Bio-based smart packaging for enhanced preservation of food quality.

# BIOSMART FOOD PACKAGING



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# BIOSMART PROJECT

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### **The Packaging Challenges**

Key Performance Topic	Requirements	Specifics
Food quality	<ul> <li>Enhance sensory properties</li> <li>Food grade approved antimicrobials</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Smell, Color,</li> <li>Avoid unwanted micro-organism growth (bacteria, fungi, yeasts) – additional pasteurization and sterilization is possible but adds cost</li> </ul>
Manufacturing	<ul> <li>Simple, economic packaging processing</li> <li>Filling compatibility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adequate properties (sensory, mechanical, barrier)</li> <li>Durability (scratch, ageing, abrasion, impact, tribobioageing)</li> <li>Compatibility with existing machines, run-ability, dimensional stability, sealing- ability.</li> </ul>
Logistical	Ease transportation	Conform requirements of <b>bulk packaging &amp; coding</b>
Marketing	<ul><li>Point of sale appeal</li><li>Consumer comfort</li></ul>	• Aesthetically pleasant, conform to customer appeal, <b>easy handling</b> and <b>functionality</b>
Environmental	<ul> <li>Human safety ensured</li> <li>Minimize resource's use</li> <li>Facilitate waste management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Food contact safety, not causing physical harm</li> <li>Biodegradability, non-eco-toxic</li> <li>Positive LCA (low carbon foot print)</li> <li>Recoverable, re-processable, compostable</li> </ul>
Legislative	• EU and National laws	Meet all criteria
Financial	Cost effective	Acceptable price in relation to consumer value



#### **The Funtionality Needs**



Active and smart functionality needs for food packages in relation to the value creating potential



#### The food waste reduction needs



Annual food waste by region (kg/person)

Multiple studies by various organizations (e.g. Natural Resources Defence Council, NRDC) indicate that society is wasting up to 40% of the produced food...



#### The Market size



Representative example of the **processed food market** consisting of more than **46 billion retail units** representing **3.1 million tonnes** of plastics use in 2014 (http://www.crugroup.com)



*Global production capacity of "bioplastics"* by market segments (showing importance of rigid and flexible packaging). Data (2014, **1,7MT)** are projected forward with a significant growth capacity (<u>http://bio-based.eu</u>)



#### **The Concept**





#### The structure



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#### **The Project partners & roles**

N٥	Name	Acronym	Country	Role
10 8 6	WIPAK PROPAGROUP ITENE	WIP PRO ITENE	DE IT ES	<b>Packaging developers:</b> Flexible Films (WIPAK, Propagroup), rigid packaging (Propagroup, WIPAK, GEA), Paper (WIPAK, ITENE)
5 6	Haute Ecole Suisse ITENE	FRI ITE	CH ES	Biobased polymers composites developers
4	Univ. Lille, Lipofabrik Univ. Reading	LILLE LIPFK UoR	FR FR UK	Antimicrobial and Antioxidant peptides and lipopeptides developers. Food grade approval tests. Freshness test to evaluate food durability.
1 6 5	IK4-TEKNIKER ITENE Haute Ecole Suisse	ITE	ES ES CH	Developers of <b>antimicrobial films by texturing</b> and packaging with thermoregulation properties, <b>biobased barrier properties</b> ( $O_2$ , $CO_2$ , $H_2O$ ) by copolymers, solgel and plasma fixation of lipopeptides. Testing, mechanical, optical (printability), durability and haptical (feel and handling ease properties)
7	RISE (INNVENTIA, SP)	INN	SE	Define <b>possible scenarios</b> to develop and use the optical active and funcional packages, consumer acceptance, food sensory analysis, recyclability vs compostability.
8 11	TECS GEA	TECS	AT	Development of active sensors with O <sub>2</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> and amines detection and integration
1 4	IK4-TEKNIKER Haute Ecole Suisse	TEK FRI	ES CH	Coordination. Assess the <b>environmental and cost acceptability of the</b> added functionality in comparison to current solutions

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#### **The Interest Group**

Company/	Expertise and Role in the Interest Group		
Function/Country			
Eroski/	Consumer perspective, logistic, dissemination. Requirements and		
Retailer (ES)	definition of the case studies. Monitoring of project results,		
	Food provision & Validation tests.		
Natureworks	Assuring communication flow with converters to facilitate market		
/PLA supplier/ (IT)	transfer providing documentation and technical assistance		
General Mills (ES)	Food packaging Brandowner of different trademarks		
Unilever/Brand Owner (UK)	Food packaging Brandowner of different trademarks		

