

## 4th European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference (ESPC4)

with Nutrient Recovery Technology Fair  
and 5th European Phosphorus Research Meeting (PERM5)  
**20 – 22 June 2022, Vienna Austria - and online (hybrid)**

Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere (Hyatt), Arsenalstrasse 10, Vienna, Austria.

v23/3/2022 Programme updates and registration <https://phosphorusplatform.eu/espc4>



### ESPC4 – Day 1 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### 9h00 – 10h15 – Plenary - Opening and keynotes – Climate, nutrients and eutrophication

- P Climate, energy, agriculture: What has to be done about phosphorus and nutrients?  
**Franz Josef Radermacher, Research Institute for Applied Knowledge Processing (FAWn), Germany**
- P Interactions between climate change, phosphorus losses and eutrophication:  
**Wenfeng Liu, China Agricultural University.**

10h15 – 11h00 – break – posters – stands - Tech Fair - networking

#### 11h00 – 12h45– Plenary – EU, regional, national and city phosphorus policies

- P What the Green Deal means for EU policies on nutrients  
**Virginijus Sinkevičius European Commissioner for Environment**
- P Implementation of Germany's 2017 P-recycling regulation and of Switzerland's 2016 P-recycling regulation: **Sibylla Hardmeier, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (BAFU): Overview of developments, case studies**
- P Implementation of Germany's 2017 P-recycling regulation:  
**Andrea Roskosch, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)**
- P Case study Switzerland: **Leo Morf, AWEL Zürich**
- P Vision for implementation of the German P-recovery obligation by a regional water operator:  
**Uli Paetzel, Emschergenossenschaft and Lippeverband**
- P Case study Switzerland: **Leo Morf, AWEL Zürich**
- P Perspectives for nutrient policy and action for the Baltic, **Lotta Ruokanen, HELCOM**
- P Towards national phosphorus recycling policy in Austria: **Arabel Amann, Wien Energie**
- P Case study: Vienna City (5"), **Florian Huber, Vienna City Administration, with Wien Energie**

### **14h15 – 15h45 – Parallel sessions**

#### ***List of speakers for parallel session below***

- Nutrient recovery operating experience technology showcase  
(companies in ESPP-DPP-NNP Nutrient Recovery [Technology Catalogue](#))  
**Moderator/rapporteur: Karyn Georges, Isle Utilities & Bertrand Vallet, EurEau**
- Phosphorus recovery from ashes  
**Moderator/rapporteur: Paulo Pavinato, University of São Paulo & TBD**
- Biochars and hydrothermal carbonisation  
**Moderator/rapporteur: Céline Vaneckhaute, Université Laval, Québec, Canada & TBD**

15h45 -16h30 - break– posters – stands - Tech Fair – networking

### **16h30 – 17h45 – Business perspectives for nutrient sustainability**

- P Reports from parallel sessions, questions and discussion  
Business vision statements from nutrient sustainability leading companies  
**Jean-Christophe Ades, Kemira**  
**Matt Kuzma, Ostara**  
**Wim Moerman, NuReSy**  
**José María Gómez Palacios, Biomasa Peninsular**  
**Henk Aarts, N2 Applied**  
**Hubert Halleux, Prayon**  
**Marina Ettl, Yara**  
**Matthias Staub, Veolia**  
**Christian Guillaume, Sulzer Pumps**  
**Leoni Boller, Ductor**  
**Hanane Mouchid, OCP**  
**Andreas Orth, MO Group**
- P The fertilisers industry, phosphorus sustainability and the Green Deal  
**Jacob Hansen, Fertilizers Europe**
- P Market perspectives for phosphate fertilisers and other uses of phosphorus, and place of recycling:  
**Alberto Persona, Principal Analyst Fertecon/HIS**

### **19h00 Evening networking event:**

#### **Vienna City Town Hall festivities hall (Rathaus Festsaal)**

30'' by metro, 50'' by foot from Andaz hotel.

19h00 Pre-dinner drinks. 20h00 Conference dinner,  
Viennese music interlude.

