



# Agri-food innovative solutions towards a #ZeroPollutionEU

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## Preliminary agenda: Agri-food solutions towards a Zero Pollution EU

#EUGreenWeek partner event

Organiser: [Innovarum](#)

Approximate date: 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2021 (Monday)

Audience: Industry stakeholders, clusters, and associations

\*This agenda may be updated as the event gets closer

## About the event

The **"Agri-food innovative solutions towards a Zero Pollution EU"** is an online interactive event that gathers innovative EU projects in the agri-food sector — Greenprotein, Pro-Enrich, Bioschamp, Biofruitnet & Coopid— to present their solutions and contributions towards a Zero Pollution Europe. It also counts with the joint participation of the projects like Hoop or Valuwaste, which will be presented as an example of how urban biowaste management can contribute to the sustainability of cities and the agri-food sector.

It is divided into 2 main blocks:

1. Innovation actions in the agri-food sector, tackling pollution challenges in the EU.
2. Networking actions among the primary sector in EU and their contribution to healthy environments.

The event is directed towards industry stakeholders and the business sector, who are invited to attend and benefit from the knowledge exchange and networking opportunity.

## EU partner events

The **"Agri-food innovative solutions towards a Zero Pollution EU"** is an [EU partner event](#), a parallel event to the #EUGreenWeek 2021. The main topic for this year EU Green Week is "Zero Pollution":

"Pollution affects everybody – through the air we breathe, the water we drink or the land we grow our food on. (...) The **European Green Week 2021** will be dedicated to the 'zero pollution ambition'. It will also look at other relevant European Green Deal initiatives, such as the climate initiatives, the upcoming Chemicals Strategy, as well as initiatives in the fields of energy, industry, mobility, agriculture, fisheries, health and biodiversity." – [EU Green Week 2021](#)

# Preliminary agenda for the 31<sup>st</sup> of May

## 13:00–13:05 Welcome and introduction

**SPEAKERS & HOSTS:** Maya Hernando and Irene Paredes, Co-Founders and Co-CEOs at [INNOVARUM](#).

**Irene** holds the title of agronomist from the Polytechnic University of Madrid (ES) with a specialisation on agri-food industry, and a MSc in Food Safety from the University of Wageningen (NL). With such a passion about innovation and industry, founding Innovarum with Maya was the best decision possible.

**Maya** is an agricultural engineer from the Polytechnic University of Madrid (ES) and she has a MSc. in Plant science from the University of Wageningen (NL). Before founding Innovarum she worked as project coordinator for IFOAM EU – Brussels (BE).

**Introduction:** Agri-food sector contributions to the EU environment.

## 13:05 Part 1: innovative actions in the agri-food sector, tackling pollution challenges in the EU

### 13:05-13:15 Presentation 1: GreenProtein



**SPEAKER:** Prof. Dr. Dubravka Skunca, FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND LAW, [NIKOLA TESLA UNIVERSITY](#)

Dubravka is LCA Leader for the European Commission Horizon 2020 BBI JU GreenProtein project. She has earned a Doctor of Science degree in Technology Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Management and completed studies and research at Sorbonne University (Paris), LSE (London) and Columbia University (New York). Professor Skunca has 15 years of experience in sustainable business consulting, teaching and environmental research. She is representative at the Environmental Footprint Technical Advisory Board at European Commission, DG Environment.

**TOPIC:** Life Cycle Assessment of Rubisco Protein Production

### 13:15-13:25 Presentation 2: Pro-Enrich



**SPEAKER:** Dr Anne Christine Steenkjær Hastrup, [Danish Technological Institute](#) (DTI)

Dr Anne Christine Steenkjær Hastrup is director at the Danish Technological Institute for Center for Bioresources and Biorefining focusing on the valorisation of biomass through biorefining (hydrolysis, fractionation and separation) followed by product development. Dr. Hastrup has headed the establishment of a food grade pilot plant at

DTI for upscaling of biorefining processes, business model calculation, development and incorporation of biobased components into new products.

**TOPIC:** Pro-Enrich: Developing novel functional proteins and bioactive ingredients from agricultural side streams.

### 13:25-13:35 Presentation 3: BIOSCHAMP



**SPEAKER:** Jaime Carrasco, [ASOCHAMP-CTICH](#)

Jaime Carrasco is a researcher with an interest for mushroom science and pathology. He is currently acting as innovation manager for the Project BIOSCHAMP at ASOCHAMP, working both for the industry and academia to tackle ambitious goals for the greening of the sector.

**TOPIC:** Biostimulation of eco-friendly substrates for the mushroom industry: BIOSCHAMP

### 13:35–13:45 Presentation 4: HOOP, VALUEWASTE & SCALIBUR



**SPEAKER:** Francisca Sánchez Liarte, [CETENMA](#)

Francisca Sánchez Liarte is currently EU Project Leader in CETENMA and counts with more than 10 years of experience in planning and development of products and services related to wastewater & waste to bioenergy valorisation and biorefineries approaches from a circular economy perspective. She owns a PhD Chemical Engineering, University of Bath, UK and has participated in the preparation of several successful European, National and Regional project proposals. She knows well the politics and European strategies in sustainability and urban bioeconomy and works with city halls in the development of more sustainable cities.

**TOPIC:** Contribution of urban biowaste management to the sustainability of cities and the agri-food sector.

### 13:45-13:50 Part 1: Questions and interaction

13:50 Part 2: networking actions among the EU primary sector and their contribution to healthy environments

### 13:50 – 14:00 Presentation 4: COOPID



**SPEAKER:** Susana Rivera, [AGRI-FOOD COOPERATIVES SPAIN](#)

Susana is in charge for national and European standards and rules related to quality, food safety, energy auditing methodologies and organic farming regulations in the Department of Sustainability, Quality and Innovation at Agri-food Cooperatives Spain.

She participates in several certification committees of Quality and Food Safety certification schemes and participates in the COPA-COGECA Working Party regarding Quality and Food Safety.

**TOPIC:** Cooperation in the EU primary sector in the transition to a sustainable bioeconomy

#### 14:00 – 14:10 Presentation 5: BIOFRUITNET



**SPEAKER:** Jutta Kienzle, [NATURLAND](#)

Jutta Kienzle has been active more than 30 years in research and in network coordination in organic fruit growing in Germany. Main research topics are pest regulation strategy and biodiversity enhancement. In BIOFRUITNET is currently active as an assistant to the project coordination for Naturland e.V.

**TOPIC:** BIOFRUITNET, Innovate European Organic Fruit Production

#### 14:10-14:15 Part 2: Questions and interaction

#### 14:15 Sum up and farewell

**SPEAKERS & HOSTS:** Maya Hernando and Irene Paredes, Co-Founders and Co-CEOs at INNOVARUM.