

There are many good reasons to support the bioplastics innovation. Environmental aspects are top of the list. Various LCA studies have documented significant savings in the consumption of fossil energy and considerably reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for different types of bioplastic products. It is not however possible to make blanket assumptions such as "bioplastics are the more environmentally friendly solution". It is furthermore important to consider the following: Sustainability covers not only environmental aspects but also economic and social components. If jobs, growth markets or global export opportunities develop from innovative technologies such as bioplastics, this is positive both for the economy and the individual. Bioplastics can be produced throughout Europe and will therefore reduce dependence on imports while offering export opportunities.