implementation in operating environment
- Assessment of Social and economic aspects of climate change
- Citizen Science
- Under construction: gasification, reactor for synthesis fuels and alcohol production, waste pyrolysis, steam cracking, bench scale chemical reaction for sustainable processes

# Expertise

## Main projects

- Waste management and treatment: development of sorting technology, valuable secondary raw material, mechanical recycling
- Renewable energies: pyrolysis, gasification, energy management, scale-up, chemical recycling, CCU/CCS, gas cleaning
- Water technologies: industrial and residential wastewater, DS and EOR water purification, micro plastics removal, sewage sludge utilization
- Climate change
- Sustainable cities: smart city, creation of circular models, modelling
- Sustainable tourism: reducing seasonality, reducing the ecological footprint of festivals methodology
- Circular economy and sustainability environmental education, attitude and attitude formation

## Role in consortium

- Development in core and specialized engineering problems
- Waste based processes, green technologies, circular economy related subjects
- Process and operation unit optimization and modelling, scale-up, process design, product design
- Value chain development, processes and products with less environmental loading
- Green and sustainable processes in industrial environment
- Citizen Science creation, Business Plan related to the biodiversity protection
- Demonstrated effective and inclusive integrated approaches to the management of landscape, soil, water and vegetation at a regional level
- Demonstrated economic feasibility of these solutions, ensuring their long term sustainability

## Main projects

- Hungarian-Indian (KTIA-DST) R&D&I Program (TÉT\_13\_DST-1-2014-0003) “Clean Fuel Recovery by chemical recycling of plastic and biomass waste
- Hungarian-Indian (KTIA-DST) R&D&I Program (2019-2.1.13-TÉT\_IN-2020-00071) Applied industrial research for the thermolytic recovery of sludge-like wastes for the Circular Economy and Biogeochemical Cycle
- Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) (MSCA-RISE-2014 (Flexi-pyrocat, No.: 643322)) “Development of flexible pyrolysis-catalysis processing of waste plastics for selective production of high value products through research and innovation”
- Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) (MSCA-RISE-2018 (BIOMASS-CCU, No.: 823745)) “Biomass gasification with negative carbon emission through innovative CO2 capture and utilisation and integration with energy storage”
- Horizon 2020, Marie Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) (MSCA-RISE-2019 (ZEOBIOCHEM, No.:872102)) “Advanced Zeolite Catalysis for Sustainable Biorefinery to Produce Value-added Chemicals”
- Sustainability competence centre based on circular economy at Pannon University (2019-1.3.1-KK-2019-00015)
- Production and validation of synthetic fuels in collaboration with large companies and universities
- National Laboratory of Renewable Energies (RRF-2.3.1-21-2022-0009)
- Establishment of a competence Centre for waste management at the University of Pannonia (2022-1.1.1-KK-2022-00002)
- HORIZON-MISS-2022-OCEAN-01-02: Danube Wetlands and flood plains Restoration through systemic, community engaged and sustainable innovative actions

# Topic and project idea

## Proposed topics

- Waste minimization and sustainable waste utilization towards positive techno-economic aspects
- Institutional cooperation between academic and industrial sector to develop the commercialization and positive aspects of green processes
- Cross-border projects in sustainable processes, waste minimization and energy reduction
- Development in Technology Readiness Level of processes
- Development in core and specialized engineering problems
- Process and operation unit optimization and modelling
- Scale-up, process design, product design
- Energy intensification, reduction of energy dependence, advanced methods to achieve positive energy balance
- Value chain development, processes and products with less environmental loading
- Wastewater treatment and sewage sludge utilization
- Hydrogen production, transportation and storage
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization

## Project calls

- Testing and demonstrating transformative solutions increasing climate resilience of the agriculture and/or forestry sector: TOPIC ID: HORIZON-MISS-2023-CLIMA-01-01
- Mission Climate adaptation, Mission Ocean & waters and Mission Soil Deal for Europe – Joint demonstration of an integrated approach to increasing landscape water retention capacity at regional scale: TOPIC ID: HORIZON-MISS-2023-CLIMA-OCEAN-SOIL-01-01
- Pathways to Synergies: TOPIC ID: HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-04-01
- Excellence Hubs: TOPIC ID: HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01

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