

A Research Theme within Research for Innovation

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Background

The research area Green Innovation focuses on societal challenges locally, regionally and internationally through collaboration with different academic disciplines and community organizations.

Purpose and Long-term Goals

The research aims to solve major social problems, create competitiveness in green industries, strengthen innovation and stimulate new products, services and processes in green industries (agricultural and forest sector but also linked to rural development and tourism).

Research Areas and Methods

The research area Green Innovation is represented by the research environments CIEL and BLESS and unite different areas of innovation, science and environmental science. The group constellation represents knowledge covering a variety of research approaches and methodological working practices. A comprehensive research approach that is applied is *the system perspective*. The research can be described as the study of innovations where the current environmental problems and threats resulting from climate change or toxins in the environment must be met with innovations in terms of *products, processes* and *services*, but also with changes in the way in which we organize *society*.

Status and Development Plans

The theme Green Innovation is gradually developing with the vision to involve several research groups at Halmstad University. The aim is to create an independent platform in the *Green Innovation* field of research. Together with the project Arena Green Growth we also see great opportunities with the inclusion of other actors in the society.



Important projects

Arena Green Growth, Lean innovation – Agricultural business development, Biogas 2020, Cinderella

Strategic Partners

Agricultural entrepreneurs, Region Halland, LRF Konsult, Hushållningssällskapet i Halland, Hushållningssällskapet i Östergötland, Rådgivarna i Sjuhärad, VÄXA Sverige, Länsstyrelsen i Halland, Innovatum i Trollhättan, SLU, Lunds universitet, Högskolan i Kristianstad, Högskolan i Borås, Skive kommune (DK), Ostfold fylkeskommune (NO), University of Greifswald (GER), Aarhus University (DK), Radboud University Nijmegen (NL), Politechnika Gdanska

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