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### Greeting from RISE

Dear readers,

As summer approaches, CiNURGi is gaining traction on multiple fronts—from our commercial pilot investments to our technology and evaluation support centers to new collaborations and visibility in EU policy dialogues. Over the past months, our work has expanded in both depth and reach:

technical activities are progressing across the Baltic Sea Region, and stakeholder engagement is delivering valuable insights into how circular nutrient solutions can take root in practice.

In this edition of the newsletter, we highlight some of the exciting developments shaping the second half of the project: participation in events like Europeforum, growing involvement in EU platforms like PA Nutri Talks, and our contributions to the consultation of the European Bioeconomy Strategy in a joint statement under PA Nutri. Whether you're following CiNURGi from a policy, research, or



practitioner perspective, we thank you for being part of this joint effort to create a more circular and resilient Baltic Sea Region.

Warm regards,  
Cheryl Cordeiro & Erik Sindhøj  
Lead Partners, CiNURGi  
RISE Research Institutes of Sweden

## Participation in Consultation on EU Bioeconomy Strategy

The European Commission has opened a consultation on its Bioeconomy strategy to which a joint statement, coordinated by EUSBSR PA Nutri, has been prepared.

CiNURGi is participating in the joint statement in the hopes of impacting the strategy's aims on circularity and sustainability, all aspects the strategy hopes to reinforce. The new Bioeconomy Strategy is due for adoption by the end of 2025.

Read the full recommendations by CiNURGi by pressing the button below:

[Link](#)

**BALTIC SEA REGION FORUM 12 MAY 2025**

## Baltic Sea Region Forum addressed nutrient recycling

The Baltic Sea Region Forum 2025, themed "Safe and Secure Baltic Sea," featured nutrient recycling in its third panel. The speakers of the panel represented research, governance, business and international cooperation. On the panel were Erik Sindhøj/RISE (CiNURGi); Elsi Kauppinen/ELY-centre Finland (EUSBSR PA Nutri); Eija Hagelberg/Ministry of Environment, Finland; Teija Paavola/Atria Finland Ltd; Ludwig Hermann/Proman Management GmbH; Mats Johansson/WWF Sweden and Kari Ylivainio/LUKE Natural Resources Institute Finland (Lex4Bio).

The panelists highlighted nutrient recycling as a cornerstone of sustainability, resilience, and security. "It's not only about environmental protection—it's about societal resilience," noted Erik Sindhøj. Panelists emphasized that while many technological solutions are already available, the real barriers lie in costs, fragmented efforts, and a lack of political will. The discussion called for stronger policy leadership, reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, clear national targets, and better coordination between projects and financial instruments.

Erik Sindhøj noted that "almost any form of nutrient recycling comes with a cost... someone has to carry it". Thus, incentives for farmers are essential—if they are expected to deliver ecosystem services, they must be compensated. Industry is beginning to shift toward circular practices, and private companies were seen as important partners, though they cannot drive the transition alone. The panel also stressed the need to align environmental goals with agricultural and economic policies. Importantly, nutrient recycling was also framed as a geopolitical issue—reducing dependency on imported mineral fertilizers enhances self-sufficiency and stability.

The panel concluded with a call to action: combine policy leadership, economic incentives, technology investment, and mindset shift to normalize nutrient recycling and support both resilience and sustainability moving forward.

Centrum Balticum organises the Baltic Sea Region Forum annually. The Forum attracted almost 500 participants on-site and online. It's possible to return to the event by watching the recording on [YouTube](#).



PA NUTRI TALKS 12 JUNE 2025

## Nutrient recycling in the Baltic Sea Region

During the latest EUSBSR PA Nutri Talks CiNURGi offered updates from the project to an audience of about 50 people.

At the second PA Nutri Talks -webinar which discussed nutrient recycling in the Baltic Sea Region CiNURGi project coordinators Erik Sindhøj and Cheryl Marie Cordeiro, from Rise presented on the latest updates from the project.

CiNURGi pilots in Sweden, Poland, Germany, and Finland are testing RNFs from diverse waste streams (e.g., manure, sludge, food waste). CiNURGi demonstrates 4 pilot investments and 24 case studies of technologies like biochar, struvite, and precision slurry application. These include pilots on transportable RNFs to enable safe nutrient transfer from hotspot to deficit areas. CiNURGi evaluates agronomic value, safety, and performance of RNFs through pot trials, incubation studies, and stakeholder testing. CiNURGi project partner LUKE is mapping nutrient surpluses and deficits. The report is expected to be finished by the fall.

Several other projects had also been invited to present their activities, including FERTITEC Project, GREENHOOD Project and BIOSOLFarm – South Baltic Farms – an essential part of renewable energy systems. The discussion also included presentations from WWF on the Baltic Stewardship Initiative and the Swedish Nutrient platform.

Watch the recording from the [event](#).

Check out the CiNURGi presentation [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE 27 AUGUST 2025

**Europeforum**

Europe Forum in Turku, Finland 27–29 August 2025

The eighth Europe Forum will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Finland's EU membership. Themes of the 2025 Europe Forum include changes in the security policy environment, European competitiveness and the EU's multiannual financial framework.

CiNURGi will be presented at Europeforum in Turku, Finland, on **Wednesday 27th of August**. The session is called Circular Nutrients for Sustainable Supply and Energy Independence, and starts at **13:30 EET**. You can follow the program live in Turku or [online](#).

Centrum Balticum Foundation will host a session on nutrient recycling as nutrient recycling is crucial for the Baltic Sea Region's supply security and competitiveness. By reusing nutrients from organic waste, the region can reduce dependence on imported, energy-intensive fertilizers, enhancing resilience and lowering emissions. This approach supports sustainable agriculture, mitigates environmental pollution, and fosters economic development. Centrum Balticum presents CiNURGi project, which exemplifies how circular economy principles can drive environmental sustainability and strengthen the region's economic position.

Speakers:

Elsi Kauppinen (EUSBSR PA Nutri)

Tero Liukas (Tero Liukas OY)

Sari Luostarinen (LUKE)

Erik Sindhøj (RISE)



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