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Greeting from RISE

Dear CiNURGi Community,

After two years of planning, analysis, and pilot implementation, CiNURGi is now turning its attention to policy, governance, and the long term uptake of circular nutrient solutions. With the planning phase completed, we are wrapping up the piloting of concrete solutions across the region. These

pilots have enabled us to test technologies, assess quality and safety, and evaluate how recycled nutrient fertilisers perform in real agricultural systems.

Our focus is now shifting toward translating this evidence into clear recommendations and practical guidance. The final stage of the project concentrates on strengthening governance frameworks, supporting market development, and helping ensure that circular nutrient solutions become a lasting part of the Baltic Sea Region's agricultural systems.



In this newsletter, you will find updates from our pilot activities, insights from our regional assessments, and information about upcoming events, including ESNI-NERM 2026 in Brussels. We are also pleased to highlight the work of Skive Municipality, engaging in important dialogue on biochar with stakeholders, whose initiative demonstrates how local innovation can contribute to nutrient balance, soil improvement, and climate mitigation. CiNURGI has always aimed to connect environmental protection, agricultural practice, and circular economy principles. As we enter the final stretch, collaboration and shared learning remain central to achieving real and durable impact.

Thank you for your interest and continued contribution to this work.

Cheryl & Erik

Energibyen Skive in dialogue with farmers about biochar



How well known is biochar among farmers and other stakeholders in the Skive area – and how is biochar perceived in practice? These questions are at the heart of an ongoing study initiated by Energibyen Skive to create a better knowledge base about biochar and its potential applications.

January featured many conversations about biochar in Denmark, as Energibyen Skive participated in the Danish Plant Congress (Plantekongressen) in Herning and the local Fjordland Congress in Skive. The aim was to gain a better understanding of farmers' awareness, experiences, and the potential of biochar — with a particular focus on the Skive area.

“At the conferences, we focused on our survey, which we introduced in our discussions with conference participants in both Herning and Skive. But it was also important to prioritize dialogue, and therefore we had many conversations with stakeholders from the sector that gave us valuable insights,” says Stephan Scheelke.

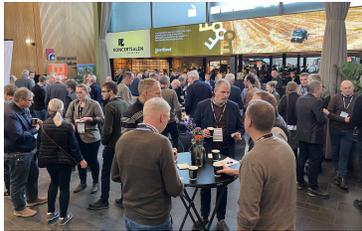
The survey complements previous knowledge gathered through dialogue and interviews. In the survey, participants are asked, among other things, about their awareness of biochar, how they assess its potential, and which factors may influence whether biochar is perceived as a relevant option in practice.

“With the study, we are looking at awareness, experiences, and assessments of biochar. This gives us a better basis for understanding how biochar is perceived in practice and where there may be a need for more knowledge,” says Stephan Scheelke.

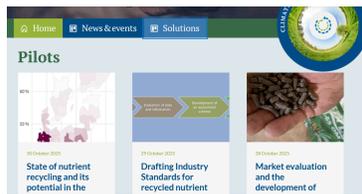
Data collection is currently ongoing and will continue for the next couple of months, and will feed into the knowledge work within CiNURGI, where the focus is on circular resource utilization.



Pictures from the Danish Plant Congress.



Pictures from the Fjordland Congress in Skive.



Results from WP1 available

The eagle-eyed reader might have noticed new content on the project homepage, but this news bears repeating: the results from Work Package 1 are out! CiNURGi project partners have completed three tasks:

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- State of nutrient recycling and its potential in the Baltic Sea Region
- Drafting Industry Standards for recycled nutrient fertilizers
- Market evaluation and the development of markets in recycled nutrients

Results from completed tasks include several published reports, databases and articles. All materials available have been published on the project homepage for your reading pleasure. You can find the relevant materials under Pilots listed on the Solutions tab on the homepage.

State of nutrient recycling and its potential in the Baltic Sea Region

To set a base for the promotion of nutrient recycling, CiNURGi has assessed the current state of nutrient recycling in the Baltic Sea Region. This includes information on recyclable biomasses available from agriculture, municipalities and industry, their location and current use.

