LIFE ALL-N

Midterm workshop

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PROJECT PARTNERS







A project granted by LIFE Programme



AGENDA

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10.45 am - 11.30 am	LIFE ALL-IN concept Q&A session
11.30 am - 11.55 am	Round table: Innovation and sustainability 2 fundamental strategic pillars to successfully growth in the future
11.55 am - 12.00 pm	LIFE ALL-IN project next steps





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PROJECT PURPOSE

LIFE ALL-IN aims to **shrink** the AHPs

production chain by adding technologies on

the manufacturing machines capable to create

raw materials in line or to enhance their

technical specification







PROJECT IMPACTS

LIFE ALL-IN solutions are expected to introduce innovative concepts in the AHPs sector, as well as the entire non-woven industry, having the great chance to move to a lower cost business model together with a more environmental-friendly system.







LIFE ALL-IN PARTNERS



With the contribution of the LIFE Programme of the European Union.





ABOUT FAMECCANICA





+ 1200 MACHINES DELIVERED WORLDWIDE







WHAT WE DO







The sense of innovation at EAMECCANICA

Non stop innovation

is the culture of Fameccanica 🤊

We aim to innovate to build a better future for everyone, every day.

Innovation and sustainability are now two sides of the same coin.

No innovation takes place where there is not the embrace of the concept of sustainability. Creating the best products on the market is just one part of Fameccanica's vision, which aims to actively contribute to the quality of life of end users with increasingly sustainable products and industrial processes.





About PNO Consultants

Europe's leading funding and innovation consultancy

35 years of experience in innovation A double technical & sectoral expertise

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About PNO Group







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LIFE ALL-IN CONCEPT

PROGRAMME







1. ELASTIC EXTRUSION

This action focuses on the **integration of the elastic extrusion process into the AHPS machine**.

This process will avoid the use of pre-made elastics filament (es. Lycra)



From premade elastic thread to in line Elastics extrusion





2. WEB TRANSFORMATION

This action will realize the optimization and implementation into the final machine of two web transformation processes, the perforation (2D perforation and 3D perforation) and the conversion to a 3D structure of the non-woven material. 2d perforated nonwoven

3d perforated nonwoven



3d topsheet nonwoven







3. Fluff free Acquisition & Distribution Layer (ADL)

This action will realize the creation of the ADL for Fluffless in-line. FAMECCANICA developed a Fluffless technology to entrap SAP granules within a material having high "void volume". Creating the material in-line will improve the entrapping technology with the following positive effects:

- optimize the SAP gradient distribution through the core layers
- reduce environmental impact due to transportation
- reduce row material grammage
- reduce product cost

Current ADL production process **MLSC** single layer UPPER NONWOVEN GLUE AIR THROUGH BONDED (ADL) GLUE. LOWER NONWOVEN **MLSC** single layer





4. HOOK FOR FRONTAL TAPE CREATION

This action will integrate a new closure solution, based on the transformation of the non-woven material of the backsheet, leaving a surface similar to a hook that can then be close and secure the AHP in use. For the integration of the frontal tape creation online, the prototype will be engineered and then validated by bench tests.



From premade hook material to in line process





5. PRODUCT TESTING AND VALIDATION

This action aims to validate the introduction of new technologies tested in Hygiene products. The complete product will be assembled with all the features developed in the 4 sub-processes described.

FATER, Associate Beneficiary, will conduct tests on the assembled products to demonstrate that the 4 sub-processes meet the full-scale performance criteria.







INSTALLATION OF 2 PERFORATION UNIT

FAMECCANICA, coordinator of the LIFE ALL-IN project, dedicates a complete test stand to the web transformation action, with the installation of 2 units for 2D perforation and 3D perforation.



All In Test Stand







2D PERFORATION UNIT (1/2)

Holex-in is the FAMECCANICA patent solution for the inline perforation of nonwoven material. This can offer many advantages in terms of:

- More flexible process
- Cost advantage opportunities
- Product appeal and breathability of the product for the external layers
- Increased fluid handling performance of the product when used as a topsheet







2D PERFORATION UNIT (2/2)

FAMECCANICA also developed the in-line vision system to check results of the perforation process, in terms of number of holes and holes dimensions The process has been tested at full speed (450 m/min). A long run of 24 hours has been done to validate the process stability.

The phased process has been tested and validated.



Inspection of web running at high speed

In line vision system for quality check





3D PERFORATION UNIT (1/2)

The development of the 3D perforation process of the sheets aims to create product layers with funnel-shaped holes oriented in a specific direction.

This allows to obtain good fluid handling benefit. This kind of raw material is already used in hygiene products and FAMECCANICA is already processing this type of premade NW in its line.

The in-line creation of this kind of product will give environmental impact reduction and product/process benefit in comparison with standard product.







3D PERFORATION UNIT (1/2)

FAMECCANICA has installed a complete unit for nonwoven perforation.

