

BioCity Turku Research Programme 2022-2026

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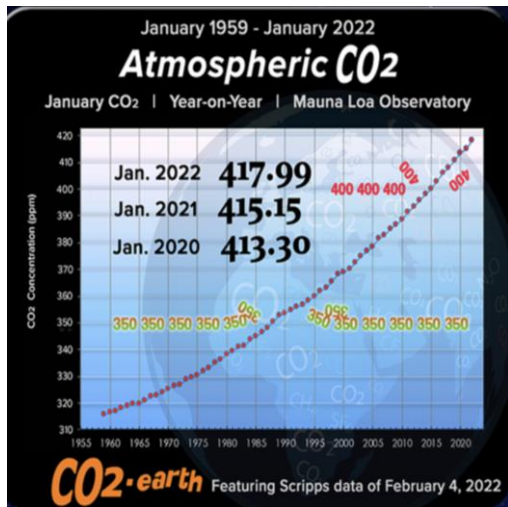
Towards Sustainable Bioeconomy

Chair: Yagut Allahverdiyeva-Rinne (UTU)
Co-chair: Henrik Grenman (ÅAU)

BioCity Turku coordinator: Maija Lespinasse
NordAqua NCoE project manager: Sema Sirin

Global Challenges: climate change, food security

Earth's CO₂ level passes a new climate milestone



We need to produce more food in the next 35 years than we have ever produced in human history, given the projected increases in world population



<https://www.co2.earth/daily-co2>

SmartBio aims to accelerate innovation on nature-inspired emerging technologies and sustainable circular bioeconomy strategies to support the transition toward fossil-free society

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Prof. Kati Hanhineva

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Prof. Juha-Pekka Salminen

Prof. Carita Kvarnström

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MATERIALS**ENGINEERING:**

Assistant Prof. Milica Todorovic

Associated partner:

Turku Science Park Ltd (PhD Linda Fröberg-Niemi)

TSP is a non-profit development company for the Turku subregion that works in close cooperation with local, national and international actors in the fields of biotech, cleantech, circular (bio)economy.

NordAqua develops algae – based sustainable **photosynthetic production platform**



NordAqua is a consortium of 10 Nordic universities and several industrial and societal partners



SUNERGY Community and Eco-System for Accelerating the Development of Solar Fuels and Chemicals

SUNER-C EU Coordination and Support Action (2022-2025)

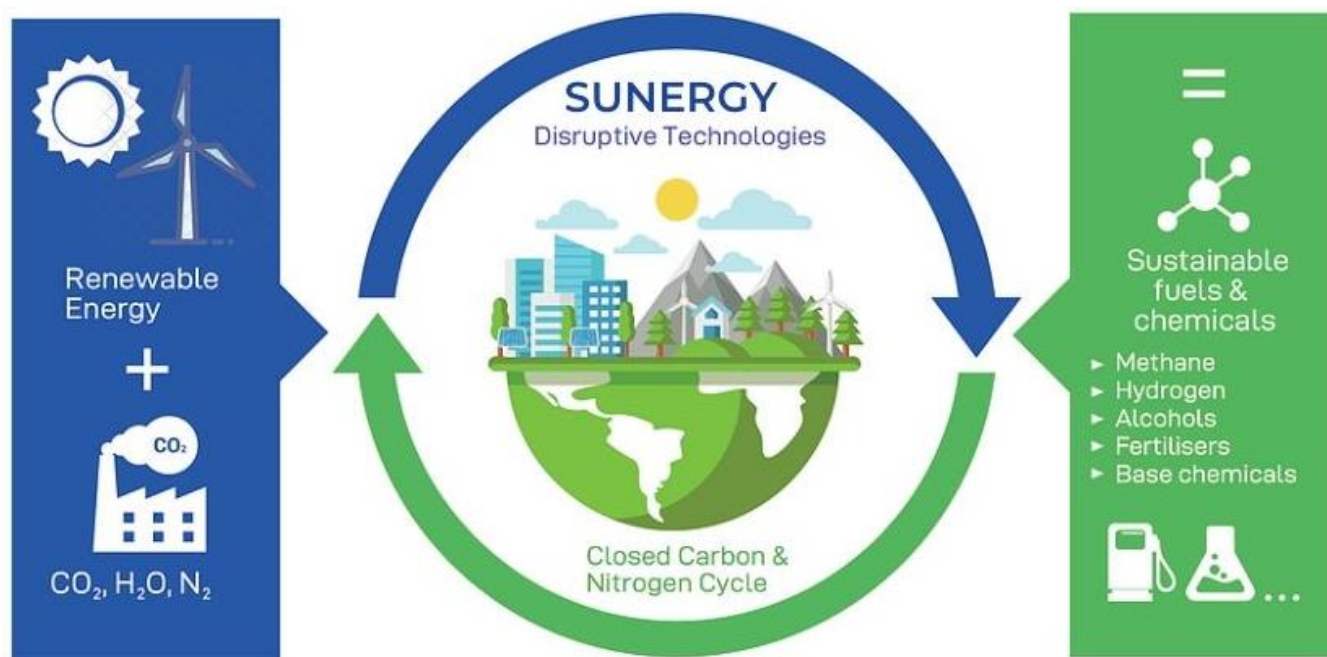


<https://www.sunergy-initiative.eu>

Suner-C Vision for a Fossil-free Future



To enable a circular economy through the sustainable production of fossil-free fuels and base chemicals from renewable energy and simple feedstock molecules (water, CO₂ and N₂).



31 participants from 12 EU countries:

- 13 academic partners
- 12 industrial partners
- 4 national & European networks
- 1 NGO

Towards Sustainable Bioeconomy

- **Develop a multidisciplinary hub** by connecting researchers currently working in differing technological fields at UTU and ÅAU.
- **Stimulate a close collaboration** within the current **local infrastructures** and **establish joint infrastructure(s)** focusing on nature-inspired technologies. **A joint UTU/ÅAU PhotosynTec FIRI infrastructure application is pending** and aims to upgrade and establish a new platform serving the photosynthesis and biorefinery approach.
- Support the **interdisciplinary collaboration on the researcher and doctoral student level**, which has been built up during the past years: **seed research grant(s)** to stimulate joint research project(s).
- Organize **joint events and seminars**: PhD student events, annual meetings, Aboa Tech Talks
- Provide travel grants for PhD students participating in the program.
- Organize joint activities with other BioCity Turku research programs

Towards Sustainable Bioeconomy

SmartBio / NordAqua Student symposium (2018, 2019, 2021) - about 30 participants
 Joint UTU/ ÅAU course – KABI4044-3001 Towards Bio-based Finland (3 ECT)



Elevating 
Nordic algal 
biotechnology 

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Elevating Nordic algal biotechnology: from fundamental photosynthesis to industry

A merge event of Nordic Algae Symposium 2022 (NAS22) and the
last annual symposium of NordAqua.

8-10 JUNE 2022

Biocity, Turku, Finland



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#NAS22

> 110 participants, 15 country