

Local circular economy solutions to global challenges -Exclusive look at the first results from TREASoURcE demos

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15:05 – 15:20	Promoting the use of biobased side streams: policy recommendation overview Nora Berglund, MTK
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15:35 – 16:00

Q&A session

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Start 01.06.2022

Duration 4 years

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Consortium 16 partners + 1 AE Coordinator VTT

CCRI project

TREASOURCE aims to initiate systemic change by developing technologies and systemic circular economy (CE) solutions in cities and regions for currently underutilized or unused plastic waste, end-of-life electric vehicle batteries and bio-based side and waste streams.

Implementing these solutions together with companies, societies (including citizens, consumers, communities and regional actors) and experts in the field is expected to significantly increase product and material circulation in the Nordic and Baltic Sea Regions.

Project objectives

Replicated locally tailored systemic CE solutions in the Baltics and Poland and beyond

Demonstrated environmental, social, economic and political impacts of the systemic CE solutions (Circular plastics, batteries, and biobased side and waste streams) in the Nordics

Inclusive and just transition to CE for all supported by high level cooperation with all relevant stakeholders

Systemic Circular Economy Solutions

Key Value Chain Demonstrations







Circular plastics Circular batteries

Circular biobased side and waste streams Stakeholder Engagement Demonstrations

Local and regional economies and actors have a big role in **TREASoURcE**. The implemented demonstrations will formulate new value chains and business opportunities reaching through the urban-rural settings. The combination of the cities and regions will enable large reach and bigger impact and boost the replicability and scalability potential of the developed solutions.

Demonstration areas Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark **Replication areas** Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Northern Germany



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Circular business models in Pirkanmaa region

Jaana Koivisto, Ekokumppanit





KVC-DEMOs: Circular biobased side and waste streams for biogas and fertilizers

Objectives

- To find ways of use and • business opportunities for currently unused biobased side and waste streams. In particular, we focus on side streams of agriculture and forestry
 - Focus on biogas production and ٠ nutrient recycling
- **Powering local economies** ٠ through circular bioeconomy

Main activities

- The project develops a digital marketplace for biobased side and waste streams.
 - KiertoaSuomesta.fi, CircularFinland.fi
 - Piloting will be done in Finland and the model will be replicated in other regions
- Rural-urban symbiosis model will be developed to strengthen local circularities





Circular bioeconomy

- In circular bioeconomy biowaste or other biobased side streams are reused for example as energy or by recycling their nutrients.
- TREASoURcE project focuses in particular on biobased side streams from agriculture and forestry.
- The value of all side streams is not yet fully understood and, especially in agriculture significant quantities of biobased side streams are not fully exploited.







Examples of biobased side streams

A Biobased side stream refers to all biomass that is not utilized in the main production of a farm (KiertoaSuomesta.fi)

Agricultural side streams	Forestry side streams
Manure	Logging waste
Sludge	Stumps of trees
Urea	Energy wood
Contaminated feed	Wood chips
Grassland	Sawdust
Straw	Wood bark
Wetland vegetation	Fiber sludge
Weeds, other unused vegetation	Black lye
Lake reeds, dredging spoil	Ash
Garden and vegetable waste	



Examples of users of side streams

- Biogas plants
- Biochar production
- Recycled fertilizer manufacturers
- Biorefineries
- Cosmetics industry, natural products
- Alcohol industry
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Chemical industry
- Other farms



Local circular bioeconomy

 $< 10 \, \text{km}$

< 20 km

< 25 km

< 60 km

The local perspective is important because transporting most biomasses over long distances to a biogas plant is neither economically nor ecologically sustainable.

Distances for profitable transport:

- Manure (sludge)
- Manure (dry)
- Grass feed
- Fats

(Manu Hollmén/ProAgria)







Biogas and circular fertilizers



- Biogas is formed when micro-organisms decompose organic matter under oxygen-free conditions.
- Biogas usually contains 40-70% methane and about 30-60% carbon dioxide.
- Biogas is a valuable, renewable biofuel and energy source.
- In addition to biogas, the digestion process produces a digestate containing nutrients and organic matter suitable for fertilizer use.
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- Biogas can be used (for example)Transport fuel (requires a refinery unit)Heat and power generation







- Between 2035 and 2040, domestic biomethane and e-methane production volumes could be sufficient to meet domestic demand, and there would also be enough renewable gas for export. There will be demand for biomethane in the EU. In the future, a significant proportion of gas is expected to be transported as liquefied gas, but the EU's integrated gas network will also create new opportunities for Finnish operators.
- Finland has a large variety of biomasses that could be used sustainably in biogas production. The potential for biogas production is estimated at more than 20 terawatt-hours, but the techno-economic potential with current technology is just over 10 terawatt-hours. In addition, the production of synthetic renewable methane can also make use of the biogenic carbon dioxide recovered from biomethane processing. In 2022, biogas production was 1 TWh, of which biomethane accounted for 22%.

