

# HOGENT wants to join consortium in call ID RUR 07 2020

CALL: Reducing food losses and waste along the agri-food value chain

ID: RUR-07-2020

Type of action: IA Innovation action

Deadline: 22 January 2020 17:00:00 Brussels

## Relevant expertise HOGENT within the call

Our expertise lies in the field of **measuring the sustainability and environmental impact** of processes and of products, both **in primary production and along the agri-food chain**. We have expertise in developing integrated sustainability tools to evaluate economic, social and ecological sustainability at farm level and to **advise** farmers on how to increase the sustainability of their activities.

Currently, we are working on a **life cycle assessment (LCA)-model** to calculate the environmental impact of **beer produced either with or without bread waste** as an input. We set up different **partnerships** between bakeries and breweries, to evaluate the full case-specific potential of using bread waste in beer brewing. Our LCA-model is intended to be used not only to calculate the potential environmental benefits of using bread waste in beer brewing, but also to give case-specific advice to brewers concerning alternative production options for including bread waste, and concerning the environmental impact of their activities in general.

We are currently involved in a multidisciplinary research project 'Bread2B' (<https://www.hogent.be/projecten/bread2B>), which aims to explore the **valorization potential of bread waste** as an input in new innovative food products. In this project, new bakery and brewery products using bread waste are developed, tested and optimized.

With our expertise, we can contribute to the following aspects of the call:

1. ... to discard as little food as possible all along the agri-food value chains without compromising on food quality, including safety, and sustainability'.
2. ... to inform diverse actors along the agri-food chain, including consumers and policymakers, about the innovative solutions to food losses and waste, influencing their behaviour in relation to this issue, and supporting policy development and implementation.
3. In the long-term the innovation action will: increase resource use efficiency and reduce adverse environmental impacts, including emissions of greenhouse gases.

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