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Chemical building blocks from versatile MSW biorefinery

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Consortium

12 partners from 9 European countries

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EXAL Scope of project



- **Utilize the organic fraction of MSW for biorefining**
- Develop a robust processing to produce bulk chemicals as intermediates Lactic acid, Succinic Acid and Ethanol
- Further processing of intermediates to a range of final products

solvents (cleaners, inks), hot melt adhesives polyols & polyurethanes, surfactants

Assessment - technical/economical/environmental







PERCAL Way Waste Biorefinery?



- Waste is THERE and a cost factor too!
- **Collection systems** in place
- **Organic fraction is** significant (30-50%)
- Valorisation possible **BUT challenging**



Reference: Eurostat-2015 http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statisticsexplained/index.php/Municipal waste statistics







Concept



Feedstock -> intermediates -> final products









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PERCAL Set of technologies





Fermentation Lactic Acid, Succinic Acid



Reactive Extrusion



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other process's development at Lab/ Bench scale



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- Organic fraction of MSW is a very variable feedstock
- Feedstock is not fresh at all natural decomposition
- Need for very robust processes along the pathway
- Cheap feedstock versus higher processing efforts
- > Achieve quality according to technical standards
- Develop efficient & economic process solutions for manifold implementation











- Increase organic content recovery form MSW by 25%
- Fermentable sugars recover 85% of theoretical yield
- Lactic acid recover > 90% of fermentable sugars
- Succinic acid recover > 90% of fermentable sugars
- Shear adhesive strength > 90MPa for hot melt adhesives
- **Reactive distillation for ethyl lactate yields 3-5L/h**





PERCAL Example Ethyl Lactate



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- Ethyl lactate is a very environmental benign solvent
- **Applications:** Paints, inks, degreaser, for cleaning products...
- **Reactive distillation for** continuous esterification of lactic acid and ethanol with integrated product separation









 $C_3H_6O_3 + C_2H_5OH \leftrightarrow C_4H_8O_2 + H_2O$

FERCAL Technology Watch











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Process residues biorefining



- Besides of municipal waste process residues are interesting feedstocks for biorefining
- Examples: Residues from food processing, dairy industry, starch production....garden waste
- Process residues are
 - defined in composition and quantity
 - availability "on" site no supply chain needed
 - at reasonable prices







Issues in biorefining of process residues



- Current legal framework for wastes is a hurdle
- Products for process residues valorisation are likely to target onto a complete different market
- New business cooperation models are needed to initiate biorefining for more revenues
- Biorefining of process residues requires mostly customized solutions
- Long term thinking / approach is required (investment, ROI)





Biorefinery Networking



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