Press release, Suomen Biokierto ja Biokaasu (Finnish Biocirculation and Biogas) Published: 10.05.2024



Examples of biomasses for biogas production

Biogas can be produced by digesting almost all organic waste:

- Biowaste from households
- Sewage sludge
- Manure
- Industrial side streams (e.g. food industry)
- Crop side streams

In Finland, statistical data on biomass can be found in the Biomass Atlas (Luke).

TREASoURcE project has carried out more detailed biomass inventories for municipalities in Pirkanmaa. We have primarily mapped manure, as their biogas process produces digestate, which is an excellent organic fertilizer.







Recycled fertilizers

- As fossil raw materials become scarcer and the price of fertilizers more expensive, there is a great need for recycled fertilizers.
- The raw materials used in the production of recycled fertilisers include municipal sewage sludge and biowaste from, for example, food industry side streams.
- The biogas process produces digestate residue, which can be used to produce recycled fertilisers.
- In Finland, legislation defines quality and safety requirements for fertilizer products. Waste materials must be hygienised or treated in other ways to ensure the safety of fertilizers. (Finnish Food Authority).
- Recycled fertilizers are not just substitutes for fertilizers made from fossil raw materials, but can also improve the condition of the soil.





Pirkanmaa region in Finland, the primary demonstration area



- There are 19 regions in Finland.
- Pirkanmaa (Tampere) Region has the second largest population in Finland (532 671 inhabitants in 31.12.2022).
- More than 9% of the Finnish population is living in the Tampere region.
- The area covers about 4% of the Finland's land area.
- Pirkanmaa has 23 municipalities, the smallest (Juupajoki) with just under 1 800 inhabitants and the largest (Tampere) with over 250 000 inhabitants.
- Replication of the local business models in Estonia







Biogas plants in Pirkanmaa region

- The Finnish Biocycle and Biogas Association maintains a map of Finnish biogas plants
- <u>https://biokierto.fi/</u>
- In Pirkanmaa:

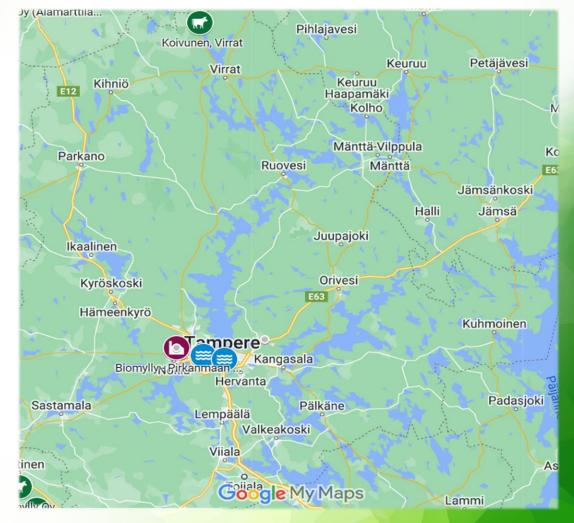
Pirkanmaan Jätehuolto Oy's (waste management company)

Biomylly processes, among other things, collected biowaste

Sludge digesters at two wastewater treatment plants in Tampere

One farm-scale biogas plant

Landfill gas collection





Working with the municipalities





TREASoURcE project has promoted local bioeconomy models, biogas construction and recycled fertilizer production in cooperation with municipalities in Pirkanmaa.



Municipalities are important stakeholders as their role is to promote local vitality.



Collaborative models require someone to take the lead. Municipalities are public utility actors for whom this is inherent.

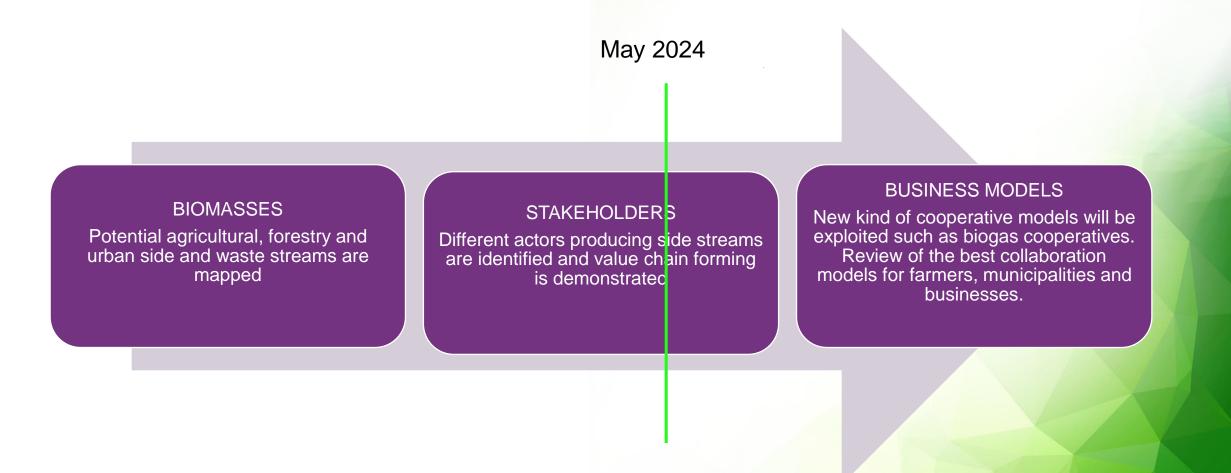


By promoting circular bioeconomy and biogas plant construction in their area, municipalities can reduce their carbon footprint.



