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**BIOCOMPAL**



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# *From biomass to lightweight and high performance composites: an integrated approach*

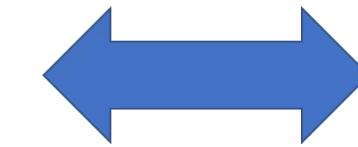


# Objectives and Strategy

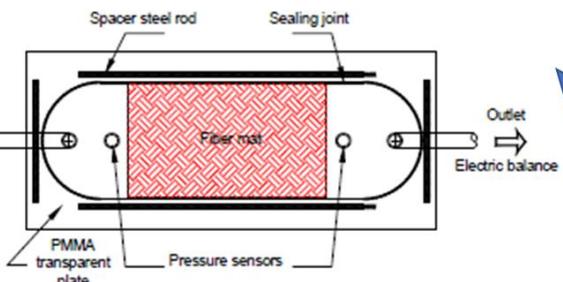
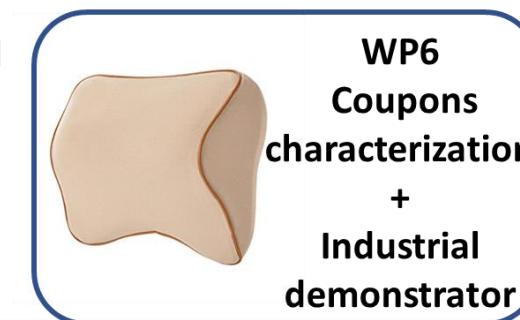
BIOCOMPAL project aims at developing ***structural, lightweight, biobased and low carbon footprint composites made of flax technical woven fabrics issued from renewable and agro resources and innovative bio-based thermoset resins (elaborated from naturally occurring phenolic compounds)*** exhibiting high mechanical, thermal, fire resistance and durability for ***applications in transport (automotive, public transportation –bus, tramway-, railway, aeronautic, boatbuilding...)***



WP3  
Flax fiber cultivation and textile reinforcement preparation



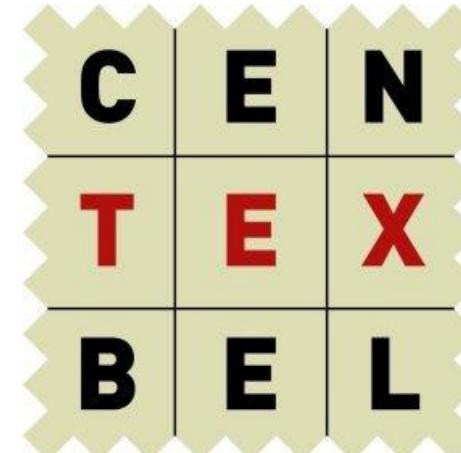
WP4  
Preparation of high performance resins from renewable feedstocks



