



SmartPilots STUDY VISIT 4: Centre for Process Innovation

We invite all stakeholders (managing authorities, intermediate bodies, regional funding authorities and applicants, funding beneficiaries, innovation organisations, cluster organisation, users of SPF...) with an interest in shared pilot facilities (SPF) and innovation **to be actively involved in the SmartPilots study visits and interregional seminars.**

Next SmartPilots Study Visit:

WHEN: Wednesday March 15th, 2017 from 11am – 5pm

WHERE: Centre for Process Innovation Ltd. (CPI), Wilton Centre, Wilton, Redcar, Cleveland, United Kingdom, TS10 4RF

WHO: SmartPilots Project Partners and Stakeholders of Shared Pilot Facilities

What is SMARTPILOTS?

SmartPilots: Improving policies in support of shared pilot facilities to increase their impact on the Key Enabling Technology Industrial Biotech and the European Bioeconomy

Shared pilot facilities are open access test sites that bring bioeconomy innovations from the laboratory into industrial practice. They are open to all companies and research institutes, and can thus be seen as shared investments in innovation equipment. They have proven to be successful in helping innovators, especially SMEs, to bridge the so called Valley of Death, i.e. the innovation phase between laboratory and successful market introduction that comes with a high technological and financial risk. Typically, initial funding from governments is available to build a Shared Pilot Facility, but it is a challenge to safeguard their long-term existence, especially since bioeconomy is relatively new and dedicated policies are currently lacking in many regions.

SmartPilots **aims to improve regional policies** to provide support in a cost-effective and impact oriented manner. This will be done by:

- Optimizing direct support for shared pilot facilities
- Optimizing indirect support i.e. direct support for users of shared pilot facilities
- Facilitating interregional cooperation regarding Shared Pilot Facilities.

Phase 1 (2016-2018): The project partners, regions that locate a SPF or have a high interest and SPFs, each make a thorough regional analysis of availability and use of funding mechanisms for SPF and their users (through study visits and questionnaires to relevant stakeholders). During three interregional seminars, the results of these regional analyses will be compared and discussed and best-

practices will be exchanged. The findings of the seminars will be summarized in Regional Factsheets, used to draw up regional action plans.

Phase 2 (2018-2020): Regional implementation of the action plans and monitoring of the results of the implementation.

The Shared Pilot Facilities and regions involved are **Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant** (lead partner) and the **department of Economy, Science and Innovation** from Flanders (Belgium), **Centre for Process Innovation** from Tees Valley (UK), **VTT** from Helsinki Uusimaa (Finland), **Bioprocess Pilot Facility** and **Provincie Zuid-Holland** (the Netherlands), **Innovhub SSI** from Lombardy (Italy) and **ARD** (France) and **CBP Fraunhofer** (Germany) as Case Studies.

REGISTRATION:

Interested stakeholders can register by sending an email to: Katrien.Molders@bbeu.org and/or Diane.MacDonald@uk-cpi.com.

PROGRAM

10.30 – 11.00 Stakeholder Registration

11.00 – 12.15 Study Visit 4 (SV4) – Part I

11.00 – 11.30 Welcome and background to CPI ([Kris Wadrop – CPI](#))

11.30 – 11.45 Introduction to SmartPilots ([Brecht Vanlerberghe – BBEPP](#))

11.45 – 12.15 SmartPilots Partner Summaries ([SmartPilots Partners](#))

12.15 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 15.30 Study Visit 4 (SV4) – Part II

13.00 – 14.00 CPI Business Model ([Steve Pearson – CPI](#))

14.00 – 15.30 Tour ([Kris Wadrop, Steve Pearson – CPI](#))

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 16.45 Study Visit 4 (SV4) – Part III

Stakeholder Presentations, CPI Customers

15.45 – 16.15: Calysta ([speaker tbc](#))

16.15 – 16.45: VideraBio ([Adriana Botes](#))

16.45 – 17.00 Closing Comments