



Research Summary Sheet

Deliverable n°: 1.2 (Task 1.1) ***“Open online multistakeholders platform”***

Context and Challenges

The NoAW project puts focus on cross-sectorial implementation of valorisation of agro-wastes and also highlights the importance of the cooperation between the different stakeholders in the agro-food value chain. Driven by a shared need of agro-waste management, the establishment of a Knowledge Exchange Stakeholder Platform (KESP) involving all type of actors will contribute to the exchange of knowledge and the better awareness and understanding of needs and expectations of different stakeholders. The open forum for discussion will create an opportunity to share experience, skills and ideas and contribute to better awareness towards agro waste issues within the EU and China.

The objectives are providing a forum for knowledge, information exchange and discussion with agro-food businesses, farmers, biogas processors, food companies, scientific community, authorities relating to agro-waste management and valorisation issues in the light of their needs and expectations.

The KESP will foster an understanding of what is new in agriculture waste management from technical, environmental and business concepts / cross-chain valorisation aspects, including development opportunities and potential applications of innovative bio-processes and bio-products.

One of the goals is to provide guidance to NoAW, based on the key activities of the members of the KESP, exploring their needs and problems will ensure that the project activities and outcomes are focused on priority areas and the proposed processes and technologies will meet the expectations of the stakeholders.

Results and Applications

The procedures for operating the NoAW Knowledge Exchange Stakeholder Platform (KESP) and its Asian Mirror Platform were established, which helped the smooth communication and control of the work flow in the project. It was defined what the project can offer for KESP members, what is valuable for them in return for their time investment and knowledge shared. The needs and interest and expectations of KESP members towards the NoAW project were explored by personal and online expert interviewing. Based on this information, communication tools and invitation letters were developed. Methods for enhancing members' commitment to stakeholder platforms were collected. Information about the project is regularly provided on the web-site, social media networks (Twitter and LinkedIn). In order to maintain the stakeholders' interest,



materials (e.g.: articles, guidelines, state of the art knowledge) are collected from the project partners and placed on the online, password protected dedicated KESP platform on the NoAW website.

In the first year more than 163 potential candidates were invited to join to the NoAW Knowledge Exchange Stakeholder Platform and 28 of them expressed their willingness to join. The knowledge exchange stakeholder platform will be open for any new inquirer during the whole project.

Breakthroughs, benefits and added value

The KESP approach leads to a better information flow and management in the sector. The multistakeholder approach which includes the practical users, policy makers and other stakeholders throughout the whole process of research will improve the results' applicability for valorisation of agro-waste and enhance their exploitation.

Further information on NoAW project: <http://noaw2020.eu>

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