

Cluster On Anaerobic digestion environmental Services and nuTrients removAL

### Introduction to the project

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## Overview



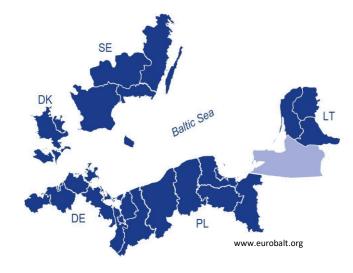
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36 months (07/2018 – 07/2021) **Duration:** 

6 partners from 5 countries Participation:

(DE, DK, LT, PL, SE)

















# **Project Partners**















#### **FNR**

Agency for Renewable Resources

DE

#### **GUT**

Gdansk University of Technology

PL

#### BEIC

Baltic Energy Innovation Centre

SE

#### **RUC**

Roskilde University

DK

#### **UROS**

University of Rostock

DE

#### LEI

Lithuanian Energy Institute

LT



















## FNR – who we are



Foundation:	October 1993
Main office:	18276 Gülzow-Prüzen
Support:	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
Employees:	108
Legal status:	Registered association with 78 members (5 voting members)
Tasks:	<ul> <li>Promotion of research, development and demonstration (project management)</li> <li>Information &amp; advice</li> <li>Public relations</li> <li>International and EU activities</li> </ul>
Target groups:	Industry, SME, public and private research institutes, universities, government agencies















# FNR – what we do



- Is a competent partner for renewable resources on European and international level on behalf of Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture
  - Analysis of political developments and framework conditions in the European Union
  - Information and advice about European funding opportunities for German applicants
  - Development of EU projects (Interreg, H2020, BBI-JU, ERA-NET)
  - Coordinator/partner of around 15 ongoing EU projects
  - Member of international and EU expert panels

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# What the project is about...





Excess of nutrients (N & P) on farmland

> **Enrichment of** nutrients (N & P) in the Baltic Sea (eutrophication)





Solrød Biogas Usage of seaweed

as co-substrate for anaerobic digestion

Removal of nutrients by collection of cast seaweed









fertilisers











# Objectives



- Removing nutrients from the Baltic Sea by collecting cast seaweed and using it as co-substrate for anaerobic digestion to counteract eutrophication
- Closing nutrient cycles by utilising the digestate as alternative to artificial fertilisers and therefore, contribute to the transition to a circular bio-economy
- Supporting cross border technology guidance and transfer in seaweed co-digestion
- Developing a decision support tool and training kit













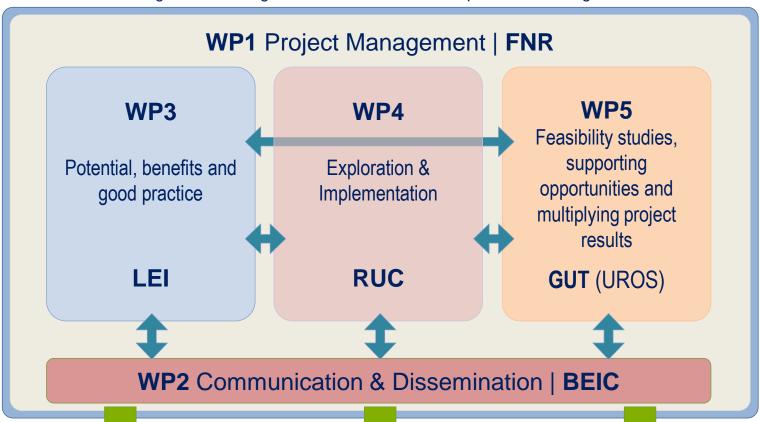




## Overall structure



SO 2.2: Increased use of green technologies in order to decrease the pollution discharges in the South Baltic area



#### Main output 1

Cross-border technology guidance and transfer with regard to cast seaweed codigestion

