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## **GCEPTECH** ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE

# **ORGANIC SPIRULINA**

Key note speech: financing innovation in the organic sector with the SME instrument



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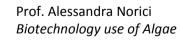
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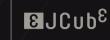


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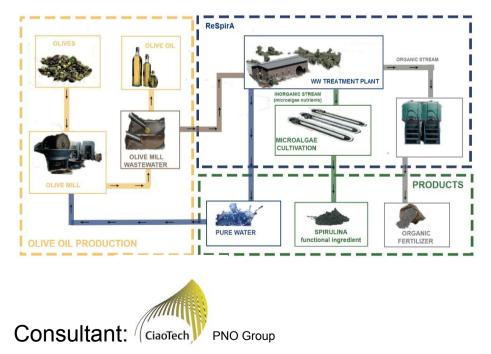
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## **ReSpirA**

Olive oil wastewater Reuse for the production and commercialization of Spirulina Alga



Call: H2020-SMEINST-1-2015

Type of Action: SME-1

**Topic:** Boosting the potential of small businesses for eco-innovation and a sustainable supply of raw materials by SMEs SC5-20-2015-1

Acronym: ReSpirA

Number: 711725 Duration: 6 months Start Date: 2015-12-01 EU Contribution: 50.000





#### The SME Instrument



Phase 1 – Concept & Feasibility Assessment. Idea to Concept Idea > Business Plan Grant: € 50,000 in funding and business coaching Duration: 6 months Outcome: a feasibility study (technical and commercial)

Phase 2 – Demonstration, Market Replication, R&D. Concept to Market-Maturity

Innovation activities, draft a more developed business plan

Grant: € 0.5 million and € 2,5 million in funding and business coaching Duration: 1-2 years

Outcome: a new product, process or service to launch on the market; a business innovation plan with a commercialisation strategy and a financing plan in view of market launch.

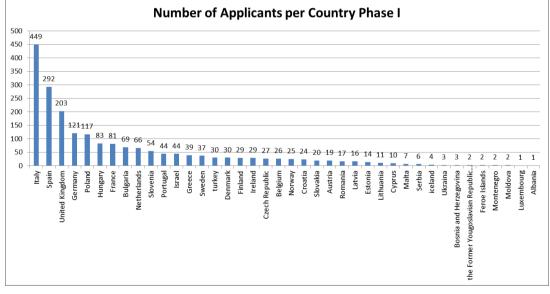
#### Phase 3 – Commercialisation. Prepare for Market launch

Facilitate the commercial exploitation of the innovation activities and access to networking opportunities

Grant: no



# Horizon 2020 SME Instrument: 2,833 new project proposals received in September - 1,873 for Phase 1 and 960 for Phase 2.



The top three countries in terms of number of applicants are:

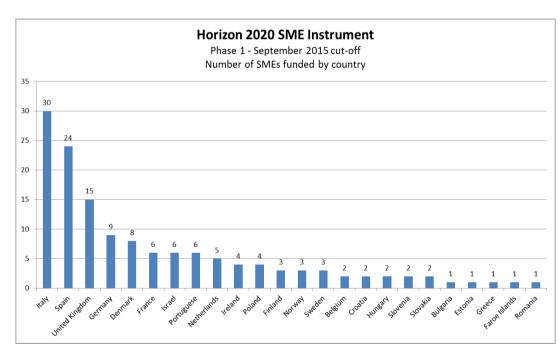
- Italy (449 for Phase 1 and 220 for Phase 2)
- **Spain** (292 for Phase 1 and 152 for Phase 2)
- United Kingdom (203 for Phase 1 and 109 for Phase 2)

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/news/horizon-2020-sme-instrument-2833-new-project-proposals-received-september

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#### Phase 1: 17 September 2015 third cut-off



- 141 small SMEs
- > 24 countries
- 30 Italian SMEs beneficiaries followed by firms from Spain (24) and the UK (15).
- 1099 SMEs have been selected under Phase 1 of the SME Instrument (since the launch of the programme on 1st January 2014)

## Success Rate: 7.52%

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/news/141-highly-innovative-smes-get-funded-under-phase-1-sme-instrument



#### SME Instrument | Frequently Asked Questions

"If I succeed phase 1, will I have more chances to successfully access phase 2?"

#### **ANSWER!**

Proposals from successful phase 1 participants will be scrutinised and evaluated as any other proposal applying to phase 2, **there is no preferential treatment**.

However, successful completion of phase 1 will have allowed you to make the feasibility assessment and elaborate the business plan required for phase 2. Support in phase 1, including coaching, should have helped the project to grow to a stage where a proposal for funding in phase 2 can be well substantiated.



**Source**: https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/sme-instrument-frequently-asked-questions



## **IDEA**

Convert olive oil mill WasteWaters (WWs) into raw materials for the production of enriched Organic Spirulina.