Powering local economies through circular bioeconomy









Local biomass mapping in Pirkanmaa

(Anne Kärkkäinen, Ekokumppanit)







Municipalities

Stakeholders

- Farmers interested in providing side streams but also those interested in recycled fertilizers
- Industry, especially the food industry
- Logistics operators
- Biogas plant construction companies
- Biogas use and potential buyers







Business models

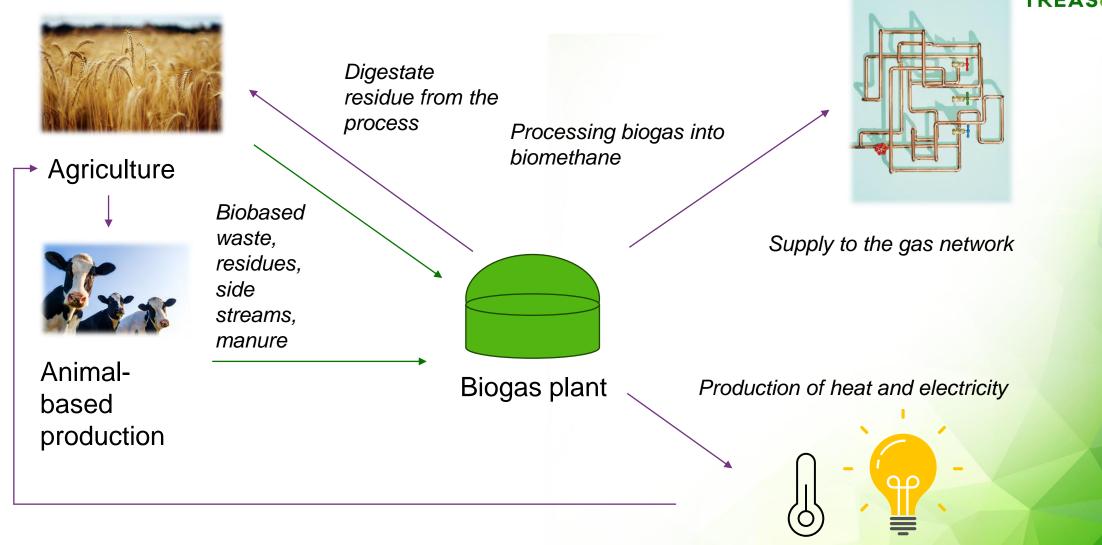
- New kind of cooperative models will be exploited such as biogas cooperatives
- Profitability calculations
- Biogas markets, sales channels
- Review of the best collaboration models for farmers, municipalities and businesses





Local Bioeconomy Model







Example for local business model

Farmers set up a joint venture to build and manage the biogas plant.

Some farmers may not want to be shareholders of the joint venture.

Farmers feed side streams into the biogas process.

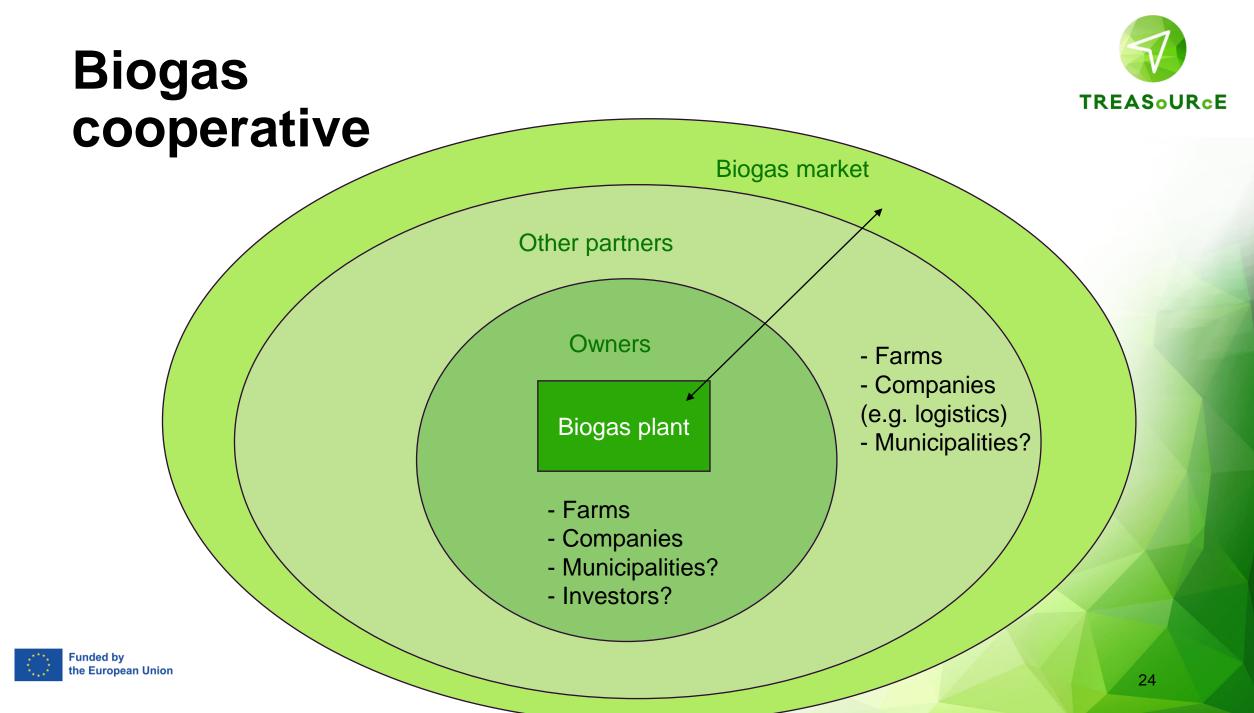
In return, they receive biogas and the digestate from the biogas process.

