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Conference

### Summary report of the GORC 2016



Held on the 3-4 May in Dublin, the Global Organic Resources Congress (GORC) brought together delegates from 23 different countries to discuss the latest developments, challenges and future circular bioeconomy opportunities for the organics recycling sector. It was organised by Cré and the European Compost Network, and was the fourth international conference of its kind held in Ireland.

The summary paper of the conference is available [here](#).



ECN Annual Meeting 2016

### New ECN Board is elected

At the Annual Meeting 2016 in Dublin, Ireland the new ECN Board was elected.



From left to right: The ECN Board: Percy Foster, Isabelle Pace, Massimo Centemero, Kristel Vandenbroek, Henrik Lystad (Chair), Mait Kriipsalu, Florian Amlinger, Irmgard Leifert, Arjen Brinkmann

These are the members of the new elected board: **Percy Foster**, **Kristel Vandenbroek**, **Isabelle Pace**, **Mait Kriipsalu**, **Florian Amlinger**, Massimo Centemero, Henrik Lystad (Chair), Irmgard Leifert, Arjen Brinkmann (bold = (re)-elected).

Isabelle Pace is new in the board and represents the French Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services (**FNADE**) and is employed by Veolia. She joined Veolia in October 2010 to be in charge of the lobbying of waste and resource management at the EU level. She started within the Corporate Technical Department and recently joined the Public Affairs Department where she actively follows the discussions on the circular economy package, the review process of the waste related BREFs and the fertilizer regulation. For the Waste Treatment BREF, she represents FEAD (The Federation of Waste Management and Environmental Services) within the technical Working Group of the Waste Treatment BREF and leads the biological subgroup on MBT.

ECN Position Paper

### ECN Position Paper on the Proposal for a Fertilising Product Regulation

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting and the GORC a successful Joint Task Group Meeting on 'Quality Assurance', 'Fertilisers' and 'Growing Media' took place on 4 May 2016.

The meeting was mainly focused on the Proposal for a Fertilising Product Regulation. Based on the discussion during the meeting a position paper was submitted to DG GROW/European Commission on 12 May 2016.

The official discussion of the 'Fertiliser Proposal' has already started in the Council and will be launched in the EU Parliament soon. The IMCO Committee will lead the discussion in the European Parliament. As rapporteur for the 'Fertiliser Proposal' Mr Adam Szejnfeld (EPP, PL) has been nominated.

The ECN Position Paper is available [here](#).

Report

### REA Report on Food Waste is launched

On last Thursday (19 May 2016) at a Parliamentary Reception in London the REA launched its new report on the economics of separate biowaste (including food waste) collections in the UK.

The report '**The Real Economic Benefit of Separate Biowaste Collections**' was commissioned by the REA, sponsored by food waste collector Olleco, and independently researched by Eunomia Consulting. It is part of the larger Food Waste Counts campaign, which is advocating for UK-wide separate food waste collections in order to boost stalled recycling rates, reduce GHG emissions from landfill, and support the growing anaerobic digestion and composting industries.

You can find details of the campaign at [www.foodwastecounts.co.uk](http://www.foodwastecounts.co.uk).

Please find the REA study for download [here](#).



Conference - Final programme - One Week left

### ORBIT 2016, 25-28 May 2016 Crete (GR)

ECN's next ORBIT conference will be held in Heraklion, Crete on 25 to 28 May 2016. Focussing on the 'Circular Economy and Organic Waste Management', it is the tenth biennial conference on Organic Resources and Biological Waste Treatment, signalling 20 years of excellence in scientific research and professional networking.



Please find the new programme and details concerning the excursion [here](#):

- <http://www.orbit2016.gr/index.php/preliminary-programme/>
- <http://www.orbit2016.gr/index.php/excursion-may-28th-2016/>

Further information and registration [here](#).

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