

# Coopid



## Collaboration for the improvement of social and environmental conditions

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### The problem

The pomace is a solid residue derived from the winemaking process that farmers need to dispose. At farm level, usually the waste disposal represents a significant part of the total production costs for farmers. The main problems refer to the fact that the pomace needs to be collected and transported during the harvest period. Furthermore, the processing plants usually need high volumes to be processed.

### The solution

The pomace has great potential because of its multiple use in different sectors: from the food industry providing with the utilization of red food colouring to the pharmaceutical industry where food supplement can be obtained from it. It can also be used as biomass. The farmers could deliver it to nearest processing plants, or it could also be withdrawn by local companies which then will process and further valorise the pomace for other uses. It supports farmer's income differentiation and waste reduction.

### Benefits

The valorisation of pomace contributes to the financial sustainability of the farmers which, in this way, are able to diversify their income. From the environmental perspective, it contributes to the reduction of waste.



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## Recommendations

1. **Mapping and networking** of the farms and companies potentially active or interested in the bioeconomy and circular economy.
2. Informal **sharing of knowledge** and information about the advantages of byproducts. (peer to peer) with the aim of enhancing the interests of farmers when dealing with byproducts.
3. Active involvement of **local actors** and strong communication campaign to overcome the initial skepticism.
4. Provide concrete **benefits to the actors** involved (buying the byproducts or organizing the logistics).



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