Many biogas plants have a gate fee that the manure donor pays to the biogas plant.

The biogas is also processed for sale and the revenue is used to cover the investment and operating costs of the biogas plant.



Cooperatives can also manage local food shops selling food grown with the biogas plant's fertilizers.





Benefits for farmers

- Not all agricultural side streams are currently used. This approach allows farmers to recycle these side streams.
- Fertilizer prices have reached very high levels. The digestate from the biogas process is a cheaper and more ecological fertilizer.
- Biogas digestate produced from agricultural side streams is an organic fertilizer.
- Farms can use biogas to produce heat and energy for their own use.
- Farms can get income from the sale of refined biogas.





Benefits for municipalities

- The biogas plant will provide renewable energy.
- Municipalities can themselves use the renewable energy produced in a biogas plant (e.g., using biogas cars).
- Local bioeconomy model brings new opportunities for local businesses.
- Municipalities gain image benefits by promoting the use of renewable energy in their area.





Powering local economies through circular bioeconomy -**Next steps**



May 2024

STAKEHOLDERS

demonstrated

BUSINESS MODELS

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Review of the best collaboration models for farmers, municipalities and businesses.



Potential agricultural, forestry and urban side and waste streams are mapped

Different actors producing side streams are identified ard value chain forming is





Thank you!





Promoting the use of biobased side streams: stakeholder engagement activities overview

Jan Bakke, Østfold Jaana Koivisto, Ekokumppanit



Stakeholder engagement



- Engage stakeholders with aim to facilitate CE collaboration, innovation and solutions
 - Businesses, decision makers, consumers, local communities, procurers and event organizers
- Method: 5 parallel stakeholder engagement demonstrations
 - Workshops, digital CE solutions, hackathons, fixing workshops, seminars, procurement recipes, cultural- and sports events





Objectives



• Learn from

stakeholders and understand their perspectives, perceptions and positions in the CE transition

• Strengthen the decisionmakers capability of enabling CE

 Build knowledge and stakeholder capacity to ensure they understand the benefits of CE and can participate in implementing CE on different stakeholder levels



Public – private collaboration for new recycling practices at events





Recycling trailer for handling waste at mobile events



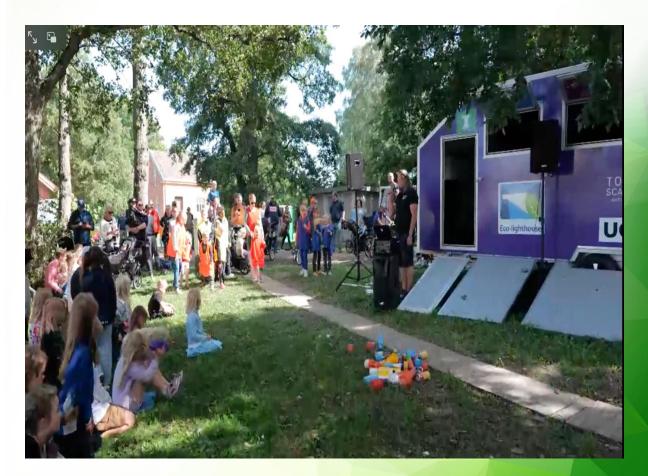






Demonstrated results

- Recycling trailer demonstrated and used at events in connection with the Tour of Scandinavia
- Rented to 8 other events
- Recycling fun show on recycling directed towards children and general audience demonstrated in connection with three events for the race







Effects of the recycling trailer





Example of stakeholder

Objective: to promote the local circular bioeconomy, in particular the production of biogas and recycled fertilizers







The role of municipalities

- We found that when it comes to developing local bioeconomy models, municipalities have a key role to play.
- Municipalities are public utilities with an interest in developing local vitality.

