

Towards the co-creation of better regulation frameworks for alternative fertilisers

Organised by FER-PLAY

Programme

18 & 28 September 2023 – Via Microsoft Teams

FER-PLAY aims at facilitating the uptake of alternative fertilisers to protect ecosystems, decrease EU dependence on fertiliser imports, foster circularity, and improve soil health. The project will map and assess alternative fertilisers made from secondary raw materials, such as manure, and highlight their multiple benefits in order to promote their wide-scale production and use on field.

As a first step in the project, seven alternative fertiliser value chains have been selected based on a multi-assessment analysis: struvite from urban wastewater, struvite from industrial wastewater, stabilized sludge, composted bio-waste, feather meal, solid fraction of digestate and chompost. Now, two online meetings will be organized to discuss regulatory challenges and opportunities faced by the selected products. Conclusions drawn from the meetings will help to elaborate policy recommendations to contribute to favourable regulatory conditions for the uptake of these alternative fertilisers.

Hour	Activity
Day 1: Monday 18 September 2023 - Regulatory challenges and opportunities for sludge-derived fertilising products	
13:00 – 13:05	General introduction and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucile Sever, Policy Officer, EBA
13:05 – 13:15	FER-PLAY: facilitating the uptake of alternative fertilisers for circularity & soil health <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Soriano, R&D Project Coordinator, CETENMA – Coordinator of FER-PLAY
13:15 – 13:45	Regulatory challenges and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Struvite from urban wastewater and industrial wastewater</i> by Wim Moerman, Dr.ir. process engineer, NuReSys• <i>Stabilized sludge</i> by Elisa Gambuzzi, R&D Technician, CETENMA
13:45 – 13:55	Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Lucile Sever

13:55 - 14:00	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lauriane Noirot, Project Officer, ACR+ – Task Leader FER-PLAY
Day 2: Thursday 28 September 2023 - Regulatory challenges and opportunities for various fertilising products	
13:00 – 13:05	General introduction and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucile Sever, Policy Officer, EBA
13:05 – 13:15	FER-PLAY: facilitating the uptake of alternative fertilisers for circularity & soil health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Soriano, R&D Project Coordinator, CETENMA – Coordinator of FER-PLAY
13:15 – 13:45	Regulatory challenges and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Composted bio-waste from food waste and green compost</i> by Ambrogio Pigoli, Technical expert, CIC <i>Feather meal</i> (tbc.) <i>Solid fraction of digestate</i> by Lucile Sever, Policy Officer, European Biogas Association <i>Champost</i> by Kristof Gheysens, Researcher, Inagro
13:45 – 13:55	Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Lucile Sever
13:55 - 14:00	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lauriane Noirot, Project Officer, ACR+ – Task Leader FER-PLAY