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# The Objectives

- Development and scale up (TRL3-5) of active and smart functional bio-based (non-fossil fuel) packages:
  - Multi-layer films with bio-based barrier coatings based on segmented block copolymers and PLA nanoclays (reduced O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O permeability), as alternatives for aluminium, glass, polyvinylalcohol and polyamides barriers.
  - Superhydrophobic and antimicrobial flexible surface nano-micro topographies through physical embossing and/or sol-gel technologies.
  - Nano-bio-based active micro-encapsulation for thermoregulation.
  - Bio-based antioxidant, antifungal and antimicrobial systems based on lipopeptides & food derived peptides
  - Food quality sensors detection of gases(O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>x</sub>) imprinted in the packages to monitor food shell life status
- To improve mechanical properties of the PLA, developing nanoclay composites and copolymers analyzing tribobioageing.
- Implementation of a single or multiple active and smart technologies into 3 food package demonstrators at acceptable costs
- Reduce the **environmental impact of the value chain** through novel material selection, package designs, recycling methodologies, **extended shelf life** and **controlled product quality**.
- Develop bio-based materials and a **functionality selector App(lication)** for defining an all-bio-based active and smart packaging solutions in relation to the performance and commercial needs.

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## Approach

Pre-processed food	Fresh food					
Ingredients: Food Approval						
Material Testing: Easy to recycle	Material Testing: Compostability					
Functionality testing: antimicrobial properties, Barrier properties, sense	ors, Migration tests					
Package Testing: improved antimicrobial and barrier properties of	Package Testing: increase mechanical performance of actual					
biobased easy to recycle solutions & migration tests	compostable package solutions. Packaging Food Approval					
Preprocessed Food Testing: sensory analysis, food freshness	Fresh Food Testing: sensory analysis, food freshness (biochemical and					
(biochemical & microbiology tests), sensors applied to ham, tomato	microbiology tests), sensors, applied to fish					
Environmental and cost in	mpact: LCA , App Biosmart					
Packaging: Rigid (thermoformed, injected) and flexible films	Packaging: Rigid (cellulose bags) and Flexible (films)					
Outcome: Increase the food shelf life measuring the food freshness,	Outcome: To increase fresh <b>food shelf life</b> :, <b>gas monitoring</b> (CO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> ,					
sensory analysis.	NHx), food freshness, sensory analysis.					
Converters: Wipak, PRO - Access to the market						
Brand owners: Unilever, GENERAL MILLS, Eroski- Application driven ma	rket introduction					
Eroski Retailer, validating food testing, Consumer demand						
Impact on retailer, consumer & society: to avoid food waste, increasing	; food shelf life, due date, and reduce waste					
Consumer Acceptance tests : psychological aspects from consumer pers	pective					
Impact to the <b>consumer:</b> The consumer is pleased with better food qua	lity, freshness, sensory test, sensors					
Impact for recycling: BioPEF is easy to recycle, similar to current PET. For	the short term an acceptable alternative together with actual PET and PP					
without the need for organizing a separate collection system.						
Impact for composting: PLA, PLA composites and Block copolymers are c	ompostable					

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#### **The Implementation**

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#### **The BIOSMART Surfaces (WP2)**

1.- Biobased composite ✓ PLA/Polyamide block copolymers and PLA Nanoclays with barrier properties

- 2.- Textured surface ✓R2R transferred Surface topography with antimicrobial properties
- 3.-Coating
   ✓ Solgel
   Superhydrophobic &
   UV protection barrier coating
- 4.-Coating
  ✓ Plasma assisted
  peptides
  (functionalization with antimicrobial properties)

5.-Printed sensors
 ✓ Plasma assisted
 peptides
 functionalization with
 antimicrobial properties

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#### **The SMART BIOchemistry (WP3)**

 A.- Peptides & Lipopetides
 ✓ With antimicrobial and antioxidant properties produced by enzymatic hydrolysis or fermentation

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B.- Encapsulation of
biobased (vegetale oils)
acting as phase change
materials
✓ For thermal regulation

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C.- Biobased masterbatches ✓High durability masterbatches solutions

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Composites

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Blends, coatings

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#### The BIOSMART Testing (WP4)

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#### **The BIOSMART Packaging (WP5)**

Films
 ✓Blown film line
 ✓Blow extruder

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2.- Trays

✓Thermoformed

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4.- Printing sensor spots  $O_2$ ,  $CO_2$ , volátil amines

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TECSENSE, GEA

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### **The BIOSMART Packaging Testing (WP6)**

