# Perspectives of organic fertiliser products and industry in the Northern countries

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#### 45 years of Sustainability

Biolan Oy was founded 1974 to produce organic fertilizers from broiler manure. Today:



- Processing over 100.000 m3 of organic side streams yearly
- total of 9 companies in 5 countries
- over 50 different products for organic and ecological farming
- over 20 different consumer products in the environmental category (composting, dry toilets, waste water treatment etc)
- several patents around environmental products and technology for green house climate management
- export to over 50 countries
- a family owned company focused on "offering ecological solutions to fight the harm done by people to environment"



### Circular economy as core business

- Continuously replacing virgin raw materials with renewable raw materials and both agriculture and industry side streams
- Current raw materials: living Spaghnum moss, chicken and horse manure, wood fibers, bark, biochar, bone meal, feather meal, blood meal, peat, vinasse,...
- Liquid organic fertilizer = the NH<sub>4</sub> from the composting reactor washed into lactic acid

Continuous research and co-operation in using new industry

side streams

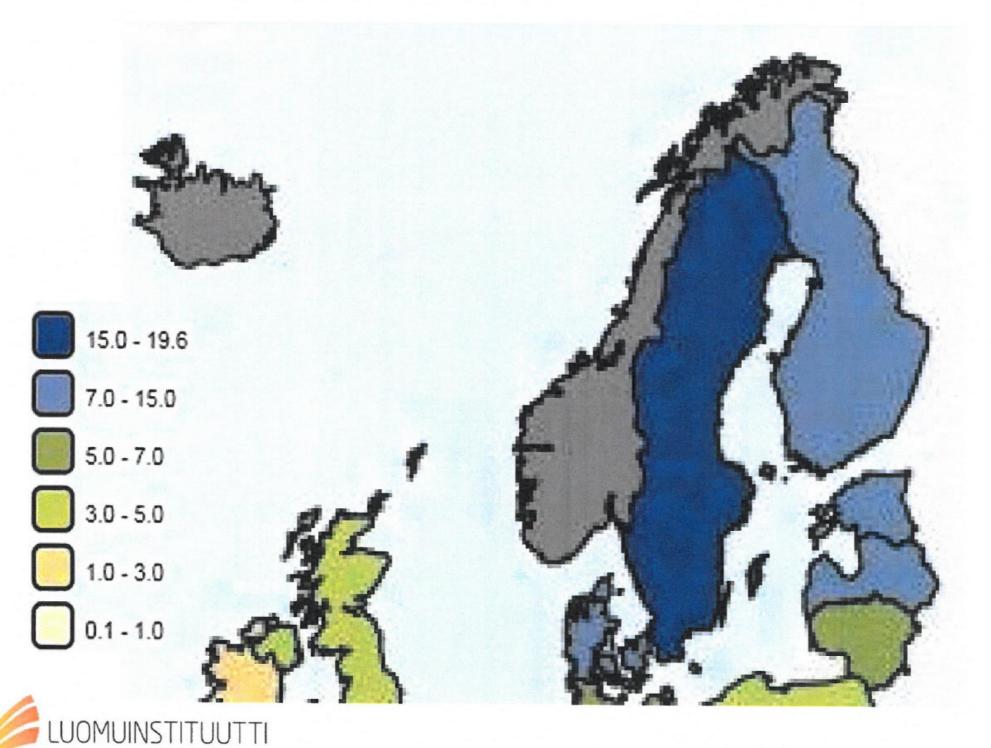




## Organic and organo-mineral fertilisers

- Products based on dried and granulated broiler manure
  - Hobby gardeners
  - Professional horticulture
  - Organic farming
- Recepies for plant categories
  - Addition of raw materials accepted for organic farming
  - Developed together with organic farmers and food industry
- Application
  - Granulated fertilizer easy to apply with current farming equipment
- New product line in field tests season 2019
  - → launch for season 2020

# Northern European Countries and Field Area in Organic Production (Source: Eurostat 2014)



### Population, prosperity and consumption of organic food, number of certified organic producers, area and % of certified organic farmland in the Nordic countries 2012

(Source: Löes, Anne-Kristin & al, 2015)

Country	Population, mill.	GDP/capita 1000 Euros 2012	Organic consump- tion, % of retail sales	Nr of certified organic producers	Certified organic farmland, thousand ha	Certified land, % of total
SWEDEN	9,3	35,6	3,9	5601	478	15,6
FINLAND	5,4	31,9	1,6	4322	198	8,7
DENMARK	5,5	32,7	7,6	2651	195	7,4
NORWAY	4,9	47,2	1,2	2590	55	5,1





## Special features of the Nordic area

- Short growing season
  - Crop suitable for the climate
  - Effective means of farming; technology, equipment
- Variety of climate and growing conditions within the area
  - South vs north; coast vs inland
- Cold winters, snow coverage of land, frost even in June, rainfall risks in critical time
- Legistlation, monitoring, politics



### Drivers of the organic fertiliser industry

- Availability of raw materials
  - Manure, sludges, digestates
  - Legistlation, funding
- Fertiliser or soil improver?
  - Nutrient value, value for soil
- Who's paying the price?
  - Is the material a side stream?
  - Is the material a problem for the producer?
  - Value of the end-product vs the price the user is willing to pay
  - Risks for farmers (contents of sludges and digestates)
- Location of materials vs potential users of materials
  - Concentration of industry and farms
  - Hot spots for manure production → need in other areas → logistics?



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