



Invitation:

Scaling Circular Nutrient Solutions: From Regional Innovation to European Best Practice

- parallel session at the **ESNI-NERM 2026 Conference in Brussels.**

Tuesday 28 April 2026, 15:45 – 17:15.

Agenda

Opening the Session: Welcome & Introduction

Moderator: Erik Sindhøj, Research Institutes of Sweden, RISE

Keynote Address

Speaker: Minna Huttunen, European Commission DG Research and Innovation

Expert Presentations: Thematic Talks

- **Potential for Nutrient Recycling**
Speaker: Sari Luostarinen, Natural Resources Institute Finland, LUKE
- **State-of-the-Art Technology**
Speaker: Sterre van der Voort, BTG Biomass Technology Group B.V
- **Market Development, Bottlenecks and Barriers**
Speaker: Henning Lyngsø Foged, Organe Institute ApS

Panel Discussion: Policy & Governance Levers

Interactive panel discussion with audience Q&A.

- Minna Huttunen, European Commission DG Research and Innovation
- Lotta Ruokanen, Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission, HELCOM
- Lucile Sever, European Biogas Association
- Pär Larshans, Easy Mining, Ragn-Sells Group
- Ludwig Hermann, Proman Consulting

Panel organisers:

CiNURGi (Circular Nutrients for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region) develops practical solutions to improve nutrient recycling across agricultural, municipal, and industrial biomass streams. By converting nutrient-rich waste into safe, high-value recycled fertilisers and supporting enabling policies and practices, the project accelerates the transition toward a circular nutrient economy while reducing nutrient losses and environmental impacts. Through strengthened nutrient circularity, CiNURGi supports the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Strategy, the Baltic Sea Action Plan, and the EU's Circular Economy Action Plan under the European Green Deal.

[CiNURGi - Interreg Baltic Sea Region](#)

FERTITEC (Innovative Recovery Techniques for Alternative Fertilisers) delivers comprehensive solutions for waste recycling and the sustainable production of fertilisers from secondary raw materials. Building on knowledge and results from previous EU-funded projects (NOVAFERT, CINURGI, and SUSFERT), FERTITEC develops and applies best available techniques to transform waste into high-quality fertilisers. In doing so, the project promotes the circular economy and supports sustainable fertiliser production across several EU countries, while also providing practical recommendations and guidelines for broader application, including within the African Union context.

[Fertitec Project – Innovative Recovery Techniques for Alternative Fertilisers](#)

FertiCovery (Advancing Nutrient Recovery and Bio-based Fertilisers for Sustainable Agriculture) promotes the best available technologies for recovering nutrients and producing bio-based fertilisers from secondary raw materials. The project analyses over 25 nutrient recovery and bio-based fertiliser technologies, assessing their technical performance, environmental impacts, market viability and regulatory aspects to support more sustainable fertiliser solutions. FertiCovery supports farmers, producers, and policymakers in adopting these solutions, contributing to a circular economy, improved soil health, and reduced environmental impacts on soil, water, air, and biodiversity.

<https://ferticovery.eu/>

Event:

ESNI-NERM Conference 2026

The European Sustainable Nutrient Initiative (ESNI) Conference and the Nutrients in Europe Research Meeting (NERM) are merging into a single reference meeting to put together all the community working on research and innovation focused on nutrient management. Organised by Biorefine Cluster Europe and the European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform. Tuesday 28 April through Wednesday 29 April 2026, at Les Ateliers des Tanneurs, Rue des Tanneurs 58-62, 1000 Brussels (Belgium).

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