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BIOPACKMAN: BUILDING MOMENTUM IN SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING INNOVATION

The **months of BioPackMan** have been marked by intense collaboration, technical progress, and active engagement within the European research and innovation ecosystem. From consortium meetings to technical workshops and networking initiatives, the project is **steadily advancing its mission** to develop next-generation biodegradable packaging materials aligned with **EU sustainability goals**.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MILAN

A major milestone in the project's first phase was the **BioPackMan General Assembly** held in **Milan** (12-13 November 2025), which brought together consortium partners to review progress, align priorities, and plan the next steps.

Hosted with the involvement of **Bolton** and **Tinexta Innovation Hub**, the meeting provided a valuable opportunity to connect technical development with industrial perspectives.

Discussions focused on material formulation, performance targets, and the integration of Safe-and-Sustainable-by-Design (SSbD) principles across the project's value chain. The General Assembly reinforced BioPackMan's

collaborative approach, ensuring strong coordination between **research institutions, industrial partners, and innovation-driven SMEs**.

[Read more about it here.](#)



ISMAC WORKSHOP

BioPackMan's technical development was further strengthened through a dedicated **workshop, ISMAC**, focused on testing, validation, and standardisation aspects of biodegradable packaging materials.

The session addressed key topics such as **mechanical performance, safety, and material reliability**: crucial steps in moving innovative compounds closer to **real-world applications**. By aligning laboratory testing with regulatory and industrial requirements, the workshop supported BioPackMan's goal of delivering materials that are not only **sustainable, but also robust and market-ready**.

This exchange highlighted the importance of bridging research excellence with practical implementation throughout the project lifecycle.



BIOPACKMAN IN THE EUROPEAN R&I LANDSCAPE

BioPackMan was also featured within the "Touch base with R&I projects" initiative, a series of **online meetings** connecting **Horizon Europe-funded projects** active in the **bioplastics sector**.

The session offered a platform to present **BioPackMan's approach** to developing advanced biodegradable polymer materials, guided by **SSbD principles** and **lifecycle thinking**. Participation in this initiative underlined the project's role within the broader European research and innovation ecosystem, fostering dialogue, knowledge exchange, and potential future synergies.

LOOKING AHEAD

The activities of BioPackMan's first **months** reflect a **dynamic start** built on cooperation, technical depth, and **European-level engagement**. As the project moves forward, these foundations will support the development of **innovative, safe, and sustainable packaging** solutions designed to meet **real market and environmental needs**.

UPCYCLE COLLABORATION

Collaboration beyond the consortium is a key pillar of BioPackMan's communication and outreach strategy. In this context, the project has established a networking collaboration with the **Horizon Europe project UPCYCLE**.



The partnership focuses on **mutual visibility** and knowledge exchange, amplifying communication efforts and **reinforcing shared objectives** around circularity, sustainability, and innovation in packaging. By connecting projects working on complementary approaches, from biodegradable materials to advanced recycling and upcycling, BioPackMan contributes to a **stronger and more interconnected** European **circular packaging ecosystem**.

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