

EUNIT

European Innovation in Natural Fibre Technology

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EUNIT is a pan-European cooperation between natural fibre processors and leading scientific work groups to apply for funds of the 6th European Framework Programme.

European fibre producers are currently **not able to supply 50 %** of the quantities of high-quality natural fibres required.

The main aim of EUNIT is to strengthen and harmonise the joint efforts in **quality assurance** and **competitive fibre processing** of European hemp and flax processors for non-textile fibres.

A **joint action** by European bast fibre producers is planned in order to overcome the existent disadvantages and to **increase their market shares**.

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- QA status in the natural fibre industry
- Review of current fibre production technologies in Europe
- Development of suitable quality parameters and reliable test procedures for hemp and flax
- Development and implementation of online QA tools
- Dissemination of knowledge

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Core group: EKOTEX (PL), Gruppo Fibranova S.r.l. (IT), Hemcore Ltd. (UK), Holstein Flachs (GE)

R&D: Competence Centre Brandenburg (GE), Federal Institute of Materials Research and –Testing (GE), FIBRE (GE), University of Wales (UK), Wageningen University and Research (NL), Wrocław University of Technology (PL)

Associations: EIHA (EU), RIO (GE)

Coordination: RIO (GE)

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BENEFITS

- Influence on the project and first hand information
- Gaining confidence through accepted QA testing standards
- Reducing costs and efforts for QA by a joint action
- Strengthening the market position of European bast fibre producers

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CONTRIBUTION

- Appropriation of required information for the proposal
- Conclusion of agreements to organise the cooperation
- Participation in project meetings
- Contribution of services on own account

> No contribution in cash is necessary

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TIME TABLE

- Call 3 in December 04
- Partner meeting in the beginning of February 05 in Berlin
- Submission of a CR-Proposal - stage 1 - in March 05
- Evaluation until appr. May 05
- Submission of a full proposal in summer 2005

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