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LEADING A REVOLUTION  
IN BIOWASTE RECYCLING

# CENER solution for OFMSW valorisation

Technologies for urban biowaste and wastewater valorisation

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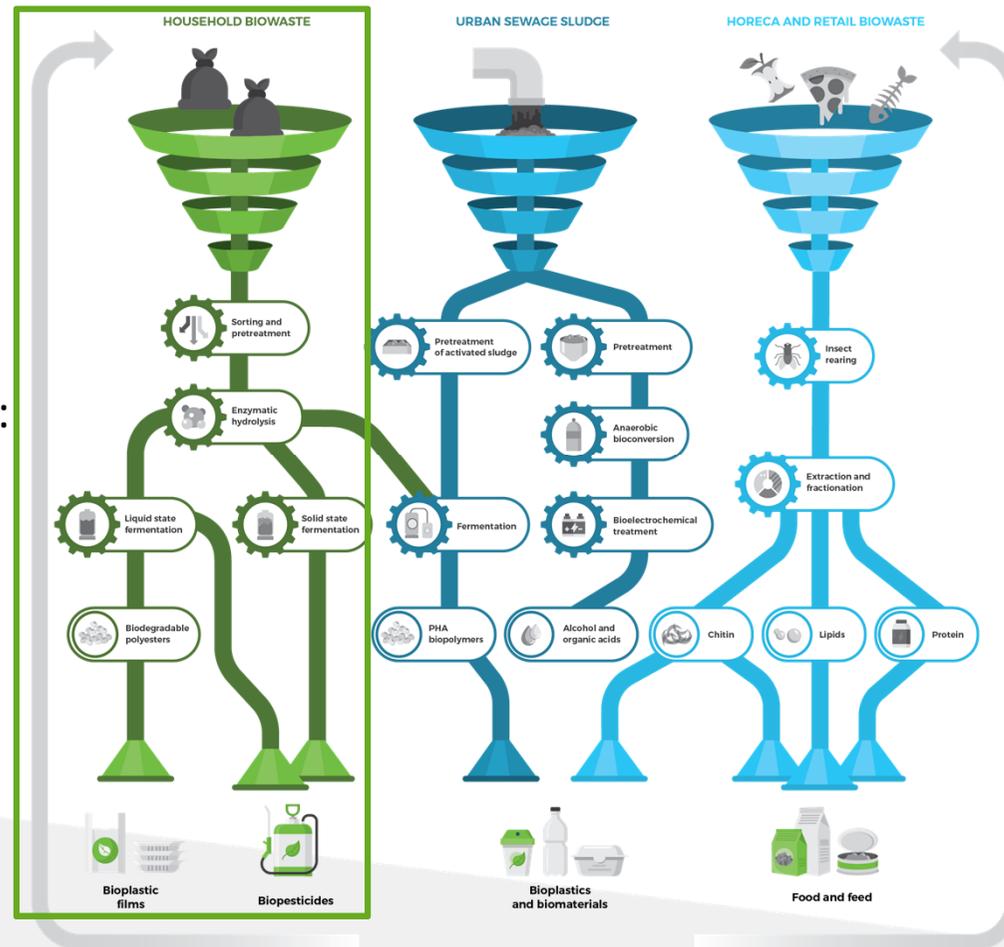
## ➤ SCALIBUR Value Chains

➤ Scalable technologies for the conversion of biowaste sources:

- **OFMSW**
- USS
- HORECA

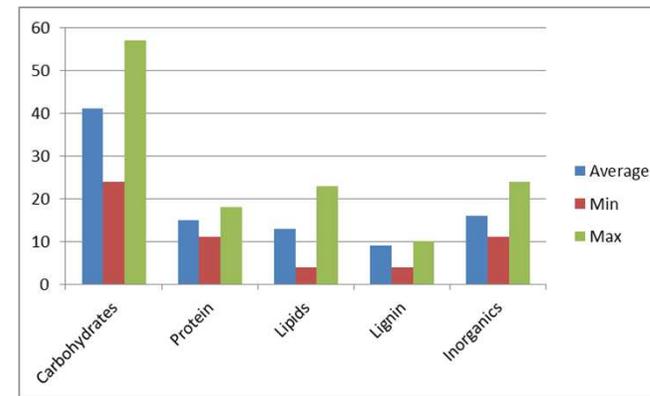
➤ A handful of biobased products:

- **Sugars**
- **Biopesticides**
- Bioplastics & biomaterials
- Food & feed
- Chemicals
- Fuel
- Biosolids



## ➤ The hidden potential of the OFMSW

- Each European throws away approx **200 kg/y** of biowaste
- Stable generation and distributed in the territory. Existing and developed waste logistics
- **Separate collection of the OFMSW will be mandatory in all Member States by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** (European Directive (EU) 2018/851, c).
- By 2035 the amount of municipal **waste landfilled must be reduced to 10% or less** of the total amount of municipal waste generated
- **CENER aims to develop solutions for unlocking the value of the OFMWS.**



Overview of main components in the OFMSW. % wt, db.  
Source: CENER

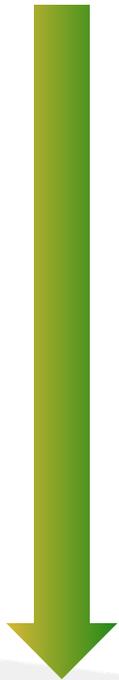
## ➤ CENER solution for OFMSW valorisation

### In SCALIBUR CENER will:

- Demonstrate the **production of fermentable sugars** from the OFMSW in an operational environment (TRL 6/7)
- Validate and demonstrate the production of **bacterial biopesticides** from the sugars obtained (TRL 6/7)
- Perform a **technoeconomic and environmental sustainability assessment** of the value chain

# ➤ CENER solution for OFMSW valorisation

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Application

## Optimization and validation at pilot scale (TRL 4/5)

- Pretreatment validation and optimization
- Enzymatic hydrolysis with high solids load
- Enzyme cocktail optimization
- Validation of hydrolysis at pilot scale (100-200L)

## Upstream & Downstream processes definition

- Separation and purification of fractions
- Hydrolyzate downstream and upgrading
- Recovery of bioproducts according to specifications

## Upscaling and validation at demo scale (TRL 6/7)

- Validation of hydrolysis at demo scale (up to 3 m<sup>3</sup>) for production of hydrolyzate rich in sugars
- Production cost-competitive concentrated sugars (400-500 g / l)

## TEE sustainability assessment

- Industrial and economic feasibility assessment
- Comprehensive environmental sustainability assessment



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## ➤ Upscaling sugar production at BIO2C



- *2 tons of biowaste processed per run*
- *One demo run completed, 2 more to be completed by Q4 2021.*



## ➤ Expected results and products

- Demonstration of high-solids load enzymatic hydrolysis in 3m<sup>3</sup> reactors
- Production of approx 500 kg of concentrated sugars
- Application of technologies to reduce the presence of inhibitors (ie: organic acids) and improve the viscosity and pumpability of the hydrolyzate and concentrate.
- Development of ad-hoc separation, purification and concentration processes to obtain a concentrated sugar syrup for subsequent fermentation into biobased products such as biopesticides

## ➤ Opportunities and barriers

Opportunities	Barriers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The OFMSW is a high available, low cost and circular feedstock for biobased products</li><li>• Production of cost-competitive sugars as building blocks for biobased industries</li><li>• Waste reduction, contribution to the Circular Economy and stimulation of sustainable growth, contributing to Europe's green recovery.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The quality of the OFMSW (% organic matter) is highly dependent on the collection systems and practises in the cities.</li><li>• The more inerts and inhibitors in the feedstock the more complex and expensive will be the conversion process.</li><li>• Public perception of products derived from biowaste</li></ul>



