Opportunities for Biochar production and use in Finland – peat replacement ???

- Kari Tiilikkala
- Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)
- Smartly from renewable resources:Efficiency to systems and utilization of by-product flows
- COST Meeting, WG4 + WG2 in Tartu (4-6 May 2015)



"Mixture of peat and Char" Patent for a product

- MTT developed for company VAPO
- 15 years ago, never commercialized
- "Long lasting growing media"
- Good structure and yield (tomato)
- Wood based char



"Vihreä Multa" new product to market in 2013 "type product" listed by Evira authority !!!!

 Biolan new product 2014, biochar (http://www.biolan.fi/suomi/default3.asp?active_page_id=186



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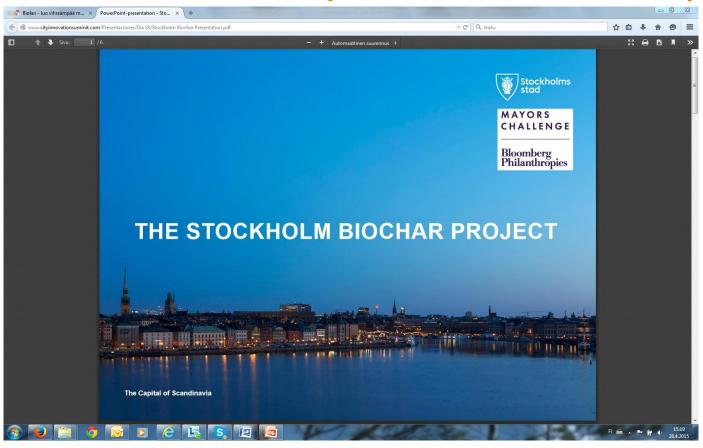
,Sphagnum moss, new innovation

- VAPO, MTT, VTT
- Research project, presented by Eeva-Maria Tuhkanen)
- Several SMEs ,
- IPR ?



Biochar producers: One of them RKP Hiili Oy, biochar sold and transported in 2014 from Mikkeli to Stockholm (20 trucks)

Stockholm Biochar Project! Carbon neutral city!





Levi in Lapland, new carbon neutral development for tourism project 2015 - green roofs and slopes Charcoal Finland Oy biochar producer, mobile retorts made by Raussi Metalli OY





Green roofs in Helsinki, run-off water management



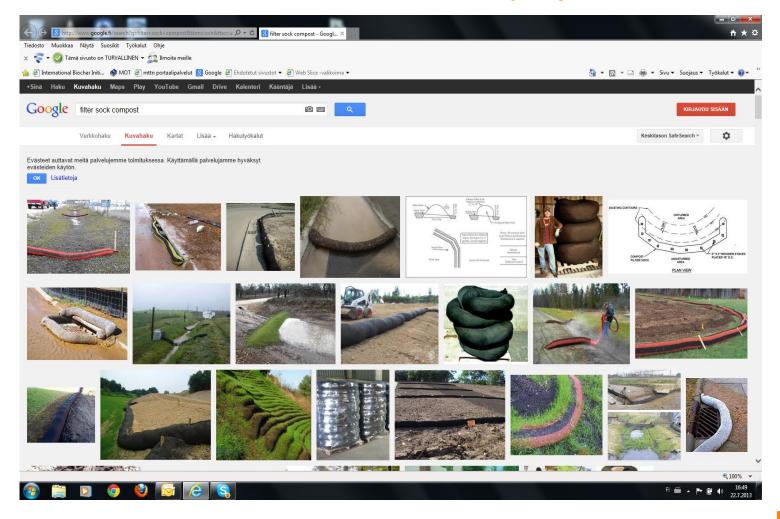


Mobile and Flexible Industrial Processing of Biomass, EU project http://www.mobileflip.eu/consortium.htm





Biochar as a filtration media, nutrient capture! several SME consortiums and projects to come?





Nutrient cycling pyrolysis and or HTC??

- Manure based
- Feedstock: residues of biogas plants.
- Led by Dr Kimmo Rasa, Luke
- Waste based ??
- Helsinki University:
- Helsinki and Lahti



Peat replacement:

Energy issue in Finland! How to replace black coal > peat?

Torrefied wood pellets ? Biogas etc.

Peat for Growing media OK in Finland, so far at least!

1/3 of peat resources/Europe in Finland, 1/3 of Finland is peat

land!

Bog formation continues, small lakes, costal areas, 5 mm /year upthrust



FUTURE

Evidence based, business oriented development?

- substitute > to improve ... making "carbon neutral GM??
- Economical, Environmental and Social sustainability!
- Commitments of many parties!
- Communication (Stakeholder engagement)
- Private sector? Information needed?
- Executive director Teppo Rantanen will give an answer
- from Biolan Group/Novarbo/Biolan Baltics OÜ?



Thank you!

