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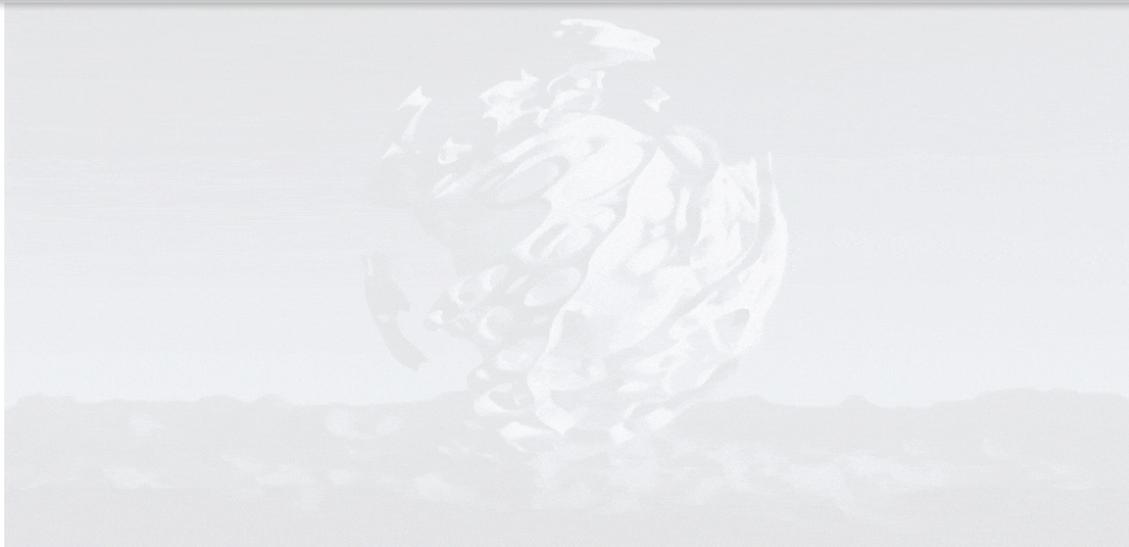


INVITATION TO THE FINAL EVENT

Advancing circular fertilisers: Solutions for a sustainable agriculture

Adopting circular fertilisers is essential for creating a more sustainable agricultural system. By recycling organic waste, such as manure, fish waste, and industrial by-products, circular fertilisers can decrease the EU dependence on fertilisers imports and return valuable nutrients to the soil enhancing its health and fertility.

The [Sea2Land and Novafert final conference](#) will provide insights into the innovative solutions and policy frameworks shaping the future of nutrient recycling.

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A **policy debate on nutrient recycling** will discuss barriers and policy incentives for circular fertilisers with a focus on Sea2Land, Novafert and Nutri-Know recommendations on how regulatory frameworks can support the widespread adoption of sustainable practices and drive innovation in the agricultural sector. **Parallel sessions** will bring together experts and enthusiasts in the field of sustainable agriculture to explore the latest advancements in circular fertilisers.

Join us on the 5th of June for a day filled with insightful discussions, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities. Discover how research and innovation that can help promote sustainable practices in agriculture and contribute to a healthier planet.

The plenary sessions will be live-streamed.

DATE: Thursday 5th June 2025

TIME: 9:00h - 17:00h

LOCATION: The SQUARE Brussels Meeting Centre
Mont des Arts 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Plenary sessions will also be online. Register first to get the link!

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orient the production and the application of alternative fertilising products according to the best environmental performances, by establishing methodological guidelines for the assessment of alternative fertilising products' production, storage, distribution and application.

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Based on the circular economy model, the EU-funded SEA2LAND project promoted the production of large-scale fertilisers in the EU from own raw materials. This solution can reduce the soil nutrient imbalance in Europe. To test it, the project produced several bio-based fertilisers for local crops and conditions as well as others for exporting.

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The difference between nutrient needs and local nutrient availability is what we have called “balance”, trying to highlight the areas that need fertiliser supply and those with a nutrient surplus. A map **on Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K), Magnesium (Mg) and Calcium (Ca), imbalances** has been obtained. The results obtained are an approximation based on available data.

Have a look at the agenda!

The agenda may be subject to small changes over the coming days.



Advancing circular fertilisers: solutions for a sustainable agriculture

5 June 2025, 9:00 - 17:00 CET

The Square, Mont des arts, Brussels and hybrid

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

Plenary session

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome, *Prof. Erik Meers, UGent, Novafert Coordinator*

09:10 - 09:40 Enhancing circular fertilisers: overview of Sea2Land and Novafert projects

- *Miriam Pinto, NEIKER, Sea2Land Coordinator*
- *Prof. Erik Meers, UGent, Novafert Coordinator*

09:40 - 10:00 Policy framework for nutrient recycling,
Theodora Nikolakopoulou, Policy officer DG GROW F.2 Unit - Bioeconomy, chemicals, cosmetics

10:00 - 11:00 *Policy debate*
Policy barriers and recommendations from EU projects: Novafert, Sea2Land and Nutri-Know:

Panelists:

- *Miriam Pinto, NEIKER, Sea2Land Coordinator*
- *Prof. Erik Meers, UGent, Novafert Coordinator*
- *Theodora Nikolakopoulou, Policy officer DG GROW*
- *Stephanos Kirkagalis, DG AGRI*
- *Laura Van Scholl, NMI*

Moderator: *Bram Moeskops, FIBL Europe*

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break



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Break-out sessions

11:30 - 12:00

Sea2Land *Agronomic performance and emission monitoring of circular fertilisers, Mette Thompson, NIBIO*

Novafert *Showcasing the Novafert Atlas and database, Donal Kinsella, Teagasc*

12:00 - 12:30

Sea2Land *Production technologies for circular fertilisers, Bruno Iñarra Chastagnol, AZTI and Nagore Guerra Gorostegi, NEIKER*

Novafert *Recommendations to enhance market adoption (industrial analysis), Ana-Marija Špicnagel, IPS Konzalting*

12:30 - 13:00

Sea2Land *Quality and safety assessment of circular fertilisers, Çağrı Akyol, UGent*

Novafert *Engaging stakeholders for regional action: overcoming barriers to circular fertilisers adoption, Pilar Zapata Aranda, BioAzul*

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break



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Plenary session

- 14:30 - 15:15 Quality and safety assessment of circular fertilisers
- *Jan Landert, FiBL, Sea2Land*
 - *Jorge Senan, BETA-UVIC, Novafert*
- 15:15 - 16:45 Business models for circular fertilisers
- *Ana-Marija Špicnagel, IPS Konzalting, Sea2Land*
 - *Presentation of lighthouse demos, Daniel de la Nogal, EIT Food, Novafert*
- 16:45 - 17:00 Closing
- Bram Moeskops, FiBL Europe*

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