The unit consists of two rolls:

- the upper roll has needles
- the lower roll one has holes, in phase with the needles

FAMECCANICA completed the valditation at 150 m/min. this allows to insert the feature in high-speed lines by making the perforation on the product patch.





In line quality check

In line quality check





3D TOPSHEET (1/3)

3D topsheet is a product feature, mainly developed in Asia, which involves the use of a topsheet with many protuberances (like bubbles) made in an organized way according to a particular design3D.

This feature has the effect to:

- increase material softness by increasing material volume: the increase in material thickness reaches up to three times the basic one
- give an esthetic feeling and value perception improvement to the final consumer







3D TOPSHEET (2/3)

From a market analysis it is possible to have a 3D topsheet single layer or double layer.

After brainstorming, handmade prototype creation and patent analysis, FAMECCANICA define the best process and patter design (patent pending).

FAMECCANICA dedicated a Test stand to the in-line creation of Tri-dimensional materials. Both single layer and double layer product versions have been tested The process has been proven up to 450 m/min.



3D topsheet nonwoven unit





3D TOPSHEET (3/3)



Single Layer

- Nonwoven ATB 30 gsm
- Tested up to 450m/min production speed
- Test on going with 18 gsm

Dual Layer

- Nonwoven ATB 20 gsm
- Tested up to **350m/min** production speed



THICKNESS RESULTS: From 0.37 mm to 1.02 mm

Project status:

- R&D validation completed at **450 m/min**
- -> test with different NW on going







ARIEL – NEW SOLUTION FOR WAIST ELASTICIZATION (1/2)

FAMECCANICA dedicates a complete test stand to the Ariel process this is technically needed for the on-line elastic extrusion. Ariel is a patented product and process. It is a new concept of waist band for pant-type products aiming at:

- improving material softness by increasing material bulkiness
- being positioned as «premium» product thanks to the improved aesthetic feeling and higher value perception of the product to the final consumer.
- offering Cost advantage opportunities: thank to the special process the elastics are tensioned at minimum level and therefore it is possible to use low dtex elastics down to 310 dtex

Ariel product structure

REFERENCE

ARIEL



480dtex is today limit for acceptable convertibility

elastic composite having uneven pleats

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4X elastic extruded or smooth composite (current up to 3X)

310dtex successfully converted at high speed







ARIEL – NEW SOLUTION FOR WAIST ELASTICIZATION (2/2)

Product design:

Ari-El[™] solution is applicable in combination with different elastic materials, from lycra to elastic film, from a combination of lycra and elastic films to elastics extruded.

The process has been tested up to 300 m/min. A long run of 24 hours has been done to validate the process stability.

Further extrusion tests are in progress.



Ariel product samples



LCA CALCULATION, DISSEMINATION AND POLICY IMPLICATION

In accordance with the LIFE ALL-IN program, FAMECCANICA will also have to take care:

- the impact of the project actions by the environmental performance indicator definition and monitoring, the environmental impact assessment and LCA
- the focus on the political and social implications of the project: economic growth, job creation and health benefits
- to reach the goal of dissemination, replication and transfer. PNO will support this activity. It will be important to reach as many customers as possible and to make networking in other application areas to establishing synergies with similar initiatives and other EU funded projects





LIFE ALL-IN implementation

Obligation towards the LIFE programme & EC

Each LIFE ALL-IN tools on materials should include include:

- The logo of the LIFE programme
- The LIFE project number: LIFE19 ENV/IT/000230
- Explicit mention to the LIFE financial support

Also, a disclaimer will be indicated:

"This document reflects only the author's view; the EC is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains."







Communication VS Dissemination

COMMUNICATION

Increasing the visibility of the project in an accessible language to general public

VS

DISSEMINATION

Sharing the project results to the scientific community, policy makers and industry by using scientific language prioritizing accuracy





Communication VS Dissemination

How communication strategy serves the dissemination

Website

Social Media

Newsletters







Project dissemination concrete actions

Targets defined by the stakeholder analysis









Project dissemination concrete actions

Netlinking with EU projects

Find a synergy

Facilitate the dissemination of the project results

Share the audience







Q&A SESSION



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#1

How does FAMECCANICA approach the research on sustainability? How do you design the sustainability path and how do you interact with the clients about this topics?





#2

Are you considering how to make sustainable the entire value chain in which you operate? How do you involve the supplier/vendor within the sustainability path?





#3

Could you explain to us how to take part in a LIFE project? I know you already participated in the glueless project.





#4

How do you manage the dissemination of this kind of projects? We know that it is really strategic for the European Union in order to propagate best practices and spread sustainability in different industries and different countries.







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LIFE ALL-IN NEXT STEP

PROGRAMME

- 1. Complete the processes validation for all the technical actions
- 2. Complete the LCA calculation to verify the final environmental impact of the project
- 3. Continue the Life ALL-IN dissemination and networking to obtain the expected results of economic growth, job creation and health benefits







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