

Circular economy for biodiversity Unlocking the green potential

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Research areas

Bioeconomy, including technologies for processing renewable raw materials for the production of liquid biofuels, base lubricating oils, chemicals, fine chemicals, and ocological products.

- **New materials**, including technologies for the preparation, modification and processing of plastics based on polymer materials and testing of their properties and application possibilities, together with resin technologies and modification of their properties.
- Circular economy, covering the eco-design phase, production processes, recycling technologies, by-products, post-use and production waste

Research specializations

- **Pressure processes**, including hydrogen processes, alkoxylation
- **Catalytic processes**, (homo- and hetero- including ion exchangers and special catalysts)
- **Specialist chemical technologies** products for various industries.
- Engineering and technical area, including the development of project documentation and moving the scale from laboratory to technical or industrial production.
- Analytics and measurements dedicated industrial manufacturing processes.

Bioeconomy Research Group offer



- Processing of renewable raw-materials into products and half-products of industrial chemistry, e.g. additives for polymers and biopolymers, biofuels, coating materials
- Research on management of by-products from biofuel production and products of oleochemical industry,
- Production and application of new generation heterogeneous catalysts (ionic liquids, organic-inorganic catalysts) for processing of vegetable oils and carbohydrates to various products,
- Research on application of crude and modified vegetable oils as ecological base for lubricating agents and other applications,
- Other technologies based on sustainable materials



Research projects examples



Development of an automated processing method, a "Green Box", for production of bio heating oil from waste sources



Goal: Production of bio heating oil, using wastes sources in form of fat and grease from food production industry and grease traps as a raw material.



Consortium: AS Green Cube (Coordinator), ASIO spol. s. r.o. - Czech Republic, Malthe Winje Automasjon AS – Norway, Filtersystem Scandinavia AB – Sweden, Teknologisk Institutt AS – Norway, Institute of Heavy Organic Synthesis "Blachownia" – Poland, Labor s.r.l. - Italy



Realisation period: 01.09.2012-31.08.2015



Financed by: FP7

Research projects examples



Development of tailor-made PHB composites for technical applications PHB2MARKET ERA-IB-16-044



Develop 100 % renewable composites with high added value, build from polyhydroxyalkanoate polymer (PHB), cellulose nanofibers (CNFs) and biobased multifunctional plasticizers (BMPs). Those materials can be created from biomass or industrial wastes, using environmental friendly biotechnical and chemical processes



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Realisation period: 01.01.2017-31.12.2019



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Research projects examples



Advanced BIObased polyurethanes and fibres for the autoMOTIVE industry with increased environmental sustainability



Goal: The BIOMOTIVE project aims to demonstrate, in relevant industrial environments, the production of innovative and advanced bio-based materials (i.e. thermoplastic polyurathanes, thermoset polyurethane foams and regenerated natural fibres) specifically for the automotive industry



Consortium: SELENA LABS Sp. z o.o. (Poland) – project coordination, Maier Scoop (Spain), Metsä Fibre Oy (Finland), Novamont Spa (Italy), Thuringisches Institut Fur Textil-Und Kunststoffforschung Rudolstadtev (Germany), Sieć Badawcza Łukasiewicz - Instytut Cieżkiej Syntezy Organicznej Blachownia (Poland), Nadir Srl (Italy), E-Office7 Sp. z o.o. (Poland), Leda Polymer Sp. z o.o. (Poland), I.S.C. Ro Technology Srl (Romania), Intap Tobik Spolka Jawna (Poland), Università Di Pisa (Italy), Patentopolis Bv (Netherlands), Fundacion Cartif (Spain), Uitp - Union Internationale Des Transports Publics (Belgium), Rina Services Spa (Italy)



Realisation period: 01.06.2017-31.05.2021



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Bioeconomy Research Group Infrastructure

Pressure reactor Parr 4560 Series

Acid-proof stainless steel or titanium alloy reactor chamber, max volume **450 cm³**, anchor stirrer, bottom discharge, precise temperature control

High pressure reactor 15 dm³,

Acid-proof stainless steel, (max pressure – 10 bar, max temperature 250 °C), turbine mechanical stirrer, bottom discharge, gas inlet, temperaturę control, manometer, raw material dosing valve



Glass reactor 15 dm³,

Heating mantle, bottom discharge, PFA-coated mechanical stirrer, spiral reflux with 0,2 m² heat exchange area, temperature sensor

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Filtration setup 15 dm³

Distillation at reduced pressure 20 dm³



Possibility to obtain samples weighing 10 kg (one batch)

Selected research infrastructure

Quarter-technical installation of hydrogen processes

Verification of the technological feasibility of hydrogenation processes as well as production of samples necessary for application testing of new products.

The plant is of great importance for developing research and development works and, above all, for **the commercialization of R&D results** in the field of hydrogen technologies.

Thin film evaporators, up to 12 L/h, stainless steel, (max vacuum 2,2 mmHg



Selected research infrastructure – material testing



Twin-screw extruder Thermo Scientific PRISM







Capillary rheometer Instron Ceast SR50

Topic and project idea

• HORIZON-CL6-2024-ZEROPOLLUTION-02-2-two-stage: Innovative technologies for zeropollution, zero-waste biorefineries [21 February 2024 / 17 September 2024]

- HORIZON-JU-CBE-2023-IA-07: High performance, circular-by design, bio-based composites [20 September 2023]
- HORIZON-JU-CBE-2023-R-04: Development of novel, high-performance bio-based polymers and co-polymers [20 September 2023]

We are looking forward to cooperate with you!

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