

Press release
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Malteurop inaugurates a new biomass plant in Seville: A major step in its decarbonisation strategy

After a year of construction works, on Monday 19 May 2025, Inter Malta-Malteurop, one of the world's biggest producers of malt for the brewing industry, inaugurated a biomass power plant in Seville (Spain), representing a total investment of €40 million. The commissioning of this facility will reduce the malting plant's greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 75%.

This large-scale project, which is the product of technological applicability screening that began in 2022, is part of Malteurop's global decarbonisation strategy, whose aim is to identify the best decarbonisation solutions for each site, based on their specific challenges, location and context. The CSR strategy, Link by Malteurop, is consistent with VIVESCIA Group's sustainable performance strategy from an economic, environmental and societal standpoint.

In Seville, the chosen energy model relies on biomass as the primary fuel, enabling the production of thermal and electrical energy with a reduced carbon footprint. The plant will be powered by wood chips, olive stones and almond shells, as part of a virtuous cycle that typifies the company's pioneering position in the transition to renewable energies.

This biomass technology will enable Inter Malta-Malteurop to reduce the carbon footprint of the value chain while maintaining malt quality standards.



Olivier Hautin, Managing Director of Malteurop, said: “The Seville biomass plant marks an important first step in the plan to decarbonise all our malting plants. After Seville, other projects will soon be rolled out, with a view to reducing Malteurop’s greenhouse gas emissions by 42% by 2030 (compared to the benchmark year of 2021) across the company’s industrial scope (scopes 1 and 2)*. Our commitment is not limited to our direct scope, however, as we are also working with our barley suppliers on every aspect of sustainable development. Malteurop intends to be a key sustainability partner for the barley/malt/beer industry, by providing relevant, concrete solutions, and we are proud to contribute to the Group’s carbon trajectory, which is approved by SBTi**.”

* Scope 1: Direct emissions from fixed and mobile sources, and direct fugitive emissions.

* Scope 2: Indirect emissions related to the production of purchased electricity, heat or steam.

**Created following the Paris Agreement, and a product of a collaboration between several institutions around the world, including the UN, the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) is now the benchmark in terms of companies’ carbon trajectories:
<https://sciencebasedtargets.org/>

About Malteurop & Intermalta

Malteurop is the world's third-largest malt producer, with 900 customers including the biggest brewers, distillers and food companies;

2,000 beers brewed with Malteurop malt are enjoyed every second worldwide.

Created in the east of France in 1961, the company is owned by VIVESCIA Group and is now a global player with 23 production sites in 14 countries. Intermalta is a subsidiary of Malteurop and market leader on the Iberian Peninsula.

About VIVESCIA Group

VIVESCIA is an international, cooperative agri-food group with 7,100 employees in 25 countries, generating revenue of €4.1 billion for the year ending 30 June 2024. Specialising in producing and adding value to grain, VIVESCIA is owned by 9,500 farming entrepreneurs from the north-east of France.

The Group strives to take care of grain, from field to fork, thanks to a collective of men and women who are committed to sustainable plant-based industries. The Cooperative and its agricultural subsidiaries collect 3.4 million tonnes of grain every year. 2,000 beers brewed with Malteurop malt are enjoyed every second worldwide. 1 Francine product is purchased every second in France. 1 in 3 French artisan bakers work with Grands Moulins de Paris. Thousands of consumers enjoy sweet and savoury treats in France and around the world thanks to Délifrance's croissants, viennoiserie, patisserie, and bread. We also have expertise in the milling maize industry, with KALIZEA; in animal nutrition with Nealia; and in biotechnology and the plant chemistry ecosystem with ARD.

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