Municipalities and cities recognize their own strengths and work successfully together with their citizens and partners in a changing environment. The municipalities of the future will be vibrant, carbon-neutral, crisis-resilient, international and linguistically sustainable (Association of Finnish municipalities: Action Plan 2024).

• In Finland, municipalities are also responsible for land use and planning







Tour of municipalities in the region

Cooperation with the municipalities



Closer cooperation with four municipalities



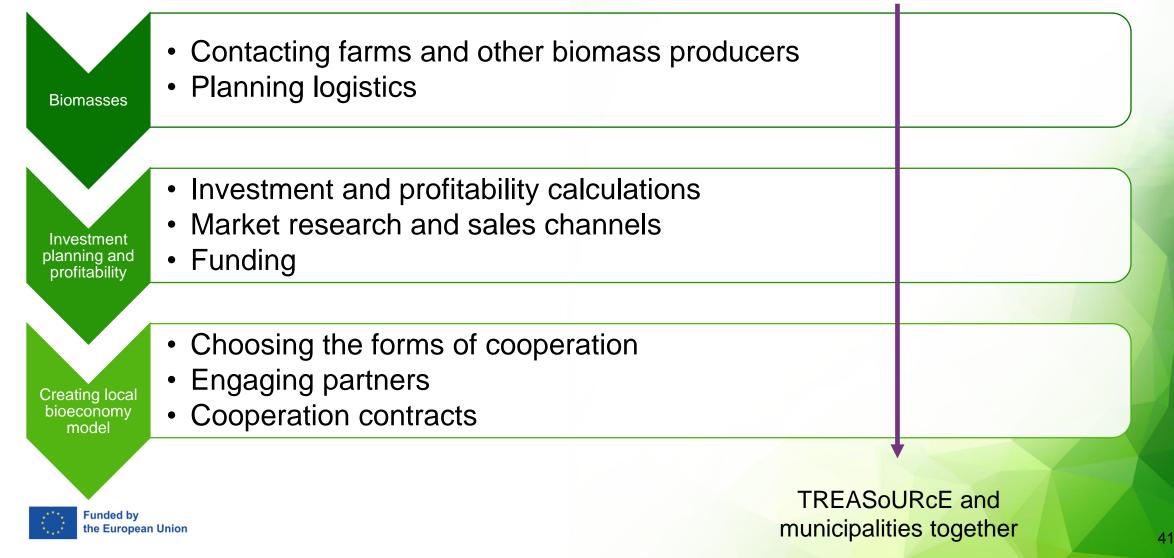


- After the Pirkanmaa municipalities tour, deeper cooperation on biogas studies was started with four municipalities
- Mänttä-Vilppula, Orivesi, Hämeenkyrö and Urjala
- These are all small municipalities (approx. 4,000-10,000 inhabitants), located more than half an hour from the city of Tampere





Main steps of the process





Successful cooperation

- The municipality is committed to contributing to the achievement of the target
- The municipality has the resources to participate in the studies, as they are the best experts in their area
- Ongoing communication between TREASoURcE and the municipality, with regular progress reports from the project
- Communication and information to citizens is also very important
- The best way to reach the targets is if the municipality already has climate targets in its strategies
- 96 municipalities in Finland are already part of the *Hinku* network (carbon neutral municipalities)
- Biogas construction and recycled fertilizer production contribute to achieving carbon neutrality in municipalities



Powering local economies through circular bioeconomy – Next steps



May 2024

BIOMASS

Potential agricultural, forestry and urban side and waste streams are mapped

STAKEHOLDERS

Different actors producing side streams are identified and value chain forming is demonstrated

BUSINESS MODELS

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Review of the best collaboration models for farmers, municipalities and businesses.





Biogas in synergy with el – webinar for municipal technical sections

• Example of a stakeholder event in Østfold, Norway

Objective:

provide key lessons and capacity building on how to succeed with transition to biogas and battery-electric vehicles and machinery in municipal technical sections



Biogas and electricity vehicles in municipal technical sections



- Cleaning and clearing of roads, green areas, sewage and waterworks
- Vehicle and machinery fleets with considerable emissions
- Many perceived barriers and uncertainties on the possibility for transition to biogas and electricity
- Few capacity building activities towards these sections







How to succeed with transition to el and biogas in municipal technical sections

- Present the collective experience from one municipality with extensive knowledge: municipality of Trondheim
- Cover a variety of function
- Lessons on organizational process, adaptations made to succeed, costs, procurement criteria, planning the procurements
- Systemic approaches to learn from?







