

LIFE BioLubridge

BIOLUBRICANTS FROM URBAN SEWAGE SLUDGE



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THE PROJECT

In LIFE BioLubridge a new process will be demonstrated on a pilot scale, by treating thickened urban sewage sludge with the aim of:

- ★ recovering lipid contained therein for generating biolubricants
- ★ reducing final residual sludge disposal and improve its final quality and properties, encouraging the safe use of sludge in agriculture

Lipids will be purified and converted into biolubricants, which will be tested for specific applications in the field of metalworking fluids.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Sewage sludge in Europe is increasing fast but it cannot be used in agriculture because of the increasing amount of "emerging pollutants" it contains.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

lubricating oil is emitted into the environment, impacting on soils, groundwater, vegetation, and animals.

RAW MATERIALS SCARCITY

Overuse of virgin natural resources for biolubricants production

MAIN OBJECTIVES

Development of an innovative technology to recover lipids from sewage sludge

Final Sewage sludge treated for agricultural usage, maximising the use of a waste product

Development of biolubricants from sewage sludge lipids

Shortening of the overall treatment of sludge, from 15 days to 6-12 hours

IMPACTS

3,5 tons of biolubricants produced

2,5 tons of palm oil saved

2,5 Kg CO₂ emissions saved per Kg of palm oil saved

5000 m³/year of water saved

PARTNERS



PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT TITLE: Biolubricants from urban sewage sludge
ACRONYM: LIFE BioLubridge
SECTOR: Waste
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