

New Business Models - BIR



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Bergen region





- Over 365 000 inhabitants
- Ca. 138 km²
- Both urban and rural areas
- Surrounded by mountains
- Known for rainy weather
- Main economic activity:
 - Oil and gas
 - Ocean technology
 - Seafood
 - Shipping















Briefly about BIR Bedrift



- Waste handling/pre treatment solutions for both household* and commercial waste
 - Paper, cardboard, plastic, wood, park, food, metal, hazardous waste etc
 - Handles approx. 70.000 tons/year (25 % of local marked)
 - 100 employees, 60 collection cars
 - Sale/rental of collection equipment/infrastructure for waste handling
- Pilot plant Feed production insect/algae from food waste
- * commercial contracts/ not delegated



Motivation for new solutions



The Bergen region lacks local solutions for food waste Local demand for more environmentally sustainable solutions

New EU/national sorting requirements for biowaste









Research and development

- Collaboration and innovation with start-up companies
- Pilot plant for feed production
- Processing vegetal pre-consumer food waste from the commercial market
- Make feed for:
 - Insect production
 - Single cell proteins (SCP) and microalgae production
- Create value chain «food to food»
 - Insects, SCP and microalgae can be used as fish feed or for human consumption



Long term goal: large-scale industrial symbiosis





Market situation

- Large interest in new technology and circular value chains
 - Sustainable and local processing of food waste
- Less interest in facilitating new technology and value chains
 - Prices, collection equipment, sorting practices, product acceptance etc.





LINEAR ECONOMY

Materials in a Linear Economy create waste after use.



Who should profit from developing new technology and value chains?

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CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Materials in a **Circular Economy** are collected and reused after each use.







Expectations for added value

- Waste possessors expect to get paid for «resource»
- Downstream processor expect to get paid to do a waste treatment service and for the final product(s)
- It is a common effort throughout the value chain to establish new technology with an associated market for products and services
- Added value of circulating the resources is to some extent distorted by additional processing steps and associated costs



Concluding remarks

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Technology is largely ready for implementation



Setablishing new treatment technologies and value chains takes *time*

Must involve and coordinate many different actors – *timing* is key

Early adoption is important to divide risks and motivate investment

Success is dependent on upscaling and access to large volumes





Thank you for your attention!