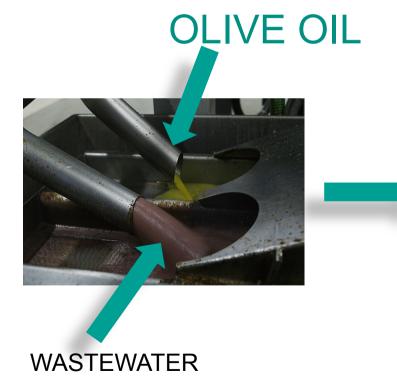
The Greentech process offering both **services** and **products**:

- ✓ The service is addressed to Olive Oil Mills, and it offers the collection and purification of WWs resulting from oil production.
- ✓ The product is Certified Organic Spirulina enriched with polyphenols & produced using natural nitrates & phosphates obtained from WWs.





## BACKGROUND AND PROBLEM





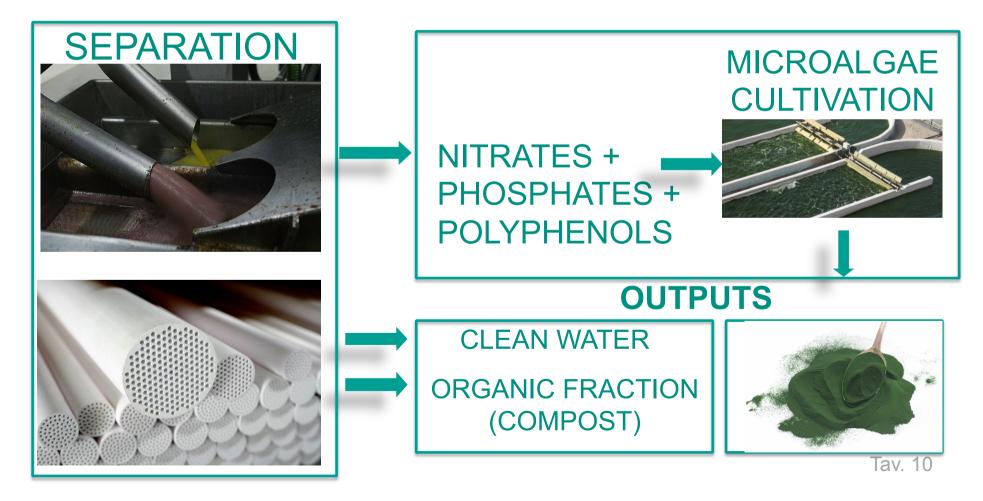
Municipal water treatment - 80 €/m<sup>3</sup>



