## GREEN CHEMICALS FROM PYROLYSIS OIL AS WOOD PRESERVATIVE AND ADHESIVES - STEP 2

## A Bioinnovation hypothesis testing project





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## Introduction and background

- non-fossil value chain to green chemicals
- mainly forest residues (biomaterial)
- technical feasibility
- market potential
- rural development possible ("biorurality")
- Bioinnovation (Vinnova Sweden's innovation agency, Swedish Energy agency, and Formas Research Council)
  - 4,2MSEK (350 000 €) 2,1MSEK Bioinnovation / 2,1MSEK Private partners
  - Continuation project from step 1 project (0,8MSEK).
  - Start June 2023 end May 2025



# Task and basic concepts

## Hypothesis step 1 project

- commercial producer of high quality biochar (Envigas AB)
- find valuable compounds from pyrolysis oil
- initial university tests of pyrolysis oil
- initial university tests of compounds as wood protection agent

Promising technical results Interesting wood mold protection results Difficult to asses further technical feasability Difficult to asses market potentials



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## Pre - Hypothesis step 2 project

- value chain formation May 2022 to November 2022
- NDA for accessing step 1 results presumptive partners
- addition of chemical companies
- addition of skills and competence
- addition of downstream partners for evaluation and and validation
- addition of competence for LCA

#### Application March 2023

- Value chain from forest company to paint manufacturer and wooden board producer
- Potential and feasibility of green chemical compounds
- Additive in paint formulations and/or in matrix for wooden boards





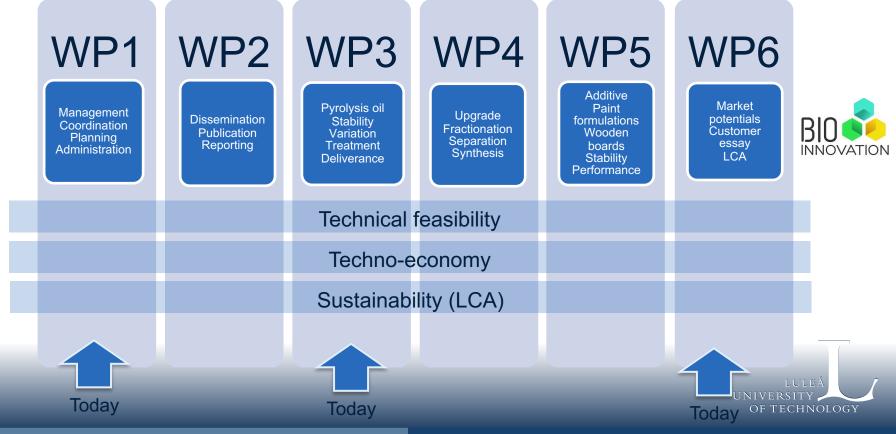
Upstart meeting, Envigas, Bureå, Sweden. 31st of August

# The consortium

Holmen AB- forest products company Envigas AB – biochar producer Akzo Nobel - glue and chemical producer Perstorp AB - chemical company Sherwin Williams AB - paint manufacturer Byggelit AB – Wooden board manufacturer RISE Research institute of Sweden Luleå university of technology



# **Current project step 2**



# **Operational levels**

TRL Technology readiness level
3 to 5: Proof of concept to validation in relevant environment

## MRL Market readiness level

**1 to 3:** Overview of possible market described **to** partnership that verifies unique properties

# SRL Sustainability readiness level 1 to 3: Hypothesis of contribution to sustainable solutions to

a systematic sustainable analysis



# Challenges

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- pyrolysis oil stability and variation (biochar plant)
- effectiveness and economy upgrading (pyrolysis oil to chemicals)
- suitability of targeted compounds (performance and cost)
- market need and acceptance (green fee exists?)
- economy and sustainability of industrial products (function in end products)

# Potential

- future stable side-stream (pyrolysis oil)
- huge need for green chemicals
- increasing need for alternative use of environmentally friendly additives (harder regulations)





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