22h00 Big John Whitfield & The Vienna Soul Society



## ***ESPC4 – Day 2 - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022***

### **9h00 – 10h30 – Plenary - EU Policies**

- P Implementation of the nutrient loss reduction target set by the Green Deal Farm-to-Fork and Biodiversity Strategies: European Commission, DG Agriculture (tbc)
- P Phosphorus and Organic Farming productivity, Green Deal targets for Organic Farming and perspectives for recycled nutrients
- P Business vision statements from nutrient sustainability leading companies
- P Update on EU water policies, **Michel Sponar, Deputy Head of Unit, Marine Water and Water Industry, European Commission DG Environment**

- P Industry innovation in phosphorus chemistry and sustainability perspectives: **Clariant**
- P Towards an integrated EU approach, the proposed INMAP (EU Integrated Nutrient Management Action Plan).  
**European Commission DG Environment**

10h30 – 11h15 – break – posters – stands - Tech Fair - networking

### 11h15 – 12h45 – Parallel sessions

*List of speakers for parallel session below*

- **New fertilisers for nutrient sustainability**  
*Moderator/rapporteur: Alzbeta Klein, International Fertilizer Association & Hans Ingels, Head of Unit Bioeconomy – Chemicals – Cosmetics, European Commission DG GROW*
- **Emerging nutrient recovery technologies**  
*Moderator/rapporteur: Erik Meers, University of Gent and Biorefine Cluster Europe & Ana Soares, Cranfield University, UK*
- **Policies and regional actions for phosphorus sustainability**  
*Moderator/rapporteur: Lukas Egle, European Commission JRC (Joint Research Centre) & Geneviève Metson, Linköping University, Sweden*

12h45 – 14h15 – lunch - posters – stands - Tech Fair - networking

### 14h15 – 15h30 – Plenary – Visions and Actions

- P Reports from parallel sessions, questions and discussion
  - P Vision statements from ESPC4 sponsors  
*Pär Larshans, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ragn-Sells Group / EasyMining*  
*Wolfgang Hofmair, Borealis Group*
- Experience and future objectives of the nutrient platforms in Europe and worldwide
- *Chris Thornton, European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform (ESPP)*
  - *Matt Scholz, Arizona State University US Sustainable Phosphorus Alliance*
  - *Jacob Jones, North Carolina State University, for STEPS (US National Science Foundation's new Convergence Research Center for Phosphorus Sustainability)*
  - *Eiji Yamasue, Ritsumeikan University, Japan Phosphorus Industry Development Organisation (PIDO)*
  - *Tabea Knickel, German Phosphorus Platform (DPP)*
  - *Nathalie Tjink, Netherlands Nutrient Platform*

15h30 – 16h15 – break – posters – stands – Tech Fair - networking

### 16h00 – 17h00 – Plenary – Perspectives and Conclusions

- Perspectives for global nutrient management and 'Our Phosphorus Future'  
*Mahesh Pradhan, United Nations Environment.*
- Horizon Europe Mission "Soil Health and Food"
- Panel discussion on perspectives for phosphorus sustainability policies

17h00 – ESPC4 Conference Closure

### Tuesday evening social event:

TBC 19h00 – 22h00 The Third Woman – An immersive city adventure in Vienna's underground sewer system inspired by the classic movie "The Third Man", 21.06.2022, 19:00, only for registered attendees.

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

- P **Optional excursion:** Vienna municipal sewage treatment works, new sewage sludge incinerator, urban vegetable farmers using waste heat from sludge incinerator. **Max. 80 participants.** Free.
- P **5<sup>th</sup> Phosphorus in Europe Research Meeting (PERM5):** 9h00 – 16h30, Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere (Hyatt). Programme <https://phosphorusplatform.eu/espc4> NOTE: additional registration fee required.
- P **Young scientists and R&D networks event:** 17h – 18h30 and Wednesday evening social.

# ***Selected speakers for ESPC4 parallel sessions June 2022***

**Day 1: Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2022, 14:15 – 15:45 CEST**

## **Parallel Session #1:**

### **Nutrient recovery operating experience technology showcase**

*Limited to technologies presented in the ESPP-DPP-NNP Nutrient Recovery Technology Catalogue  
Confirmed to date*

**Marc Sonveaux, Prayon, Belgium**

**Leon Korving, Vivimag – WETSUS, The Netherlands & Bengt Hansen, Kemira – Sweden**

**Christian Kabbe, EasyMining (Ragn-Sells) – N, P, and K recovery technologies**

**ICL Fertilisers**

**Henk Aarts, N2 Applied:** Plasma treatment of slurry and digestate, sustainable fertiliser from air and electricity

**Arttu Laasonen, ENDEV nutrient recycling technologies**

## **Parallel Session #2: P-recovery from ashes**

**Werner Preisig & Friedrich Studer, ERZO, Switzerland:** The Leachphos-REALphos process

**Beatrice Decker, MFPA Weimar, Germany:** Resin-in-Pulp technology, an adapted holistic approach for nutrient and P-recycling from sewage sludge ashes (Abonocare)