Key lessons – systemic approach and costs

- Clear routine requiring procurement of vehicles & machinery on electricity, biogas or hydrogen when available and meeting requirements – dispensation possible
- Political ambitions and policy on the transition
- Designated funds for transition to renewable solutions that municipal units can apply for
- On average 15-25 000 Euros (ca 15%) extra investment cost for biogas models compared to models on diesel
- Investing in battery-electric versions costly in the short run available municipal extra funding needed





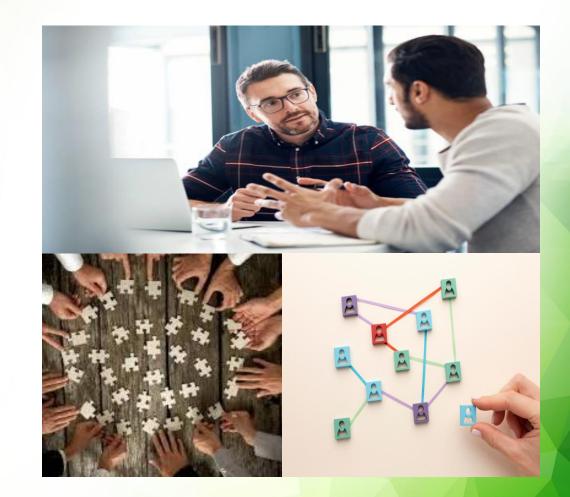
Key lessons on process

Ambition: introduce batteryelectric and biogas heavy vehicles as soon as they are available

• Success criteria:

Willingness to pilot, try out new solutions and adapt along the way

 Respecting and using the technical employees' knowhow to find new solutions, adapt specifications & wait for new models when needed







Key lessons market availability & operational needs

- Biogas trucks mostly available as standard in the same models and types as diesel, machinery less common
- User feedback positive biogas vehicles easy to use
- Use market dialogue to find suppliers of machinery where biogas is not considered a likely option
- Procure biogas vehicles on liquid gas (LGB) for more intensive operational needs







Key lessons - adaptations to succeed with the transition

- Professional safety assessments to ensure safe operations of vehicles on liquid biogas
- In early phases of introducing biogas and electric vehicles:

Keep **back-up solutions** on diesel or make back-up agreements with subcontractors

- Rethink solutions to specifications
- Prioritize suppliers with local service network

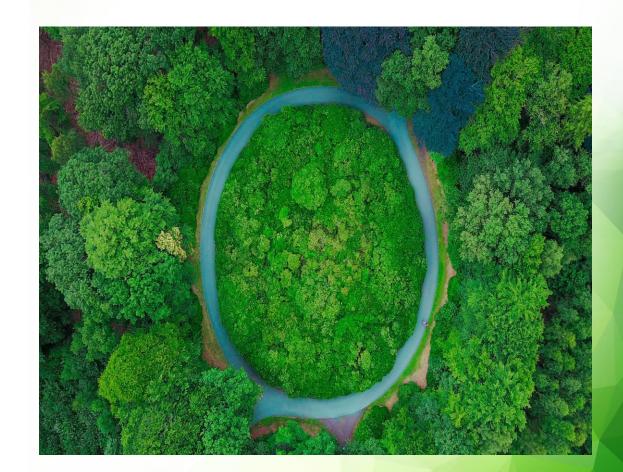






Other results and next steps

- Transmit results, routines and environmental criteria to guidance material to provide recipes for municipalities
- Collaboration and validation with national procurement guidance bodies
- Local meetings between municipal politicans, municipal administration and private transportation companies on facilitating use of biogas vehicles







Thank you!





Promoting the use of biobased side streams: policy recommendation overview

Nora Berglund, MTK



WP1

CE framework analysis and actions to enhance CE



Objectives

- Provide an assessment of how the key value chains can be optimized in the territorial clusters, from both national and regional perspectives.
- Identify opportunities & barriers for circular strategies in the Key Value Chains (KVCs).
- Map national & regional material flows & relevant value chains to provide a baseline for the demos & replication in WPs 3-6.

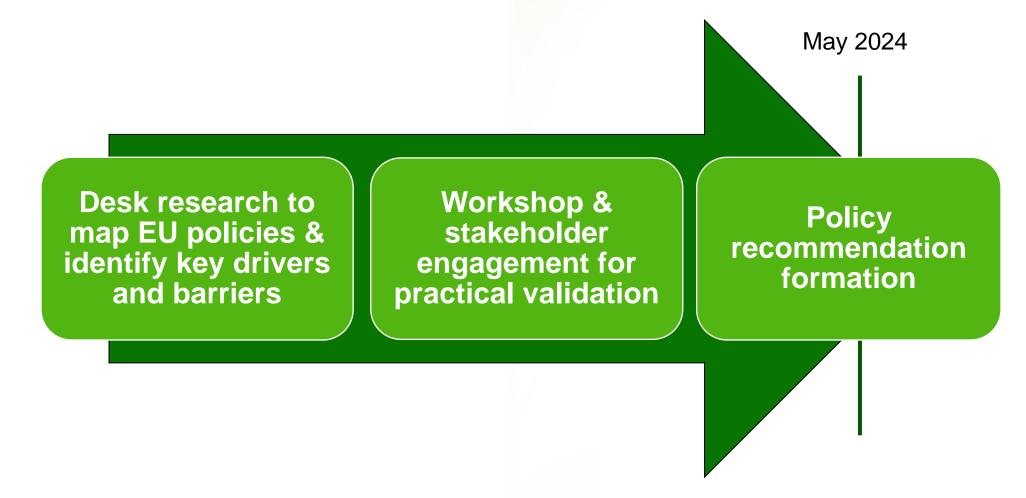


Main activities

- T1.1 Analysis of current CE strategies, roadmaps & action plans.
- T1.2 Material flow mapping & value chain & optimization of the key value chains.
- T1.3 Mapping of regulatory frameworks to identify potential bottlenecks for CE in the KVCs.
- T1.4 Review the state-of-theart of technologies & best practices for circular strategies in the KVCs.