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### The ECOBIOSMART Approach (WP7)

1.- The recycling strategy
Based on:
✓ biodegradability,
✓ ecotoxicity

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3.- Compostability
✓ Biodegradability
✓ Water leaching
biodegradability
✓ Organic recycling
✓ Recycling of
cellulose fibers

UNE-EN 13432 ISO 18606:2013 DIN-Certco and Vinçotte accredited ISO 14851, ISO 14852 OECD301F

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**Bio-Based Innovation** 

20 – 65 µm Functional Bio-

hased

50-70 µm Functional Bio-Based

film or foil

Laminated

#### The BIOSMART APP (WP8)

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Active & Smart - Rigidity & Appeal & Anti-Scratch

Active & Smart – Impact, Toughness, Barrier

**Reverse Print Layer** 

#### PRESENTLY

Typical multilayer structure **(5-9 layers)** for flexible and rigid food packages. Three prefabricated films laminated together each consisting of multiple layers, with an additional print layer

#### BIOSMART

Bio-based plastic simplified multilayer structures (2-3 layers) addressing KPI indicators (barrier, stiffness, printability, antimicrobial properties), by means of combinations of polylactic acid (PLA), copolymer polyesters (e.g. PEF), or modified cellulose.

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#### **The BIOSMART APP**

Fossil-Fuel based	1 sqm film							
Film Structure	Micron	Density(kg/m³)	Euro cts/sqm					
PET	12	1380	2.9	End I	End Users A		etratore	
Print	1	1000	0.0					
PU Adhesive	3	1400	2.1	↓ ↓			¥	
PET	10	1380	2.4	Mobile/Web L	Mobile/Web User Interface Web Use			GUI
PA	12	1140	3.1	D	Report Generation	Data Mngment	Calc. model Mngment	
PU Adhesive	3	1400	2.1	Support				Exposed Functionalities
LDPE	25	923	3.3	Cappon				
rPP	50	905	5.8	Multi-criteria	Environm.	Cost	Properties	Internal
LLDPE	25	915	3.1	routines	routines	routines	routines	Functionalities
Total Tickness	141		Data access laver			Controlled access		
Conversion cost - 25%			31.0			,		to data
						7		
Bio-Based cellulose								
Hemi-Cellulose	10	1500	5.9	BIOSMART Data Base - material properties - economic factors				
Print	1	1000	0.0					
Bio Glue (cellulose)	3	1500	1.8					
PLA	130	125	11.1					
Total Thickness	144		18.8		- KPI models a	nd values		
Conversion Cost 35%			25.4		- users credent	tials (f app)		
Functional Sensor			1	logs (usage of app)				
Surface Treatment			1					
Active			4					
			32.4					

Comparison of a fossil-fuel based multilayer 140  $\mu$ m multilayer film versus a simplified bio-based structure with enhanced active and smart features, standardized for 1 m<sup>2</sup>.

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#### The Impact of the BBI Call

- KPI 1: Creation of new cross-sectorial interconnection in bio-based economy clusters linking to the complete value chain, from bio-based raw material to end-users. The BIOSMART brings together all the value chain stakeholders as partners developing innovative technology and via an External Advisory Board representing key stakeholders affected in product development.
- KPI 2: at least 1 new bio-based value chain based on the innovative products developed. The BIOSMART project sets a strategy for implementing all bio-based packages with additional smart and active functionalities tailored to the targeted performance needs e.g. non-sticky surfaces in combination with O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and the new volatile amine sensors.
- KPI 5: New bio-based materials. A) The BIOSMART introduces novel bio-based lipopeptide and peptide additives with anti-microbial, anti-fungal and/or anti-oxidant properties to increment food shelf life. B) New as well barrier coatings (plasma, sol-gel coatings and resin and composites) with enhanced O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, water and UV barrier properties. C) Bio-based bulk materials, the initial focus is on commercially available bio-based plastics but PLA will be also reinforced with nanoclays to improve mechanical properties and also will be explored aliphatics segmented polyester-co-amides as workable alternatives and scaled up to enable prototype package developments.
- KPI 6: New demonstrated consumer products based on bio-based chemicals and materials. The BIOSMART project focuses on 3 types of packages (flexible/rigid plastic and cardboard) addressing consumer needs including reduced residual in-package food waste, and improved due date indicator for shelf-life extension and simplified all compostable and/or recyclable package designs. All are new concepts with strong emphasis on consumer convenience and overall value chain value creation.

# **THANK YOU**

# Cor BIOMATERIALS FOR SMART FOOD PACKAGING

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