Spread on agricultural land - 20 €/m<sup>3</sup> Tav. 9



## **MAIN INNOVATION**



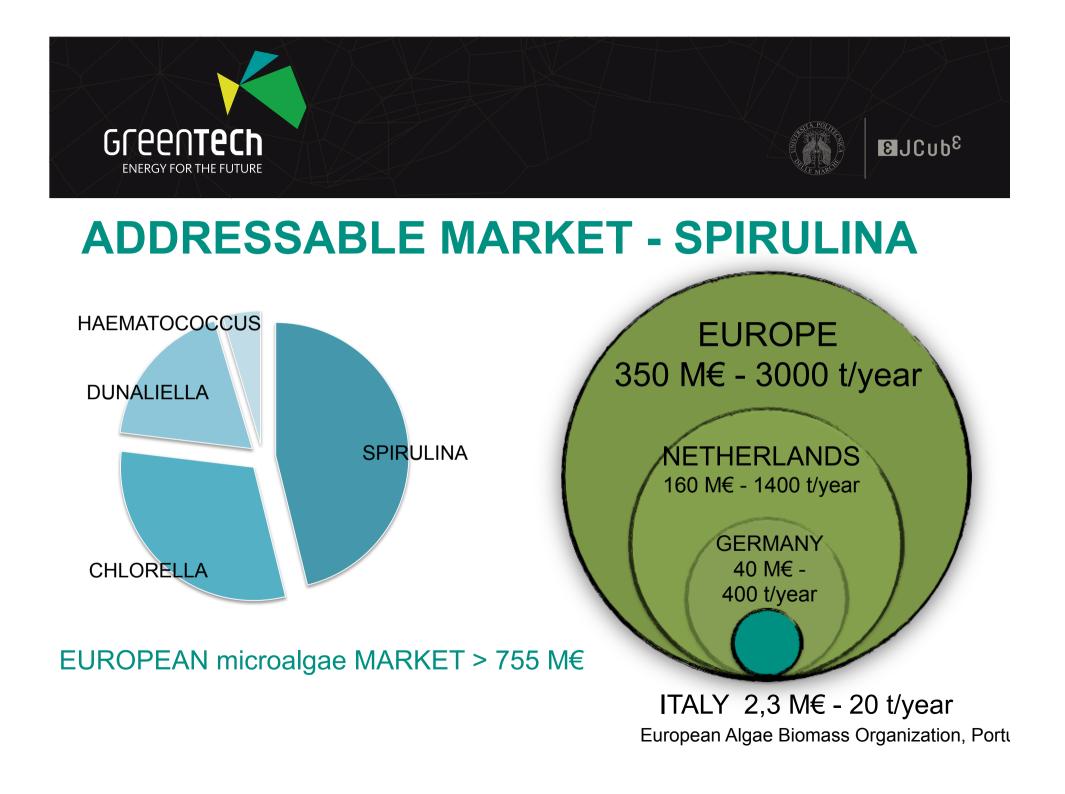


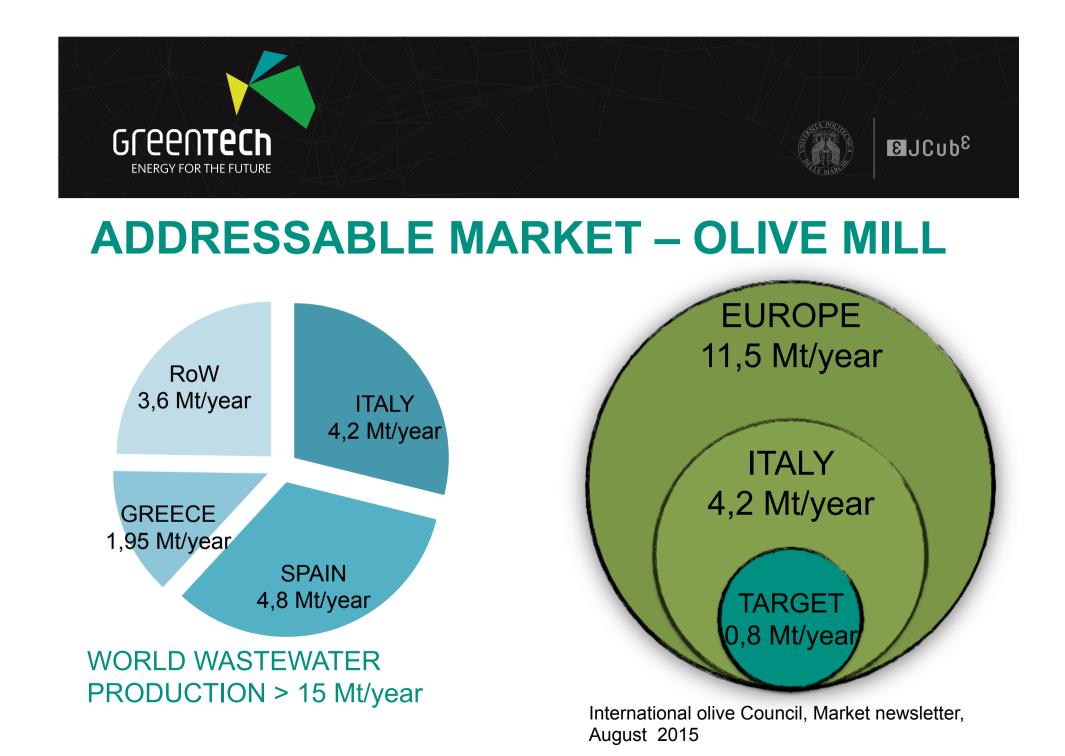
# **ORGANIC ENRICHED SPIRULINA**

- ✓ Certified organic: all inputs from organic olive oil wastewaters + energy
- ✓ Made in Italy
- ✓ New certification standard (CCPB)
- ✓ Highest source of beta-carotene
- ✓ Rich in polyphenols
- ✓Unique product











## **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES - SPIRULINA**

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|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| ORGANIC             |                                    |           |             |
| Natural             |                                    |           |             |
| RICH IN POLYPHENOLS |                                    |           |             |

RAW MATERIALS FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES





## **TARGET MARKET**

Potential customers are B2B and B2C.

B2B are customer working in the food industry sector (pasta, bread ...), pharmaceutical and the cosmetics industry.

The B2C will be achieved through off-line and on-line channels and traditional shops specialized in selling organic products.



Greentech will create a new brand dedicated to Organic Spirulina products.

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## **Evaluation of proposals**

#### CRITERIA

- 1. **IMPACT** to demonstrate that the project will generate revenues and create jobs. European or international dimension of the project. Intellectual property.
- 2. EXCELLENCE the product, process or service is «disruptive», change the dynamic of the market, societal challenge.
- 3. QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION you can make it! Technical competence and commercial competence. Credibility of the team and work plan. Time frame realistic.



#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Total score: (Threshold: 13) **CRITERION 1 – IMPACT** (Threshold: 4/5.00, Weight: 100%)

CRITERION 2 – EXCELLENCE (Threshold: 4/5,00, Weight: 100%)



#### **CRITERION3 – QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF IMPLEMENTATION** (Threshold: 4/5.00, Weight: 100%)

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