T1.3 Mapping of regulatory frameworks





T1.3 Policy instruments assessed

Name of policy instrument

Animal By-products Regulation

Bioeconomy Strategy

CEN/TR 13097 2010 Characterization of sludges. Good practice for sludge utilisation in agriculture

Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

The Data Protection Law Enforcement Directive

Data Protection in the EU Institutions and Bodies

Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade

Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030

EcoDesign Directive

EU AI Act

EN ISO 20675:2021 Biogas production, conditioning, upgrading and utilization.

EN 16751:2016 "Bio-based products - Sustainability criteria"

EN 16760:2015 Bio-based products - Life Cycle Assessment

Name of policy instrument EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 EU Cybersecurity Act Farm to Fork Strategy Fertilising Products Regulation The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Green Paper on the Management of Bio-waste in the EU Landfill Directive New Circular Economy Action Plan **Renewable Energy Directive** Regulation on electronic identification and trust services eDIAS regulation Sewage Sludge Directive Urban waste-water treatment Directive Waste Framework Directive



Policy recommendations

- Three themes for bio sector
- Introduction
- Barriers / drivers
- Case study
- Recommendations





Complexity and low predictability of policy instruments

Diverse value chain

Regulatory changes - challenges

Bureaucracy burden

Simplify and stabilize regulations





Complexity and low predictability of policy instruments - recommendations

- 1. Stabilize the regulatory framework for the biobased industry
- 2. Implement national biogas programs
 o Biogas production & nutrient recycling
- 3. Provide agricultural investment support for recycled materials
- 4. Increase resources for counseling services to navigate policy and funding
- 5. Provide comprehensive advisory services for farmers about circular practices





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Case: Investment aid for farms is not granted for equipment made from recycled materials

- Farmers in Finland are eligible for investment aid from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
 - E.g., for new constructions, and energy investments
 - Support ranges from 30-50%
- Aid does not cover equipment made from recycled or reused components
 - E.g., repurposed batteries to store solar energy
- Incentive only for new equipment, hindering circular economy





Sewage sludge utilization and wastewater treatment

Nutrient recovery potential Possible contaminants Regulations impact recovery Research and incentives





Sewage sludge utilization and wastewater treatment

- 1. Enact a stricter Sewage Sludge Directive to encourage use of sludge
- 2. Ensure funding for long-term research on sludge-based fertilizers
- 3. Provide incentives for technological development in nutrient recovery
- 4. Establish clear regulatory framework for sewage sludge use
- 5. Coordinate updates of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive with Sewage Sludge Directive to avoid regulatory overlap
- 6. Provide resources for campaigns on toilet etiquette



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Lack of incentives for biogas in Finland

Enhanced self-sufficiency Developing biogas sector Profitability concerns Political impact, stability







Lack of incentives for biogas in Finland recommendations

- Update and ensure continuation of the national biogas program
- Continue investment grants for biogas plants 2.
- Ensure funding for research into nutrient recycling 3.
- Increase the distribution obligation for transport 4. fuels
- Maintain subsidies for gas-powered heavy 5. transport vehicles
- Strengthen the role of biogas in emission regulation for heavy vehicles and maritime 6. transport





Next steps

- Project deliverable D1.3 will be submitted on 31.5.2024, published in June
- Policy briefs / White paper to be developed from D1.3





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Supporting the replication of the systemic CE solutions for biobased side streams: TREASoURcE Replication Handbook and KiertoaSuomesta.fi marketplace

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The Replication Handbook

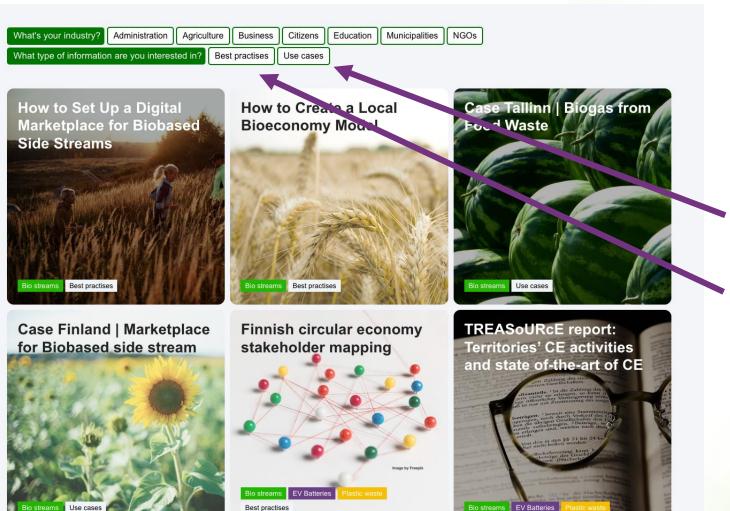


- A goal of the project is to create and share replicable practices and relevant learnings based on the activities and findings of the project.
- The Handbook will be a comprehensive guide that ties in TREASoURCE's key results.
- The content is devided in the three key value chains: Plastic, Batteries, and Bio



