



The EU Fertilisers Regulation: plant and organic materials in the Circular Economy

Wednesday 11th April: 14h00 – 17h15 (welcome coffee etc. 13h30), Renaissance Marriott Hotel, 15 rue du Parnasse, 1050 Brussels,

Please register to participate <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EUFR-organic-circular>

13:30 **Registration** – welcome coffee

14:00 **Welcome and objectives.** Chris Thornton, ESPP (European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform).

14:10 **Importance of plant and organic materials in fertilising materials.** How organic materials are processed in practice: quality, safety, innovation (case study video). Florence Nys, UNIFA (Union des Industries de la Fertilisation, France).

14 :25 **Organic and plant-based by-products:** interactions with “industrial” by-products, CMC2 and CMC6. Widening definitions of CMC2 and CMC6. Chiara Manoli, ILSA SpA Italy, Co-chair of ECOFI’s Regulatory Committee ECOFI (European Consortium of the Organic-Based Fertilizer-Industry)
Case studies: fostering innovation related to bio-based primary or secondary components - plant and seaweed extracts, vegetable cakes and hydrolysed proteins.

14:40 *Case studies: vegetable cakes, food industry by-products.* Quentin Protsenko, Frayssinet, UNIFA member company.

14:45 **Plant-based components of fertilising products and REACH:** today and tomorrow. David Carden, Valagro, Chair of EBIC’s Regulatory Committee.

14:55 **Combining safety and innovation in digestates.** Franz Kirchmeyr, Vice-President, EBA (European Biogas Association).

15:05 *Case-study – difficulties of exporting compost within the EU today.*

Wim de Jong, Twence (compost producer, Netherlands) and working group compost Green Deal North Sea Resources Roundabout.

15:15 – 15h45 Break

15:45 **Circular products in growing media:** certification, ensuring safety (pathogens), labelling and analysis.

Nele Ameloot, President of GME (Growing Media Europe) Expertise Working Group

15:55 *Case study – effectiveness of existing legislation in ensuring safety – example of the Portugal beetle.* Laurent Largent, AFAIA (French federation for manufacturers of soil improvers, growing media, organic and organo-mineral fertilizers, mulches and biostimulants)

16:00 *Case study – effectiveness of self-certification in ensuring safety and enabling innovation and the circular economy in Growing Media.*

Nele Ameloot, Greenyard Horticulture (growing media producer)

16:05 **New EU policy to avoid introduction and spreading of quarantine pests.** Harry Arijs, DG DANTE, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit G1 – Plant Health

16:20 Positions of European Parliament, Council & status of trilogue

Final panel and discussions

17:00 **Closure** - coffee and networking to 17:45