WP5  
Manufacturing process

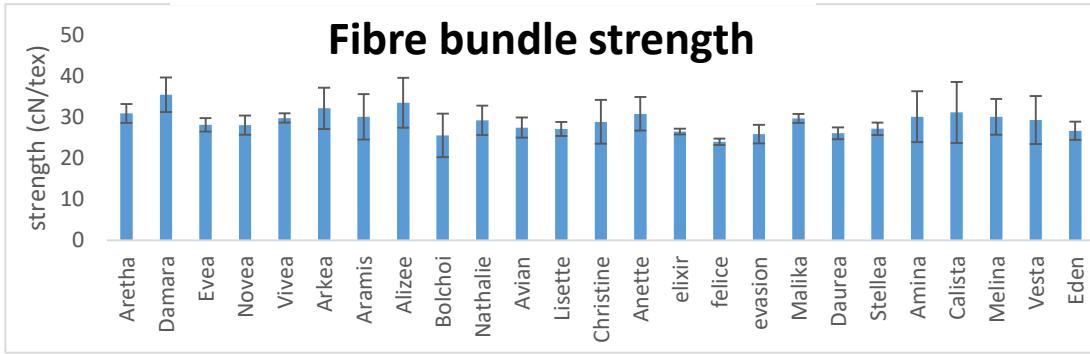
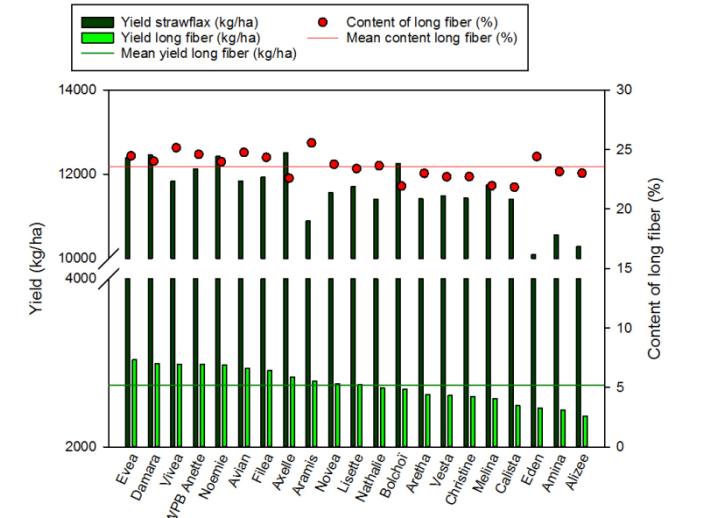
+ WP1: Management  
+ WP2: Communication

## Consortium



## WP3 - First results

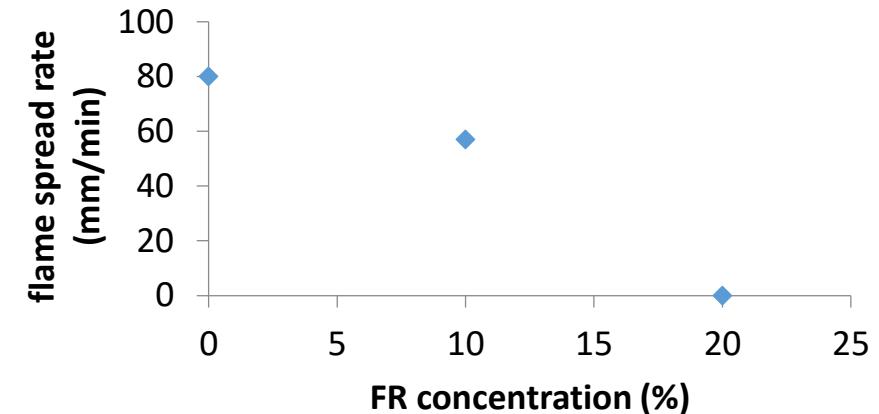
### Fibre selection and characterization



### Fibre modification

- Fibre treatments with flame retardant additive
- Flame test ISO 3795 (Road vehicles, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry -- Determination of burning behaviour of interior materials)