**Florian Benedikt, Technische Universität Wien, Austria:** P-recycling from sewage sludge with fluidized bed incineration applying in-situ heavy metal removal

**Theresa Sichler, BAM, Germany:** European sewage sludge ash monitoring

**Lasse Fabian Köhl, Fraunhofer IKTS, Germany:** Decentralised phosphorus recycling from sewage sludge using dust firing and in-situ heavy metal separation (DreiSATS)

**Laura Fiameni, University of Brescia and INSTM, Italy:** Heavy metal stabilization in sewage sludge ash with poultry litter ash to enhance phosphorus recovery

## **Parallel Session #3: Biochars and hydrothermal carbonisation**

**Marc Buttman, TerraNova Energy, Germany:** TerraNova@ultra - hydrochar from sludge, P-recovery and carbon sequestration

**Helmut Gerber, Pyreg, Germany:** Biochar from biosolids: the climate-positive alternative to conventional phosphorus fertilizer

**Lisa Röver, Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum gGmbH, Germany:** P-recycling via hydrothermal carbonization and the use of complexing agents and acids (Abonocare)

**Raquel Zambrano Varela, TreaTech, Switzerland:** Phosphorus recovery from hydrothermally treated sewage sludge. Closing the P cycle.

**Clara Kopp, University of Copenhagen, Denmark:** Activation of P-rich biochars and ashes to increase plant P availability

**Maurizio Volpe, Carborem & Enna Kore University, Italy:** Phosphorus Recovery from Digested Sludge Hydrochars Produced via Carborem C700 Continuous Hydrothermal Carbonisation Plant



## **Parallel Session #4: Emerging nutrient recovery technologies**

**Pim De Jager, Aquacare, Netherlands:** BioPhree: next generation solution to remove and re-use phosphate in surface & effluent waters to ppb-level.

**Álvaro Mayor Pillado, Cetaqua, Spain:** Turning wastewater treatment plants into biorefineries: global value chain from bioresources to valuable products (LIFE Enrich)

**Anders Øfsti, Hias How2O AS, Norway:** Sustainable Phosphorus Removal with the Hias Process

**Rubén Rodríguez-Alegre, LEITAT Technological Center & Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain:** Innovative integration of membrane technologies for nutrient recovery from high organic load streams (FERTIMANURE)

**Sabolc Pap, University of the Highlands and Islands, UK:** New technology to recover phosphorus from wastewater within the Circular Economy: a Scottish case study (Phos4You)

**Lidia Paredes, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC), Spain:** Recovering nutrients from aquaculture industry by-products for the production of bio-based fertilizers (Sea2Land)

**Sergio Lloret Salinas, EGEVESA, Spain:** New urban wastewater treatment based on natural coagulants to avoid phosphorus pollution (LIFE Newest)

## **Parallel Session #5: Policies and regions for phosphorus sustainability**

**Katharine Heyl, Research Unit Sustainability and Climate Policy, University of Rostock, Germany:** Sustainable phosphorus management under the future Common Agricultural Policy?

**Francesco Avolio, HERA Spa, Italy:** Feasibility and sustainability assessment of struvite recovery solutions in Bologna, WWTP Italy

**Lisa Harseim, Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Germany:** Cities revisited: Out-of-the-box governance of phosphorus flows in food

**Fabian Kraus, Kompetenzzentrum Wasser Berlin, Germany:** Mandatory P-recovery from sewage sludge (ash) in Germany – a multiple-goal conflict?

**Esa Salminen, AFRY, Finland,** Nutrient balance and handprint of the Finnish forest industry

**Anna Muntwyler, European Commission JRC Ispra:** Modelling phosphorus dynamics in European agricultural soils and assessing phosphorus policy goals

**Sophia Schüller, FiW e.V. at RWTH Aachen University, Germany:** The funding measure RePhoR - Regional Phosphorus Recycling

## **Parallel Session #6: New fertilisers for nutrient sustainability**

**Else Bünemann, FiBL, Switzerland:** Bio-based fertilizers as efficient alternative phosphorus sources for closing nutrient cycles (Lex4Bio)

**Farida Dechmi, Agrifood Research and Technology Centre of Aragon, Spain:** Assessing phosphorus soil status and fertilisers management in the Ebro river intensive irrigated area (Spain)

