



## Christmas Newsletter # 4 2022

Dear friends of WOOLUME,

This is a short greeting to mainly wish you all Happy Holidays and the best for 2023!

We did submit an application for bilateral initiatives in the area of green transition between Poland and Norway, under the Fund for Bilateral Relations. This is funding that opens up for networking, and is limited to a year. This could be a stepping stone for the upcoming Horizon call on 'food, bioeconomy, natural resources and environment'. We submitted the application for the maximum amount and for a year's project, and are still waiting to hear.

Some of us have followed some webinars on the new Soil Mission which will be launched by the EU in 2023 (January) and where Living Labs for soil health will be established all over Europe. One of the networks looking to work on this, and perhaps lead in an EU application, is the Prepsol consortium. Norwegian NIBIO is involved here, as is Sweden's SLU and as far as I can see IUNG in Poland?

### Prepsol consortium



- Academic partners**
- AU
  - WUR
  - SLU
  - INRAE
  - NIBIO
  - ZALF
  - IUNG
  - CSIC
  - ÖMKI
  - DELTARES
  - JRC

- Consulting experts**
- LESPROJEKT
  - TRUST-IT
  - COMPLA

- EEU & national associations \***
- ENOLL
  - RE-SOIL
  - COPA-COGECA
  - ACR+
  - F-PCTEX (ERIAFF)
  - ACTA

\* Some countries not represented by the partners' legal addresses are still covered by the emmbers of the associations, achieving full EU coverage, and some associated countries (Turkey, Romania, Greece, Bulgary, Croatia, Austria, Cyprus, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, UK, Slovenia, Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania)

## Goal of mission “A Soil Deal for Europe”: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030

### Specific objectives

1. Reduce desertification

2. Conserve soil organic carbon stocks

3. Stop soil sealing and increase re-use of urban soils

4. Reduce soil pollution and enhance restoration

5. Prevent erosion

6. Improve soil structure to enhance soil biodiversity

7. Reduce the EU global footprint on soils

8. Improve soil literacy in society



Each specific objective is backed by **one or more quantified targets** and **measurable indicators**.  
Objectives apply to **all types of land use**.

More news: The achievements of Woolume project concerning acoustic properties of tufted fabric obtained from coarse local mountain wool was presented at the Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference (December 2022, Aachen (Germany)). The presentation illustrated the possibility of using undervalued local wool for the production of valuable products with good functional properties. The presented issue fitted very well into the leading theme of the conference on sustainable development in the textile industry. During presentations on this topic several expressions closely related to the Woolume project, such as biomaterials, local renewable resources, textiles recycling, circular economy or zero waste strategy were repeatedly mentioned. The presented solutions were source of further inspiration and encouragement to continue working on the coarse wool utilization, while the quote from one presentation: “Waste is not waste until we waste it” can serve as a motto for the Woolume activities.

The IWTO Round Table in Nuremberg, Germany in December, and the full report was posted on SIFO’s website for Clothing Research, under Woolume’s banner. <https://clothingresearch.oslomet.no/2022/12/09/report-from-iwtos-round-table-2022/> We would like to add that Ingun gave a talk, somewhat similar to the one held in Klæbu, about the ruling from the Norwegian Consumer Authority. Professor Klepp was invited by the IWTO to hold the presentation, and several came forward both formally and informally to thank for the work that had contributed to the Higg consumer-facing label being taken down. In Local, Slow and Sustainable Fashion: Wool as a Fabric for Change, we have written quite extensively about the criticism against Higg and also EU’s PEFCR – and we are hoping the ruling against Higg will also impact the on-going work in the technical secretariat for PEFCR for apparel and footwear, so that natural fibers are not hurt by the data being fed into this work, which will underpin the EU’s Substantiating Green Claims Proposal (which was postponed recently) and also possibly a label that will be made mandatory, comparing all products to base-line products on a red-yellow-green scale.