

# Proof of Concept: Development of a Biobased Fertilizer Coating for Loading, Binding and Slow Release of Micronutrients

Timeline: 07/22 - 12/22  
Budget: €40k

## Startup



- Name: Bioweg
- Founded: 2019
- Tagline: Fermentation to valorize biobased wastestreams
- Location: Quakenbrück, Germany

## Industry partner



- Name: K+S AG
- Founded: 10/1889
- Tagline: Salt, potash & magnesium producer
- Headquarter: Kassel, Germany

## The problem

K+S currently markets the Korn-KALI® product in a standard format or with incorporation of specific micronutrients during the granulation process. This process has certain limitations and does not allow for scaling up and diversification of this product line.

## The solution

Bioweg develops a biobased coating formulation and explores the loading of micronutrients onto preexisting Korn-KALI® granules, allowing this product line to be sustainably diversified with a range of micronutrient combinations.

After validating the proof of concept, a follow-up pilot project is planned to initiate the industrial scale-up.

## Project deliverables

- Loading the surface of existing Korn-KALI® with micronutrients of Zinc and Boron
- Free-flowing and dust reduction: Reach enhanced properties of the new Korn-KALI®
- Finalisation of a proof of principle coating system
- Result: follow-up pilot project to initiate industrial scale-up



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