SUSTAINABLE SURFACE PROTECTION BY GLASS-LIKE HYBRID AND BIOMATERIALS COATINGS



Biobased value chains in an emergent context

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### Replace PFAS coatings by developing bio-based alternatives:

- → Develop sustainable surface protection by glass-like hybrid and biomaterials coatings
- → Provide a SSbD manufacturing approach

#### **3 Case studies / BIO-SUSHY Solutions:**

Food tray coatings



Textile coatings



Cosmetic glass coatings









# SSbD: Holistic focus on topics like

resilience, sustainability, responsibility

Attention for issues such as...

...responsible sourcing...

...general due diligence...

...sustainable production & consumption...

...which are to be integrated as much as possible & as early as possible in the development of new value chains



#### JRC TECHNICAL REPORT

#### Safe and Sustainable chemicals and materials

Review of safety and sustainability dimensions, aspects, methods, indicators, and tools

Caldeira, C. Farcal, R., Moretti, C., Mancini, L., Rauscher, H., Rasmussen, K., Riego Sintes, J.,









# Aim: Build social acceptance from a perspective of social innovation

Approach: Social Innovation

- → Focus on **interlinked** character of technology and society
- → **Constructively** enable transformations by making ethical, sustainable, and socially conscious practices **inherent to** development processes



### Topic of PFAS replacement:

Characterized by mix of technological and societal <u>insecurities, unpredictabilities & unknowns</u>







# Identifying & mitigating barriers for social acceptance

Volatile conditions BIO-SUSHY coatings, major examples:

- Rapid developments regulatory context
  - $\rightarrow$  e.g. effects of ban specificities



- Public attention & PFAS controversies
  - → e.g. difficult balance between stakeholder groups



- Technology readiness level vs. societal needs
  - → e.g. scaling up innovations



- Resilience global value chains
  - $\rightarrow$  e.g. increased competition on sustainable solutions









# Social acceptance & public trust in a volatile context

#### **Include wide range of value chain actors**

- Quadruple helix understanding of innovation ecosystems
- Understanding concerns regarding uptake of coatings
- Empowering co-design early in development process

#### Draw connection to broader socio-economic context

- Environmental pollution & public health
- Social context & public trust
- Regulatory developments
- Trends in the chemical & coatings industry
- EU policies ind. growth, innovation & sustainability

### **Unpacking & understanding controversies**

- Understanding how controversies (re-)frame technological solutions
- Motivations behind public risk-perception
- Anticipating future developments for social acceptance

### Integrative strategy for social acceptance

- Developing connections to existing (successful) initiatives on sustainability
- Explicating leverage points for social innovation in the specific domains









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