Read the full findings by pressing the button below:

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Drafting Industry Standards for recycled nutrient fertilizers

Ensuring the safety of recycled nutrient fertilizing products, for both humans and the environment, is essential for the promotion of a circular economy in nutrients. Enforceable, evidence-based standards are necessary to prevent negative outcomes from the use of recycled nutrients, and to gain acceptance among users and consumers. CiNURGi has taken an important step forward towards creating these standards.

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Market evaluation and the development of markets in recycled nutrients

As part of the project, CiNURGi has identified and described the most innovative and optimal solutions for nutrient recycling and assessed their market potential. To promote the development of the market in recycled nutrients CiNURGi has compiled and analysed best practices and most innovative solutions for nutrient recycling based on organic wastes from farming, industry and municipalities, which are already commercialised or close to being market mature and having potential for a wider dissemination in the Baltic Sea Region.

Read the full findings by pressing the button below:

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SAVE THE DATE

ESNI-NERM

ESNI-NERM conference in Brussels, Belgium 28–29 April 2026

This year, the European Sustainable Nutrient Initiative (ESNI) Conference and the Nutrients in Europe Research Meeting (NERM) are merging into a single reference meeting and CiNURGi is co-organising a parallel session!

The CiNURGi parallel session is on **Tuesday 28th April** and is organised in collaboration with Horizon 2020-funded projects [FERTITEC](#) and [FertiCOVERY](#).

The CiNURGi consortium has also submitted a handful of abstracts for posters, fingers crossed they get chosen!

For event [registration](#) visit the conference homepage for further info on cost and modes of participation.

EUSBSR annual forum

CiNURGi has applied for a parallel session at the EUSBSR annual forum 2026, which is being held in Tallinn, Estonia 11-13 May. Keep an eye on the CiNURGi homepage for further updates!

LATEST NEWS

CiNURGi News Stories

How effectively do plants use phosphorus from recycled nutrient fertilizers? New CiNURGi results available

Dr. Oksana Valetska from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) presented results obtained from greenhouse experiments to fellow soil sciences researchers at the EUROSIL conference. Her presentation highlighted the performance of recycled nutrient fertilizers under varying soil phosphorus conditions, contributing valuable insights into sustainable fertilization strategies.

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Connecting Circular Nutrients to the Baltic Sea Region's Broader Goals

At the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2025 in Sopot, Poland, nutrient recycling took center stage in the session "New Circular Economy Solutions", jointly organized by the EUSBSR Policy Areas Nutri, Bioeconomy, Hazard, and Ship. The projects presented included CiNURGi & FERTITEC (PA Nutri), GYPREC (PA Nutri), Circular Ports (PA Ship), and Achieving Zero PFAs (PA Hazard).

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CiNURGi Webinar Presents Nutrient Recycling Solutions in the Baltic Sea Region

On 19 November 2025, the CiNURGi project hosted a virtual webinar on nutrient recycling solutions in the Baltic Sea Region, presenting results for finished activities and sharing process on ongoing activities. Organised on the heels of the CiNURGi consortium meeting in Gdansk, Poland, the results were as fresh as can be. The event highlighted both theoretical insights and practical pilots across the project's network and gathered researchers and associated partners.

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CiNURGi Project Meeting in Gdańsk Showcases Results and Sets Steps for 2026

The partners of the CiNURGi project convened in Gdańsk and Olsztyn, Poland, on 17–19 November 2025 for a project meeting that marked an important milestone as the initiative approaches its final year. During the three-day meeting, participants received updates from all work packages and took part in a site visit to the Olsztyn wastewater treatment plant.

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CiNURGi presented at the 11th Scientific Conference of the Polish Agronomic Society

The 11th Scientific Conference of the Polish Agronomic Society, entitled "Contemporary Challenges for Agriculture – Prospects and Directions of Development," took place on September 17-19, 2025.

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New CiNURGi Video Shows Circular Nutrients in Action (Finnish)

A new video produced by the Finnish Biocycle and Biogas Association within the CiNURGi project is now available on YouTube, showcasing a concrete, real-life example of how nutrients can be circulated efficiently and sustainably from one farm to another in the Baltic Sea Region.

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What and Where? New CiNURGi Reports Reveal Nutrient Recycling Potential Across the Baltic Sea Region

New reports from CiNURGi provide the most comprehensive overview to date of the availability and geographical distribution of nutrient-rich biomass streams across the Baltic Sea Region.

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