

2014 Association Report

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the work which has been carried out on behalf of Cré Members in 2014.

ANIMAL BY PRODUCT REGULATIONS

Animal By Product Forum

ABP Forum meetings hosted by the Department of Agriculture, Marine and Food (DAFM) were attended five times.

Department of Agriculture Veterinary Inspectors

Cré had four meetings with DAFM veterinary inspectors to discuss sectoral issues.

European Commission (EC)

Cré had a meeting with the EC and was successful in securing changes to the EU ABP legislation for exemptions in marketing compost/digestate.

NITRATE REGULATIONS

Cré successfully lobbied to get the Nitrate Regulations changed to reflect the actual true availability of phosphorus from compost/digestate. This now means that compost in particular can be applied at a higher rate, contributing many beneficial properties to soils.

FOOD WASTE/WASTE POLICY



BROWN BIN.IE

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (DoEHLG) and Cré co-funded the development of a national household brown bin education programme. The national education programme consists of a website (brownbin.ie), YouTube video on how to use the brown bin, a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs), electronic standardised instruction leaflets on using the brown bin and electronic contamination tag.

Cartoon on How to Use the Brown bin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMGXcfw-E0k>

Department of Environment Community and Local Government

Cré had four meetings with the DoEHLG to discuss waste policy matters.

Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

Cré has successfully lobbied the DoEHLG to include provisions on fixed penalty notices to householders who do not use the brown bin or who contaminate it.

Brown Bin Advisors

Based on the report by Cré last year, four local authorities have taken the initiative to hire eight interns as brown bin advisors in Counties Cork, Meath, Wexford and Sligo.

Two Training Courses on Brown Bin for Brown Bin Advisors

Cré organised a training course in Athy for brown bin advisors with a site visit to Waddock Composting and Bord na Mona Kilberry composting plant. Another course was organised in Sligo for the Sligo advisors with a site visit to Envirogrind.

Transfrontier Shipment Office

A meeting was held with the TFS office to understand the process of exporting municipal solid waste and refuse derived fuel.

Waste Forum

Cré gave a presentation on the brownbin.ie programme at the Waste Forum.

Study Tour for DoEHLG Staff

Cré organised a one day trip for five staff in the DoEHLG to visit Enrich's composting sites.

BIOENERGY STRATEGY

Cré have been actively lobbying the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR) for the establishment of an Anaerobic Digestion Group, comprising Government Departments and key industry bodies, to develop new supports for anaerobic digestion.

Cré organised a private tour of Green Gas AD plant for Minister O'Dowd. Cré also had two meetings with the DCENR to discuss anaerobic digestion matters.

SEWAGE SLUDGE

The Oireachtas Joint Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht, invited Cré to address the Committee on the topic 'The Management of Sewage Sludge' at its meeting on 28 January 2014.

INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS DIRECTIVE

Cré is a member of the Technical Working Group for the review of the Waste Treatment Industries BREF (Best Available Techniques reference document). Cré has been working in the sub group on biological treatment on the preparation of BAT Notes for composting, anaerobic digestion and MBT.

PROMOTION OF THE SECTOR

Taoiseach Enda Kenny Supports AD-Composting Sector

An Taoiseach Enda Kenny very kindly recorded a short video message for the delegates at AD Europe 2014 conference underlining his support for the development of anaerobic digestion/composting plants. You can download the Taoiseach's message at this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hhjzgg0nDnA>

Grow a Row

Cré was successful in securing funding under Local Agenda 21 to develop a pilot in Dublin of providing compost to a community garden to grow an extra vegetables for a local food bank.

EVENTS

AD Europe 2014

AD Europe 2014 had 193 delegates from 22 countries attending. Based on a Fáilte Ireland study, it was estimated that the total financial value to the Irish economy of international conference delegates during their attendance at the AD conference was approximately €140,000. Minister Fergus O'Dowd was the keynote speaker.

European Compost Network

Cré hosted the ECN board meeting and the ECN European Policy working group in Dublin.

Members Meeting

A members meeting was organised in June.

Cré Annual Conference

The annual Cré conference was held in September with 145 delegates.

IRBEA- CRÉ – ANAEROBIC DIGESTION POLICY GROUP

IrBEA and Cré, while keeping their existing functions, have teamed up and formed a new anaerobic digestion policy working group. "The IrBEA- Cré Anaerobic Digestion Policy Group" will be the new "voice for the industry on anaerobic digestion policy during the consultation period of the draft Bioenergy Strategy".

REPORTS/PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Cré Newsletters x 5
- ▶ 2014 Guide to Composting and Anaerobic Digestion in Ireland
- ▶ Compost and Anaerobic Digestion 2014 Market Report

SUBMISSIONS

The following submissions were prepared by Cré:

- ▶ The Regulation of Household Waste Collection – June 4
- ▶ The Regulation of Household Waste Collection – January 31
- ▶ Type 8 Inventory Comments- December 19
- ▶ Draft inventory of the Regulatory Controls on MBT/Type 8 Plants – September 4
- ▶ Draft Guidance Document for Type 8 Plants- September 4
- ▶ Preparation of Low-Carbon Roadmap for Transport- February 7
- ▶ Draft Inventory of Regulatory Controls on MBT/Type 8 Plants- March 31
- ▶ Strategic Environmental Assessments on the Waste Management Plans-July 4
- ▶ Consultation on Waste Collection Permit Conditions- Jan 7 2015

HEALTH AND SAFETY FACTSHEET

Cré worked with the Health and Safety Authority to produce a factsheet on safety in the compost sector

BROWN BIN ADVISOR PILOT PROGRAMME IN SLIGO TOWN

Sligo County Council are the project leader for the Brown Bin Advisor Pilot Programme. Cré co-funded the programme in partnership with the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, Sligo County Council and Novamont. The programme involved the hiring of three interns under the Job Bridge scheme. The interns are going door to door to householders in Sligo town and to local schools providing information on how to use the brown bin.

Sligo County Council tailored the national information leaflet developed by www.brownbins.ie to the local situation in Sligo town. A launch event was held at Institute of Technology Sligo's car park on a Saturday when the farmers market is on. The launch event will include a free compost give away to the public. A waste characterisation study on each collection route was conducted before the interns started the education programme and again at the end of the programme. This will determine the impact of the programme. The waste collection routes in Sligo town were divided into groups, so that one group is provided with a kitchen caddy and compostable liners and another does not receive a kitchen caddy or compostable liner. These groupings be used to assess the impact on the provision of a kitchen caddy and compostable liners to improve the capture rate of food waste. The project will finish in May 2015.



MEMBERSHIP

In 2014, Cré became an affiliated member of the Small Firms Association. It remains a member of the European Biogas Association and the European Compost Network and is represented on the Board of Directors of the European Compost Network.

