

Towards the replicability of practices supporting the adoption and use of alternative fertilisers

Working group organised by FER-PLAY partners

FER-PLAY aims at facilitating the uptake of alternative fertilizers to protect ecosystems, decrease EU dependence on fertilizer imports, foster circularity, and improve soil health. The project will map and assess alternative fertilisers made from secondary raw materials, such as manure, bio-waste, or wastewater sludge, and intend to highlight their multiple benefits in order to promote their wide-scale production and use on arable land.

The working group provides a room for discussion between frontrunners and regions aiming to support the uptake of alternative fertilisers by farmers. Frontrunners are, in this case, regional authorities that have supported the production and the use of alternative fertilisers and managed to either create a local market for alternative fertilisers or successfully convinced local players to effectively use them through policies, partnerships, or technical solutions. Several best practices will be presented followed by a Q&A session to discuss the content of the presentations. The discussion will target the topics of replicability, barriers, the use of alternative fertiliser in organic agriculture (among others). We therefore invite any regional authority interested in the topic of alternative fertiliser to join us in this working group. The data gathered during this working group will feed the content of a policy brief addressed to policy makers to deliver successful strategies and instruments for the market deployment of alternative fertilisers.

Time	Activity
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction
10:10 – 10:25	Presentation of the FER-PLAY project
10:20 – 11:10	Presentation of best practices supporting the promotion and use of alternative fertilisers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Castilla y Leon, Spain• Lipor, Portugal• Calabria (ARSAC), Italy• Government of Catalonia, Spain
11:10 – 11:40	Q&A on best practices
11:40 – 11:55	Interactive sessions on how to promote alternative fertilisers?
11:55 – 12:10	Interactive session on using FER-PLAY as a support “tool” for your region
12:10 – 12:30	Conclusion

