

# REFERTIL „ECBC” European Community BioChar Policy Stakeholder’s final consultation



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## EUFP7 REFERTIL 289785 ECBC Biochar Policy Stakeholder’s FINAL consultation

*Key message: “There is no one fit for all biochar solution”*

Final call for biochar policy support 2011-2013 contribution  
**Submission deadline: September 16, 2013**

On behalf of the European Commission contracted **FP7 REFERTIL** Consortium ([www.refertil.info](http://www.refertil.info)) we kindly ask your biochar policy support contributions from the relevant biochar stakeholders. The REFERTIL ECBC EU28 law harmonization and biochar standardization programme is related to the revision of the EU Fertiliser Regulation and possible inclusion of a Biochar as fertilizer and/or additive into the new Regulation.

**The REFERTIL global stakeholders** are soil scientists & research academics, biochar S&T technology owners, agri food producers, end-user SME farmers, associations, policy & Authority stakeholders and/or any professional organizations who can contribute with accredited S&T, application oriented, economical and ecological data and most importantly field tested results under industrial conditions.

**The goals of the REFERTIL EU biochar standardization** are clear: improvement of resources recycling and advanced material – energy - nutrient utilization efficiency; and develop new low carbon economy with associated environmental, ecological and climate protection benefits.

In this context the biochar eco-innovation is far more important now-days and in the future than ever. There is a direct interconnection between the ongoing and long lasting economical crisis and the resource efficiency, for which new solutions and advanced eco-innovations needed, all in order to support the low carbon economical and ecological developments.

**Since 2011 the REFERTIL has biochar stakeholder cooperation and biochar diversity programme open.** The REFERTIL consortium is continuously searching **global cooperation** with biochar applied research groups, biochar technology vendors, suppliers and SME user stakeholders in the **EU, Australia, USA, Japan** and elsewhere worldwide.

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**The professional quality and accredited biochar inputs from external groups will be highlighted as titled references in the REFERTIL ECBC report**, including but not limited to the following priority areas:

- 1) Recommended limit values for toxic organic compounds (PAH, PCBs, dioxin) and heavy metals.
- 2) Safe biochar economical and market based productions.
- 3) Safe biochar economical and market based applications.
- 4) Definition of biochar quality key parameters.
- 5) Cost efficiency and economical data for commercial biochar production and market based industrial applications.
- 6) Recommendations for efficient and economical biochar doses.  
..... and/or any relevant biochar data and field experiences.....

**If you have any valuable and accredited public information for EU Commission ECBC biochar standardization, revision of the Fertiliser Regulation and the possible inclusion of biochar as fertilizer and/or additive, please submit it before September 16, 2013.**

As follow up and expand visibility, by **2015 the REFERTIL will organise a large international ECBC Biochar S&T conference in Belgium**, which will be an important dissemination element.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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