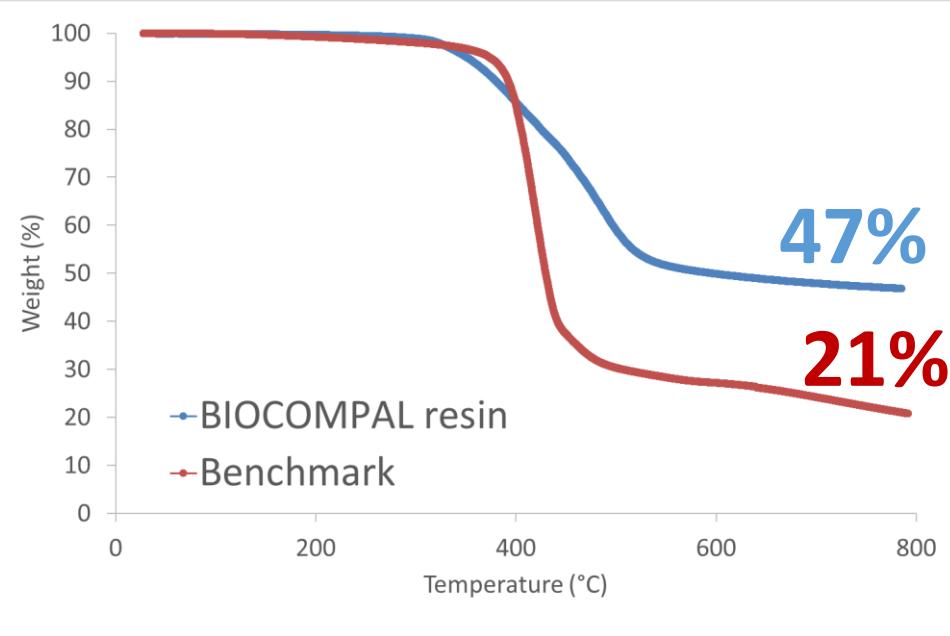
### ISO 3795



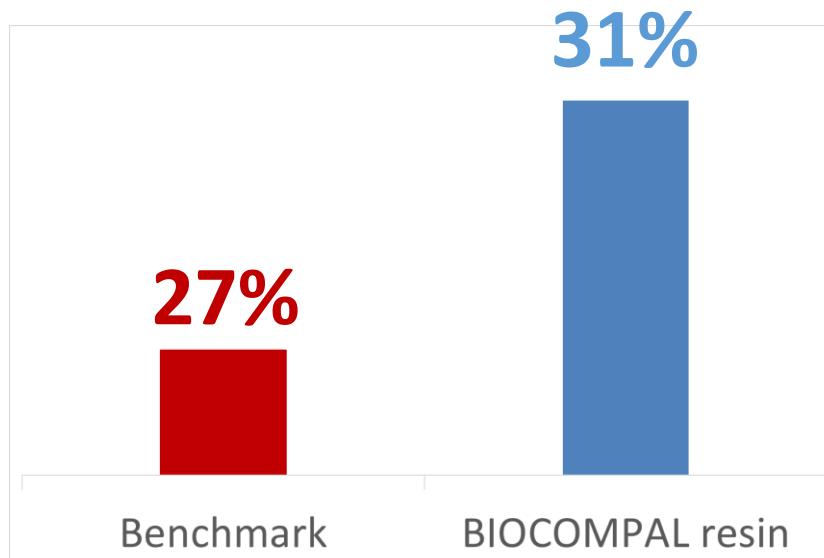
## WP4 - First results

### Synthesis of bio-based resin with intrinsic fire resistance and high compatibility with flax fibers

*Improved Thermal stability by TGA-N2*



*Enhanced Flame Retardancy by LOI test*



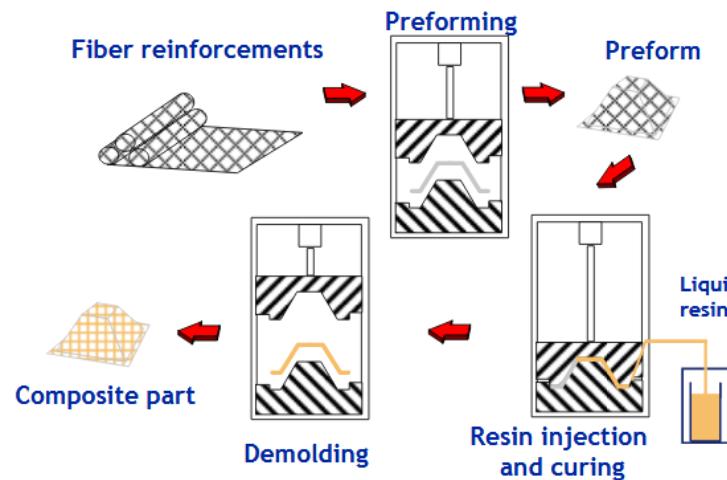
*Good impregnation of flax fibers*



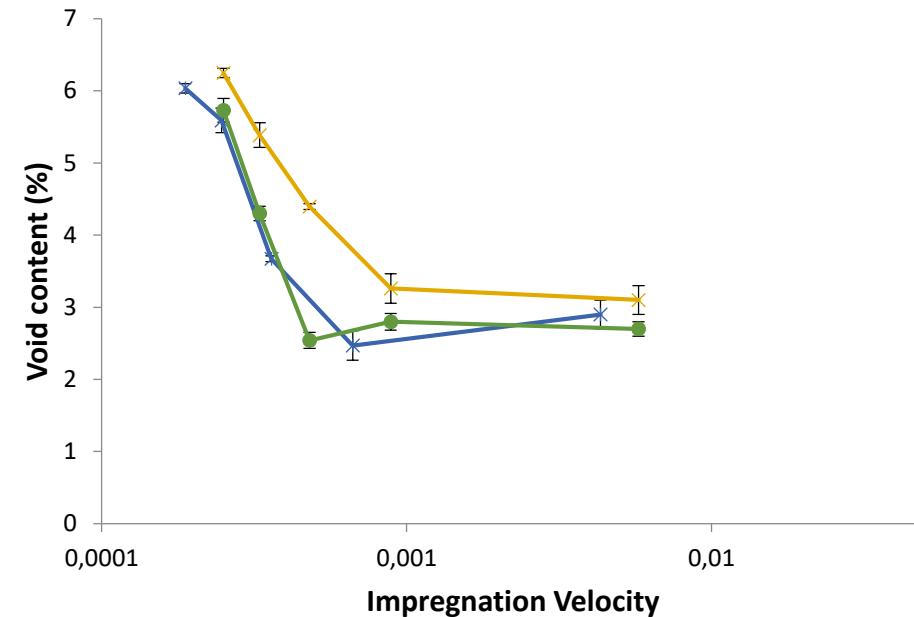
