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#### **Idea Pitch**

# Innovation e-Platform for Bioeconomy Example for Bioplastics in Automotive Industry

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# Circular Bioeconomy

Restorative and in which material flows are of two types:

- biological nutrients, designed to reenter the biosphere safely, and
- **technical nutrients**, which are designed to circulate at high quality without entering the biosphere.

# Drivers

- Technologies & Materials
- Regulations & Policies
- Societal Trends & Ideas

# To Do

- · Identify technical challenges
- Identify the business models
- Develop technical, economic, policy and market conditions

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# e-Platform

# Entry Point for Companies Example: Car Seats Producer



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Product:	

# bioMaterials



Sugar, starch, cellulose

Biocomposites, bioplastics, fibers

# bioTechnologies



Fermentation, wood liquefaction

Polymerization, additives, biodegradability

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#### Woodbridge Offers the Broadest Range of BioFoam<sup>™</sup> "Green" Polyurethane **Automotive Interior Applications**

The Woodbridge Group announced the most extensive interior product line offering the industry's highest levels of "Green" Polyurethane Foams. As a key component of its renewable resource strategy, BioFoam, a patented technology, substitutes petroleum with plant oils, in the manufacturing of polyurethane products. This earth-friendly solution for a full line-up of automotive interior applications includes; seat cushions, seat fabric composites, head restraints, arm rests, occupant protection components, trim cover laminates and overhead systems.

BioFoam is the first mass-production ready, plant-based polyurethane foam solution, to meet all required customer performance criteria. According to Dr. Hamdy Khalil, Global Director of Research and Development, and Product Development at Woodbridge, "BioFoam is the best choice for environmentally viable automotive interiors. Currently, Woodbridge supplies the broadest Bio-product range for interior applications, at up to 40% Bio-Polyol substitution. You are going to see substantially higher green content levels in the next generation. We have successfully produced foams with 100% Bio-Polyol in laboratory trials. If the industry adopted this level, Bio-Polyols alone could reduce fossil oil dependence by millions of barrels annually. Since Polyol only represents a portion of polyurethane's chemistry, we are now working on the Isocyanate side of the formulation, to go even more green."

The success of BioFoam is directly linked to Cargill's highly engineered plant oil Polyol. Woodbridge has worked jointly with Cargill to validate Bio-Polyols for automotive applications. Cargill has performed a life cycle analysis which reveals this technology reduces; global warming emissions by 36 percent, non-renewable energy use by 61 percent, and reduces total energy demand. Over the next 3 years Woodbridge targets BioFoam's Green Polyol inclusion to reach; 30% for overhead components, occupant protection foams, seat cushions, and the 50% mark for head restraints. Woodbridge continues to receive interest from numerous OEMs and Tier Ones for multiple future programs. Several vehicles launching in 2008 will feature BioFoam products. In cooperation with Magna, the recently announced 2009 Ford Escape is one of the latest examples.

The Woodbridge Group is a Canadian company with 63 facilities operating in 21 countries, and is a global leader in the development and production of polyurethane products. Automotive applications include components for seating, structural support, occupant protection, headliner systems and acoustical management, as well as a full range of value added services including engineering and design, supply chain management, assembly, sequencing and JIT delivery solutions. For more information, visit www.woodbridgegroup.com

#### **Relational Database**

**TITLE:** Unique Value Proposition

**ABSTRACT:** Solution

DESCRIPTION: with LINK to source

PHOTO: Material/Technology/Product

**QUANTIFICATION:** Numerical relevance (e.g. 45% global PLA production)

**IMPORTANCE:** Credibility (e.g. certificates, standards, awards, references...) => ChooseBIO label for the best choices

**CATEGORIES** (from Circular Economy): "Biomass", "Building Blocks", "Materials & Chemicals", "Products", "Closing the Loops", "Reuse", "Recycle"

TAG1: "Product", "Technology", "Service" (e.g. characterization, analysis, certification, marketing, distribution...), "Policy", "Research", "Idea"

TAG2: Industry (NACE classification)

TAG3: name of product/technology (e.g. "PLA", "fermentation"; from a list of key terms in Category)

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#### JOINT R&D SCHEME for ENVIRONMENTAL BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS

- Characterization of biopolymers
- Physical and chemical modifications
- Processing of biopolymers
- Energy efficiency of production
- Characterization of products







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Focus: Validated Learning

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#### Lean Innovation:

Create a strategic advantage in launch timing Strategic segmentation, market selection, and business-model creation Improve return on innovation spend

#### Poly4EmI Open Collaboration Spaces:

Open space/brokerage platform

"Biopolymer open innovation arenas", "Biopolymer Creativity Awards", "Joint roadmapping", "Talent camps"

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#### Market and Strategic Analyses:

Horizon2020:

SME Instrument

Partnering and brokerage

**Biobased Industries Consortium** 

Initial market sizing and specific market analyses

Assessment of Funding Readiness Level





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The main strength of the ePlatform will be its value-chain-centric architecture, visually represented as a business model for a specific product/user.

Its value will be in the up-to-date relational database of relevant information.

#### **Expected impacts**

The Innovation ePlatform for Bioeconomy will enable more efficient:

•communication of national and EU policies to SMEs, with continuous impact monitoring and adjustments to maximizing their "SME-friendliness";

•public- or private-funded innovation development with early business model validation;

•bridging of the public grant market with the investment and customer markets.