**Alicia Hernandez Mora, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU), Austria:** Developing fertilizer compliance test methods for recycled P fertilizer products (Lex4Bio)

**Julia Santolin, University of Antwerp, Belgium:** Comparative consequential LCA: microbial fertilizers grown on potato wastewater, common organic fertilizers: and mineral fertilizers

**Berta Singla, BETA Technological Centre (UCC-UVIC), Spain:** Nutrient recovery from pig slurry – Production and agronomic quality assessment of added value bio-based fertilisers (Fertimanure)

**Pauline Welikhe, Phospholutions Inc. / State College PA, USA:** Corn Phosphorus Uptake and Yield Response to Reduced Phosphorus Rates Applied in Combination with RhizoSorb®

**Kari Ylivainio, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke):** Phosphorus losses from different soil types caused by bio-based fertilisers (Lex4Bio)



Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

9h00 – 10h30 : Phosphorus recycling research & technology update

Housekeeping and meeting networking tools

*Lapo Braconi, ETA Florence Renewable Energies*

Welcome. Outcomes of PERMs 1–4. Meeting objectives and outputs

*Ludwig Hermann, President, ESPP*

Introducing the Nutrient Recycling Community: a platform to exchange knowledge and good practices between research projects dealing with nutrient recycling in EU.

*Ana Robles Aguilar, Ghent University*

Questions and discussion I

Phosphorus recovery technologies

*Erik Meers, Ghent University and Biorefine Cluster Europe*

LIFE projects: from R&D to pilot testing and implementation

*Federico de Filippi, CINEA*

Questions and discussion II

Vision Statements from ESPP R&D Members

## **10h45 – 12h15 : Parallel breakout sessions I**

### ➤ **New and recycled phosphorus fertilisers**

*Moderator: Leonardus Vergutz, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco*

*Rapporteur: Bernard Wern, IZES, Germany*

[Assessment of P availability and efficiency of recycled P fertilizers – Recommendations for pot trial standardisation](#)

*Aleksandra Bogdan, Ghent University, Belgium*

[Agronomic effectiveness of Actinobacteria-based biofertilizers on cereal plant growth under phosphate / potassium rocks fertilization](#)

*Kenza Boubekri, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco*

[Effectiveness of a potential biofertilizer derived from new Phosphate solubilizing bacteria for sustainable agriculture production](#)

*Fatima Chouyia, Hassan II University, Morocco*

[Microbial phosphate solubilization: A potential alternative for increasing soil phosphorus sustainability](#)

*Wissal Elhaissoufi, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco*

[Assessment and comparative analysis of willingness-to-pay for bio-based fertilisers in the European Union](#)

*Sergio Garmendia Lemus, Ghent University, Belgium*

[Reduced nitrous oxide emissions in a pot trial with novel organic NP\(K\)-char fertilizers](#)

*Carolyn-Monika Görres, Hochschule Geisenheim University, Germany*

[Phenotypic and genotypic screening of potato cultivars for phosphorus efficiency](#)

*Hazarika Mousumi, University Rostock, Germany*

### ➤ **Iron – phosphorus interactions in phosphorus recycling (coordinated by WETSUS)**

*Moderator: Leon Korving, Wetsus, Netherlands*

*Rapporteur: Bengt Hansen, Kemira, Finland*

[Biological and chemical drivers over P availability from different P forms: an incubation experiment](#)

*Ángel Velasco Sánchez, UniLaSalle Rouen, France*

[Insight into direct phosphorus release from simulated wastewater ferric sludge: influence of physiochemical factors](#)

*Aseel Al Nimer, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada*

[The impact of P on Fe\(II\) catalyzed ferrihydrite transformation under oscillating redox condition](#)

*Xingyu Liu, University of Bayreuth, Germany*

[Potential of recycled vivianite as P and Fe fertilizer – from a mechanistic point of view](#)

*Rouven Metz, University of Vienna, Austria*

[Research on Fe–P interactions at Wetsus for P recovery](#)

*Thomas Prot, TU Delft, Netherlands*

[How phosphorus removal technologies in WWTP can impact the phosphorus recovery from sludge?](#)

*Marie-Line Daumer, INRAE, France*

### ➤ **Nutrient recovery from dairy industry processing wastewaters (coordinated by REFLOW)**

*Moderator: TBD*

*Rapporteur: TBD*

## **12h15 – 14h00: Lunch Break**

## 14h00 – 15h30 : Parallel breakout sessions II

### ➤ **Phosphorus interactions I** *Pending Confirmation of Speakers, Moderators and Rapporteurs*

*Moderator: Victoria Barcala, Deltares, Netherlands*

*Rapporteur: Jakob Santner, BOKU, Austria*

Improved soil testing system in the Czech Republic, valuation of P-content in carbonate soils

