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Conversion of biochar science into industrial replication model and commercial practice



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3R Pyrolysis & Biochar Technology Readiness Level

1990 – 2001 Early preparative research, experimental proof of concept **TRL2 – TRL4**





2002 – 2005
Successful carbonisation field tests, 200 kg/h wide range of materials, FP5, TRL6.
2005-2008
Animal by-product valorisation, solid state fermentation/formulation, FP6, TRL6.
2010
ABC GVT Authority permit 02.5/67/7/2009)

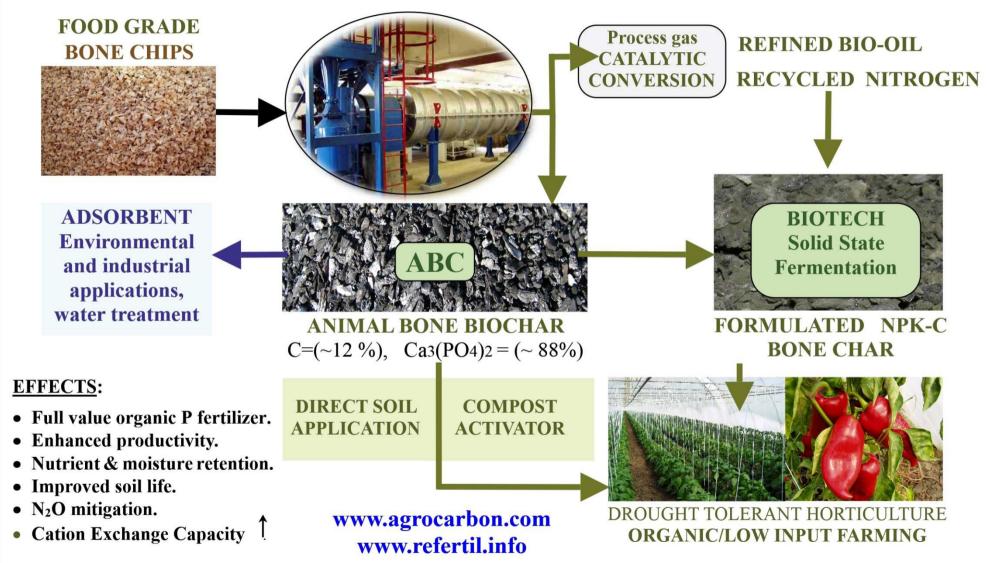
2009 - 2012 First industrial application of the solid state fermentation biotech process.(CIP-Ecoinnovation, PROTECTOR) **TRL7**

2009 – 2014 System industrial engineering design for preparation of **TRL8** first industrial & commercial replication model, 20,000 t/y throughput for implementation in 2015.

IMPORTANT: SME farmers require "SHOW ME" demonstration in full scale technical and commercial practice. <u>The industrial & commercial replication</u> model demonstration is the ONLY convincing way for SME farmers.

FIRST INDUSTRIAL REPLICATION MODEL

"3R" ZERO EMISSION CARBONIZATION PROCESS



Recycling of concentrated natural phosphorus bio-fertiliser



Biochar for high efficient bio-waste resource utilization



ABC Animal Bone bioChar



3R pyrolysis processing field demo plant since 2004: proven demonstrated in 10 years

Commercial production tests



The advanced REFERTIL results are achievements of the integrated EU top science and technology cooperation.





Drought tolerance tests





Targeted endusers: SME FARMERS, horticulture, tobacco + added value crops

REFERTIL BIOCHAR main results

- 1. Bridge over and interconnection of biochar applied science and economical industrial practice for the interest and benefits of the SME farmers.
- 2. Improvement and validation of biochar production and BAT treatment process towards high quality standardized biochar production.
- **3. Biochar product validation tests** in different climatic, soil and dose conditions in Europe.
- Scale up field demo into <u>zero emission full industrial replication</u> <u>model</u> with 10,000 t/y output ABC Animal Bone bioChar. Low CAPEX, low OPEX, ROI <3 years, strong output product uptake market in IT, FR, ES, DE, JP, AU and US.
- 5. EU FERTILIZER REGULATION revision policy support development for setting up common quality biochar standard requirements, limit values and EU/MS law harmonization.
- 6. Target next: be global and strategic player for ABC before 2020.

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