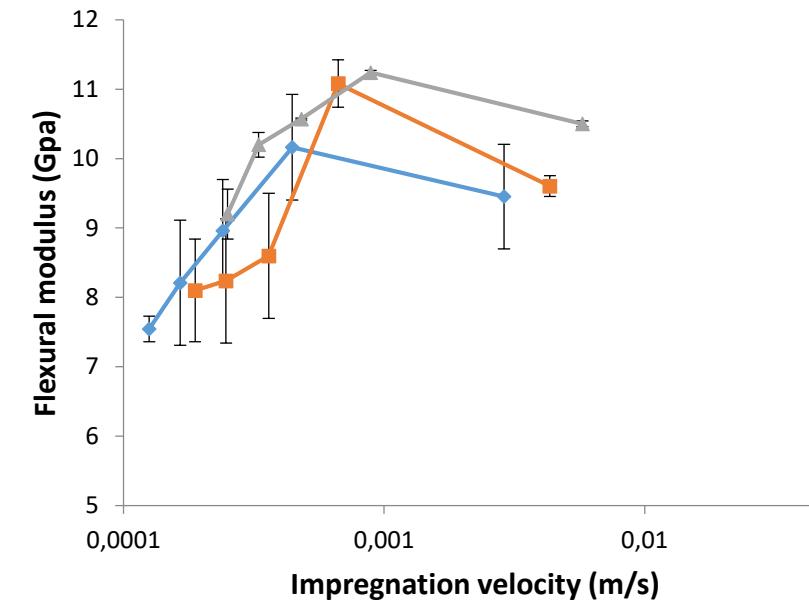
## WP5 - First results

### Identification of optimal process condition for manufacturing of flax fiber reinforced composite materials

Composites manufacturing  
by resin transfer molding



Identification of optimum resin velocity to maximize the mechanical properties  
by minimizing the void content



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