*Pavel Čermak, Crop Research Institute, Czech Republic*

Simulating long-term phosphorus, nitrogen, and carbon dynamics to advance nutrient assessment in dryland cropping

*Bianca Das, University of Queensland, Australia*

Soil phosphorus mining in agriculture – Impacts on P availability, crop yields and soil organic carbon stocks

*Stefaan De Neve, Ghent University, Belgium*

DOC Addition Increases Phosphate Adsorption in Mediterranean Soils

*Yaniv Freiberg, Volcani Center, Israel*

Soil phosphorus turnover in soils under long term P management

*Olha Khomenko, Teagasc / University of Limerick, Ireland*

Changes of phosphorus forms in soil as a function of different fertilizing strategies

*Martin Kulhanek, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic*

The Effect of soil pH on phosphate solubility in soils

*Klara Mrak, BOKU Vienna, Austria*

Watershed Scale Field Demonstration of Novel Nano-enhanced Phosphorus Adsorptive Media – Non-point Source Applications

*Ed Weinberg, ESSRE Consulting, USA*

### ➤ **Regional policies for nutrient stewardship**

*Moderator: Felix Ekardt, University of Rostock, Germany*

*Rapporteur: Kimo Van Dijk, Wageningen Environmental Research, Netherlands*

A material flow model for the implementation of phosphorus recovery in a model region

*Jan-Hendrik Ehm & Hiep Le, RWTH Aachen, Germany*

Nutrient Content of Manures and Potential for Valorisation: Case Study of Monaghan and Tipperary, Ireland

*Rosanna Kleeman, University College Dublin, Ireland*

Impact and opportunities for the urban water cycle of the 'fully circular in 2050' target of the Netherlands – Circular Water 2050

*Kees Roest, KWR Water Research Institute, Netherlands*

Closing the loop of Phosphorus cycle in the Visegrad Group (V4) countries

*Marzena Smol, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland*

Sustainable agriculture as a vehicle of corporate reputation: sustainability within the value chain of food and agricultural production as a core element of business strategy

*Michael Stopford, Ca' Foscari University Venice, Italy*

Mapping the availability of nutrient-rich side-streams – mission impossible?

*Elina Tampio, LUKE, Finland*

Technical and Economical Appraisal of Regional Concepts for Sewage Sludge Utilization and Phosphorus Recovery

*Harald Weigand, THM Uni Giessen, Germany*

### ➤ **New technologies for nutrient recovery**

*Moderator: Matthias Zessner, Technical University of Vienna, Austria*

*Rapporteur: Francesco Fatone, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Italy*

Vacuum degasification/acidic-neutral absorption for nitrogen recovery from agricultural digestate

*Johannes Koslowski, KWB, Germany*

Technical comparison of phosphorus recovery technologies from wastewater

*Hanna Kyllonen, VTT, Finland*

A novel process for an efficient phosphorus utilization from cereal by-products in feed industry



*Natalie Mayer, Hamburg University, Germany*

Phosphorus Recovery From Sewage Sludge Using The Stuttgart Process: Large-Scale Operating Experience (MSE-Mobile)

*Carsten Meyer, ISWA Stuttgart, Germany*

Flashphos – Thermal behaviour of sewage sludge aiming at white phosphorus recovery

*Arnout Sander, InsPyro, Belgium*

Yellow phosphorus production from secondary phosphorus resources by carbothermic reduction

*Huafang Yu, Tohoku University, Japan*

Acid-induced phosphorus release from hydrothermally carbonized sewage sludge

*Carla Perez, University of Umea, Sweden*

NPHarvest – Calcium based P recovery process as a pre-treatment for N recovery

*Juho Kaljunen, Aalto University, Finland*

**15h30 – 17h00 : Perspective:** *Pending Confirmation of Speakers, Moderators and Rapporteurs*

Nutrient R&D objectives under Horizon Europe.

*Katja Klasinc, European Commission DG RTD.*

INTERREG R&D initiatives on nutrients

*TBD*

Market uptake activities for nutrient recovery innovation in EISMEA

*TBD*

Summaries of outcomes of each breakout sessions (research needs)

*Sessions Rapporteurs*

Questions and Discussion

Key take-aways from the day identified by experts:

*TBD*

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