

EUROPEAN BIOPOLYMER SUMMIT 2026

4-5 NOVEMBER | AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

From Innovation to Integration:
Making Biopolymers Work
in the Real World



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The Biopolymer Industry Summit 2026 will bring together senior industry leaders to address the commercial, operational and regulatory barriers shaping the future of biopolymers. Across two days, the agenda will explore feedstock scalability, cost competitiveness, performance parity, end-of-life infrastructure, policy alignment and packaging innovation, with a strong focus on translating material innovation into commercially viable industrial deployment.



Join biopolymer producers, packaging companies, retailers, technology developers and sustainability leaders driving the transition toward scalable biopolymer adoption. Meet CEOs, Heads of Sustainability, biomaterials specialists, packaging experts and strategic decision-makers from across the value chain, alongside consultants, associations, regulatory bodies and research institutes shaping the future direction of the sector.

Who Will Attend?

Attendees at the Biopolymer Industry Summit 2026 will include senior representatives from across the biopolymer value chain, including:

- Biopolymer producers and material suppliers
- Packaging companies and brand owners
- Retailers and consumer goods companies
- Biopolymer compounders & additive manufacturers
- Supply chain and logistics providers

Registration is Simple:

Contact **Dimitri Pavlyk** on +44 (0)20 3141 0610

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Conference Fees:

Conference Pass (Includes Documentation Packet) – £2,095

Documentation Packet Only – £550

Members and customers of all supporting organisations are entitled to a discount off their conference package. Discounts are also available for multiple/group bookings.



Opportunities to Meet Your Target Audience

Showcase your technologies and connect with senior-level attendees through branding, networking, and live demonstrations — a valuable opportunity to attract new business and build lasting relationships.

For information on available commercial opportunities, please contact:

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Day One – Wednesday 4th November 2026

08:30– Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00 – CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS



Sarah K Hickingbottom,
VP & Global Practice
Head **FutureBridge**

09:15 – CONFERENCE SESSION ONE: Scaling Feedstock Supply and Securing Consistent Raw Material Streams

- Scaling waste-based feedstocks to meet industrial production demand
- Ensuring consistent, year-round supply for stable manufacturing output
- Reducing feedstock volatility to improve cost competitiveness
- Aligning sourcing strategies with long-term production expansion



Sebastien Bregeaud,
CTO, **Notpla**

10:30 – Morning Refreshments

11:00 – CONFERENCE SESSION TWO: Achieving Performance Parity with Fossil-Based Polymers

- Matching mechanical and functional performance of conventional plastics
- Addressing processing challenges in existing manufacturing systems
- Improving barrier properties without compromising sustainability credentials
- Balancing performance gains with material integrity and biodegradability



Koustubh Dube,
CTO, **CIYANO**



Kevin Da Costa,
CTO, **Evolution Music**



Aleksandra Nešić, *Senior Research Associate*, **Faculty of Technology Novi Sad**,
University of Novi Sad



Mohammadreza Naeimirad,
Innovation Development Manager,
Senbis Polymer Innovations B.V.

12:15 – Lunch

13:15 – CONFERENCE SESSION THREE: Closing the Cost Gap and Driving Commercial Viability

- Reducing production costs to compete with fossil-based plastics
- Evaluating pricing pressures across PLA, PHA and emerging materials
- Identifying scale-driven efficiencies across supply chains
- Balancing cost, performance and sustainability in procurement decisions



Patrick Zimmermann,
Managing Director,
**FKuR Kunststoff
GmbH**



Dr. Marco Amici,
Global Head of
Business Development,
**Livinguard
Technologies AG**



Sarah K
Hickingbottom,
VP & Global
Practice Head
FutureBridge

14:30 – PANEL DISCUSSION: Overcoming Operational Resistance and Processing Barriers

- Understanding operator resistance to adopting new material systems
- Adapting processing conditions to accommodate biopolymer behavior
- Closing the gap between R&D innovation and factory floor execution
- Correcting misconceptions around ‘drop-in’ material compatibility



Saoirse Kathryn
McConnell,
Co-Founder & CTO,
SurfAce Cleantech



Burcak Alp,
Co-Founder & CTO
Intace



Antonella Cavazza,
Associate professor,
University of Parma

15:15 – Afternoon Refreshments

15:45 – PANEL DISCUSSION: Driving Market Adoption Through Policy and Demand Signals

- Understanding the role of regulation as primary adoption driver
- Overcoming slow market uptake without policy enforcement
- Reducing approval timelines to accelerate commercial deployment
- Engaging brand owners and decision-makers to drive demand



Servet Karadeniz,
CEO, **CIYANO**

16:30 – CLOSE OF DAY ONE

Day Two – Thursday 5th November 2026

08:30 – Registration & Coffee

09:00 – CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS



Sarah K
Hickingbottom,
*VP & Global
Practice Head*
FutureBridge

09:05 – CONFERENCE SESSION FOUR: Navigating Regulation and Unlocking Policy Alignment

- Addressing conflicts between recyclability mandates and functional design
- Clarifying definitions such as 'plastic-free' and their practical implications
- Understanding PPWR impact on material selection and system integration
- Aligning innovation pathways with evolving regulatory frameworks



Mike Hale, *CEO*,
**CHESTNUT
BIOPOLYMERS**

10:20 – Morning Refreshments

10:50 - CONFERENCE SESSION FIVE: Closing the End-of-Life Gap for Biopolymers

- Determining when compostability delivers greater value than recyclability
- Integrating biopolymers into existing collection, sorting and recovery systems
- Improving consumer understanding and disposal outcomes through clearer communication
- Creating credible end-of-life pathways that support large-scale market adoption



Benoit Berny
*Product Innovation
Manager*
Lactips



Lars Boerger,
CEO, **nova-
Institut GmbH**



Dr. Afsaneh Nabifar
*Head of Global Advocacy &
Sustainability for Biopolymers*
BASF

12:05 – Lunch

13:05 – STANDALONE PRESENTATION: Unlocking High-Volume Applications in Food Packaging

- Expanding use of biopolymer coatings in food packaging applications
- Replacing conventional laminated materials at industrial scale
- Meeting performance and safety requirements for food contact use
- Capturing volume-driven growth through packaging innovation



Alberto Castellanza,
*Director Markets &
Product Development*,
Novamont

13:50 – CONFERENCE SESSION: Transitioning from Traditional Materials to Biopolymers: Innovation and System Integration

- Advancing drop-in solutions compatible with existing systems
- Prioritizing innovations that are scalable and cost-effective
- Balancing performance improvements with regulatory compliance
- Positioning innovation around real-world system integration



Mark Shortland,
CEO, Shoplight Ltd



Thijs Verhaar,
Owner,
KNITWEAR LAB

14:35 – CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS

14:45 – 15:15: End of Conference & Afternoon Refreshments