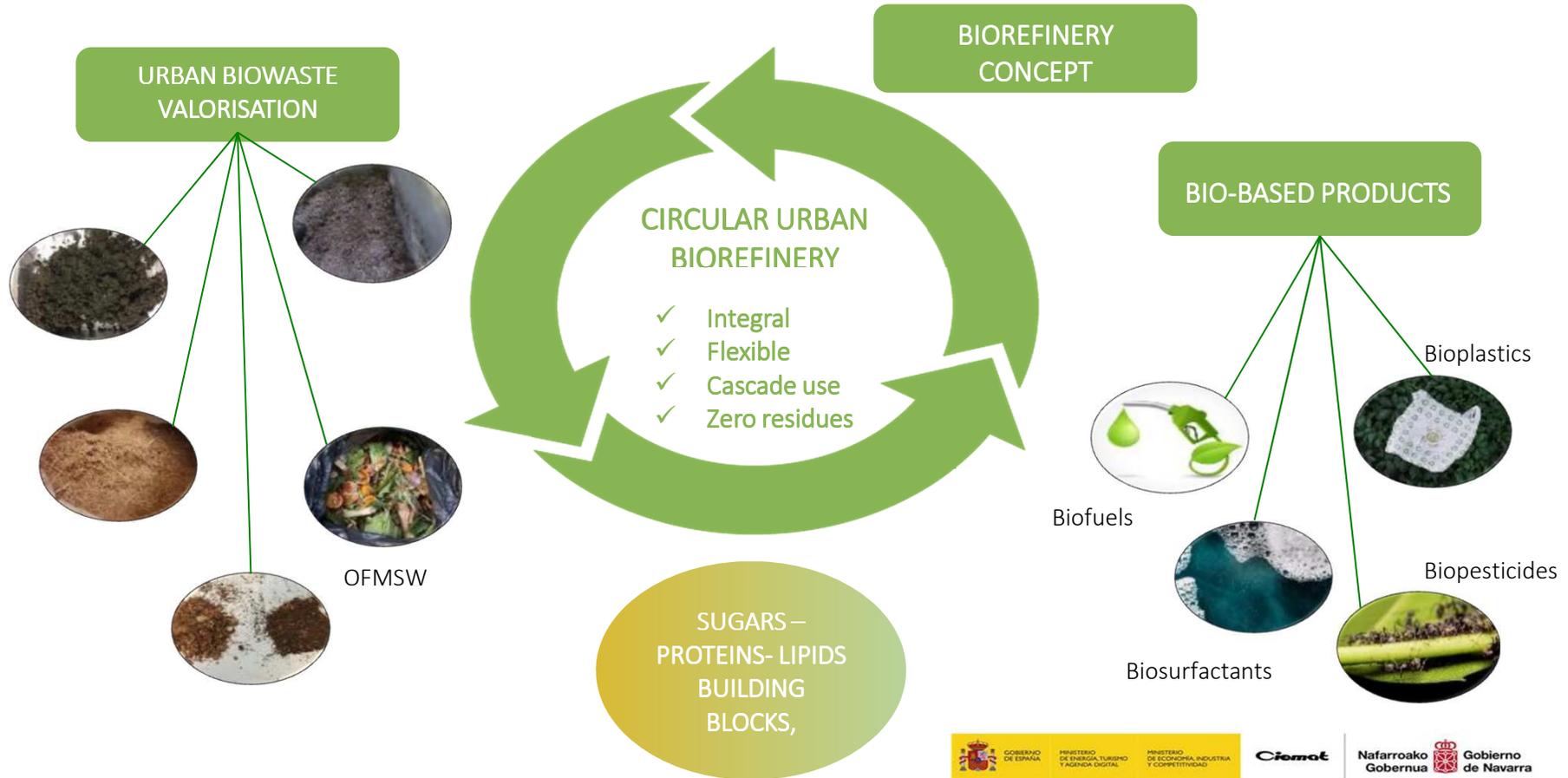
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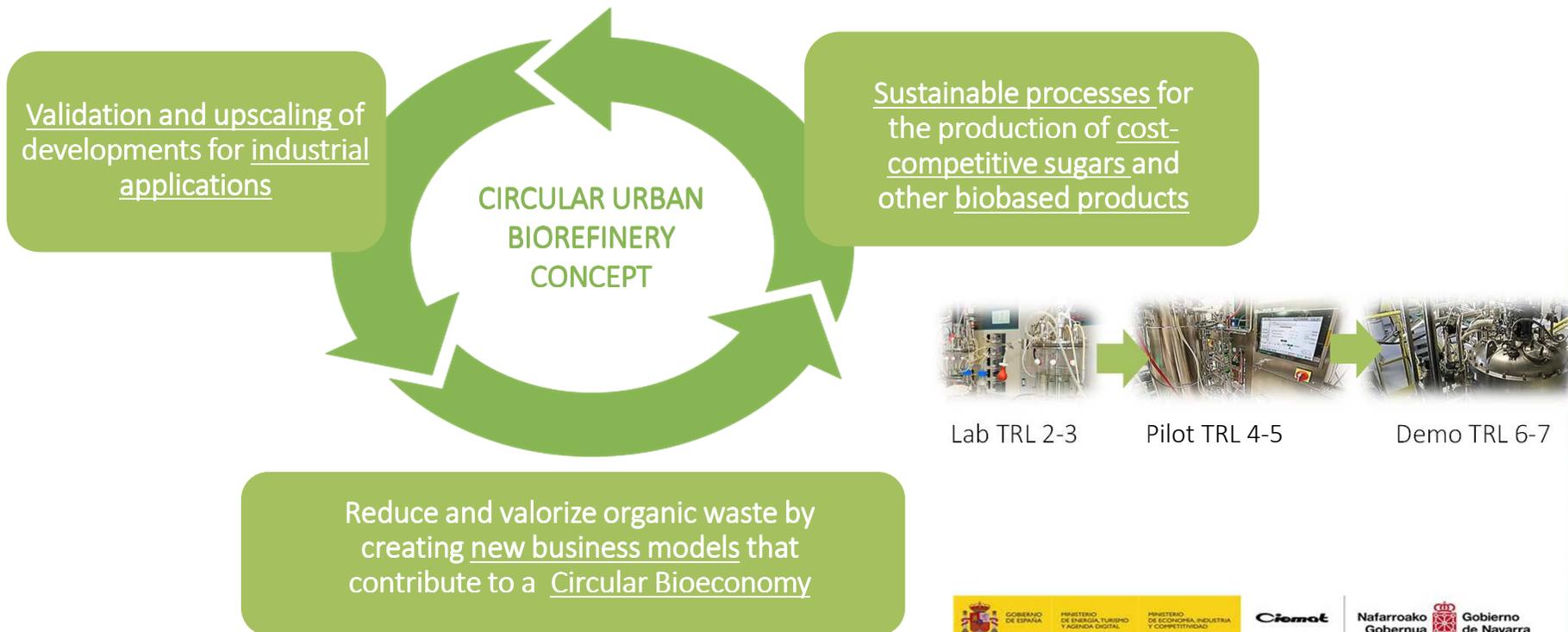
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**The Circular Urban Biorefinery Concept**

# The Circular Urban Biorefinery Concept



## Innovative strategy for the valorisation of urban biowaste



## The BIO2C plant - Closing the gap between lab and market for advanced biofuels & biobased products

- Support market uptake of biobased industries by development, integration, scale-up and demonstration of sustainable processes for the manufacture of biobased products and advanced biofuels.
- Modular test facilities and a highly qualified staff for scaling up whole value chain based on biorefinery concepts and cascading valorisation as an intermediate step between laboratory and industrial implementation.

More info: [www.bio2c.es](http://www.bio2c.es)



### BIOCHEMICAL UNIT

Thermochemical Pretreatment  
Enzymatic Hydrolysis  
Fermentation  
Downstream



### PRETREATMENT UNIT

Chipping  
Drying  
Torrefaction  
Pelletization



### GASIFICATION

Gasification Island  
Thermal Oxidizer  
Flue Gases Treatment

➤ **Thank you!!**





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