#### Main output 2

Decision support tool and training kit

#### Main output 3

Improved digestion process of seaweed and digestate utilisation in SB area

adapted from Wibke Baumgarten, FNR















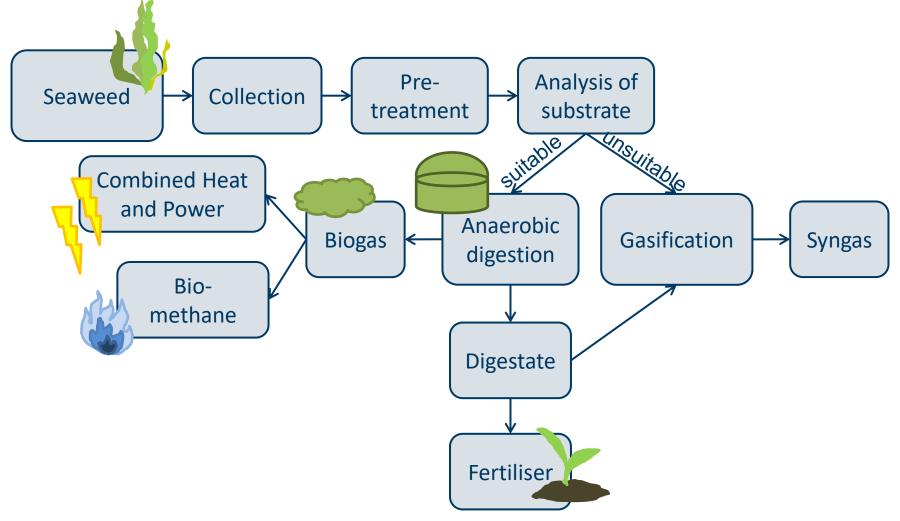






# Technological chain





















# Collection techniques



Different seaweed collection techniques will be tested and evaluated by LEI and RUC regarding sand content and environmental impact



Solrød Strandrens, Facebook post (23.06.2016)

Collection on the beach



Fredenslund et al. (2012)

Collection in shallow water



http://www.aquarius-systems.com/ Pages/53/aquatic weed harvesters.aspx

Collection in deep water



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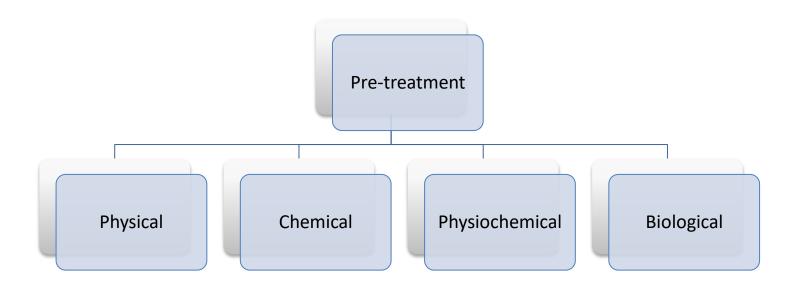


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### Pre-treatment



Technologies of biomass pre-treatment will be tested by GUT to improve anaerobic digestion process and methane yield















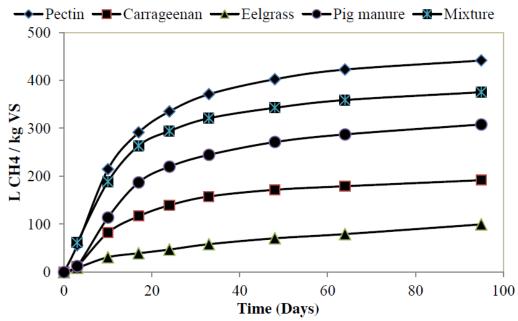




# Methane production potential



Investigations on co-digestion of cast seaweed



Methane production observed for the materials and a mix of materials tested in batch experiments

Fredenslund et al. (2012)

















# Seaweed potential and policy frameworks



The potential of cast seaweed in the South Baltic area will be assessed

Policy frameworks in the partner countries regarding the collection and utilisation of cast seaweed will be reviewed

and evaluated

How much seaweed is being washed ashore each year?

> How long is the coast line that has to be cleaned from seaweed and are those beaches accessible?

Which regulations apply for using seaweed for AD?

Which regulations apply for the utilisation of digestate as fertilisers?

















## Project outputs





#### **Target Groups**

Biogas plant operators Municipalities Local authorities Waste management companies **Farmers** Cleaning companies



**Improved** 

processes of

co-digestion

of seaweed









Decision

support tool

and training

kit













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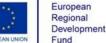






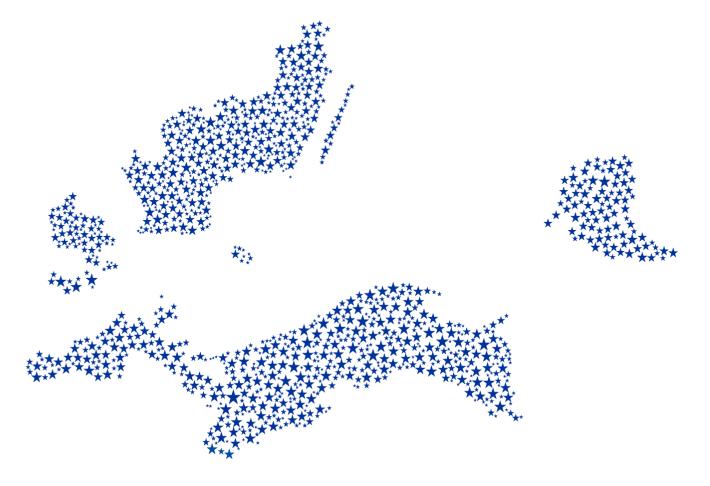








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