Bio streams





- The Handbook is a living document and will be developed until the end of the project.
- Use cases
 -> "How we did it"
- Best parctises
 -> "How to do it"

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Structure

• The content is devided into the three key value chains:



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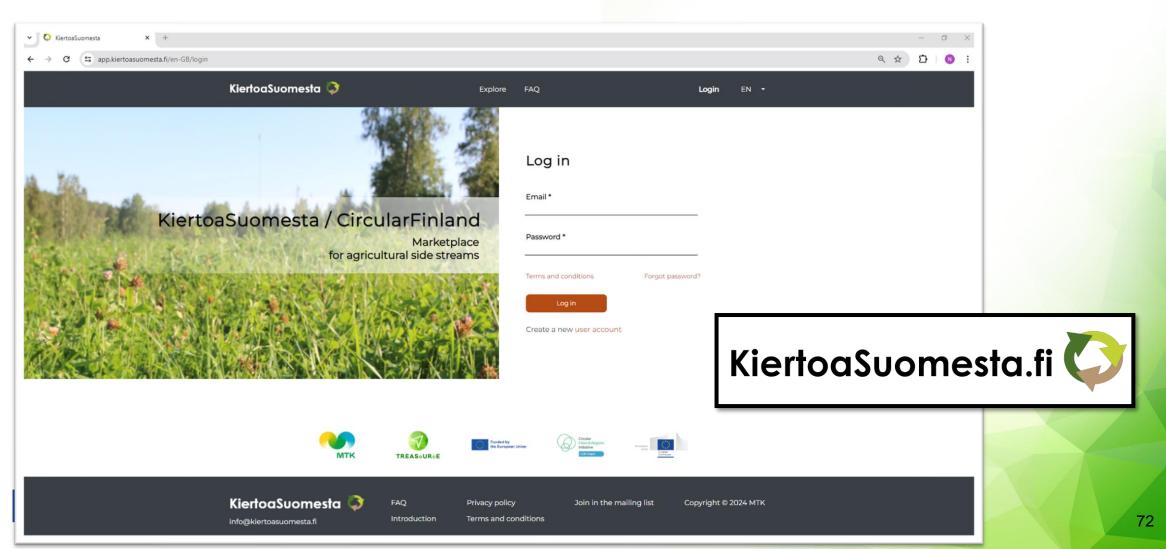
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Case: Digital marketplace for biobased side and waste streams







Multiple benefits for the users of the site

- Economic benefits
- Business diversification
- Waste disposal -> cleaning benefit
- Environmental advantage
- New customers and partners
- Learning



KiertoaSuomesta.fi brings together a wide range of stakeholders **TREASoURcE ORGANIZERS SELLERS BUYERS** & UTILIZERS Logistics **Farmers** - drivers Farms manure **Biogas plants** - grass - straw - heat - electricity - biofuel Processing **Biotech firms** industry - biomass dryer **Processing industry** - feed - processing - food waste - biochar - woodchips - circular fertilizers **Municipalities** - mill side streams 鼺 - bedding materials - wastewater - other biomaterials - soil amendments treatment

Find more about the marketplace from Replication Handbook

https://handbook.treasource.eu/usecase-finland-biobased-side-streams/



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Waste stream

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Replication Handbook

The digital marketplace, <u>KiertoaSuomesta fi</u> (Circular Finland) was developed and published by the TREASoURcE project in summer 2023 to promote the use of biobased side streams from agriculture, forestry, industry operators, and municipalities. The aim is to create new business opportunities and to increase the functionality of the circular economy in the utilization of biomaterials.

The future circular bioeconomy must be based on the efficient use of raw materials that also supports the use of local resources. In cooperation with farmers, industries, municipalities, and regions, the TREASoURcE project aims to support market development for biobased side and waste streams through a newly launched <u>digital marketplace</u>.

Best practises: How to set up a marketplace for biobased side streams

Main site



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Waste stream

Bio streams

Replication Handbook

- Background research
- Organization
- Governance
- Legislative aspects
- Finance
- Stakeholders



How to Set Up a Digital Marketplace for Biobased Side Streams

Certain key aspects are needed to build up a digital marketplace for biobased side and waste streams in addition to money reserved for the development planning and for building up the website.

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Main site

In the process of implementation of digital marketplace, we collected our knowledge and are glad to share it with anyone planning to replicate this practice. Read more about the marketplace:

Case Finland: Biobased Side Stream Marketplace



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