

Annual Report Aug 2020 - Sept 2021



Dear members of the cooperative
Dear friends and supporters

It is with finally good energy that I report to you on what has happened within our cooperative since the last General Meeting, that is, since the fall of 2020.

Production line for breaking straw renovated, new location(s)

Shortly after our last meeting, our production, warehouse and building at Holenstein 7 in Glarus were hit by a dust explosion on 15.10.2020. With the professionalism of Morewa AG and the payments of Mobilier Versicherungen, the total loss could be repaired. Today, the production line is as beautiful and in better condition than ever before. Perhaps just in time for this year's general meeting, we will be able to install a vibrating fibre screen conveyor belt under the machines. This has enabled us to achieve a high degree of efficiency and safety, producing not only fine, pure fibres but also clean shives at a reasonable level of automation.

With our second hall, 269 Lassigen in 8762 Schwändi, we are well served in terms of space. We will leave and operate the crushing plant there until further notice. The building in Holenstein is still under renovation and will accommodate further processing steps after completion of the work there.

Generally increasing concrete demand with special focus on building materials

Due to the fire and the pandemic, we have become increasingly active on Instagram with the talent of employee Bobby and his acquaintances. Today, a few thousand followers follow our activities there. This has brought in dedicated circles interested in processing the net hemp. On the one hand, they have special technical developments that correspond to the spirit of the times, on the other hand, they have special financial means that they would like to put at the service of new economic developments.

We are receiving a great deal of interest from both sides. This makes it more necessary than ever to handle the opportunities professionally, especially in the financial area. Because alongside all the promising prospects, trustworthiness, reliability and security are of central importance. That is why today we are also accompanied by investment and marketing professionals in the real and digital spheres. Their ambition is to institutionalise our operations in such a way that they can satisfy the numerous stakeholders in the market. The aim is to give them access to tangible commitments, both large and small.

"Alpine Conference" from 19-20 November 2021 in Innsbruck for effective production chains.

There are probably a few dozen entrepreneurs in the South Tyrol, in the Tyrol, in the Allgäu and in Switzerland who are actively engaged in the subject of useful hemp, each with special skills. Some have made experiences in special sections of the textile area, some with contemporary building materials, some with cellulose from hemp as raw material for papers, cardboards and artificial products. We want to bundle these distributed competences at the forthcoming Alpine Conference and combine them in a targeted manner to create effective production processes, so that we can finally launch products with joint forces. In the long term we want to move into large quantities, i.e.

into serious dimensions of the production and processing of renewable resources such as useful hemp.

The second aim of this network meeting is to make a case to the European Union in Brussels that the Alps can do more than just offer tourism and depend on direct agricultural payments.

A "2nd World" - platform for sustainable, solidarity-based economic activity

From sprightly thinkers from the young generation we are recommended the development of an IT platform (portal) according to the "Settlers" pattern. In the digital world, what is directly implemented in reality is to be simulated and made palatable. Participants acquire virtual tokens for their real franc. They use this play money, for example, for the cultivation of a hectare of hemp, for a share in a spinning mill or in fleece production, for a sewing studio, and so on. In reality, their stakes are directly implemented by members of the cooperative, for which the franc proceeds from the purchase of the tokens are used. In the portal, the dimensions and possibilities of a regional industrial cluster are clearly visible, possible commitments are offered and entered into and implemented on a 1:1 basis, and the resulting effects are displayed transparently. Participants can simulate their commitments until they trust what is happening and give their consent to the real commitment and real implementation with a simple click.

It is this one member environment, as it is already tangibly and increasingly successfully practiced in the solidarity agriculture "Solawi": People who seek a conscious, autonomous lifestyle engage themselves with a part of their money and/or their labor in the well-defined community and receive in return the certainty of fair, ecological and, above all, secure supply of the goods that this community produces: textiles, building materials, papers, cardboard boxes, ... far and long term thought to, for example, even houses, coffee machines and vehicles.

With the realization of this portal we want to strongly promote the equipment of the pilot region "Glarnerland" with all industrial processes, as well as their duplication in the alpine region, in Europe and even in further world regions.

Visits and media coverage

After the announcement on our website that the Brechete is renovated and back in Glarnerland, the "Südostschweiz" reported about us with articles in their newspaper and on their TV channel. A young team visited us and is in the process of making a documentary film about the potential of (commercial) hemp. The "Handelszeitung" deals with us and the call for renewable raw materials. On the occasion of the celebration of the renovation of the Geissgass from Mitlödi to Schwändi, we were able to present our company to a hundred visitors from the nearby neighbourhood. Committed builders visit us regularly.

Numerous personal and digital meetings keep us on our toes on an almost daily basis, which we gladly take advantage of in the sense of the above-mentioned aspirations and, conversely, let ourselves be stimulated and motivated by them.

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