



Hanffaser Uckermark eG: Hemp – symbol of sustainability – for raw materials transition

We are an industrial cooperative. We have the vision of a productive society after overcoming neoliberalism.

The hemp-cooperative took over the hemp-factory, which was founded by Rainer Nowotny and is processing hemp in the Uckermark. In the region hemp is cultivated on 400 - 500 ha which is processed in our hemp-factory.

While the hemp-cooperative took over the hemp-factory the socioeconomic concept of the cooperative was incorporated with the ecological requirements of the hemp-factory. With the type of enterprise "Industrial Cooperative" new innovation capital enters the great undertaking: hemp – raw material of future.

Of course, cooperative members are also participating in the profit. The general assembly which is taking place yearly decides upon the distribution of earnings. For the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 2% of the deposit made was disbursed.

The hemp-factory exists since 1996.

When it was formed, 23 years ago, there was nothing. No possibility, to harvest hemp. No technique to process it. No products. No market for eventual products. NOTHING.

Today there is a hemp-factory; harvest technique exists, reworking and processing technology, products, technical manufacturing of products, controls, admission, norms, market and market segments, many perspectives.

The raw material transition will have two focal points: 1. Renewable raw materials; 2. Cycle of materials

Construction with hemp: We produce building materials of hemp and stand for consistent ecological construction, because we believe: The raw material transition has to come! And it will cover all sectors; we have already started with building materials.

There is a lot to do still! That is why we need venture capital.

Cooperative: Profit for everyone.

Who invests capital shall co-decide, for what it is going to be used and naturally he will participate in the profit. The democracy principle is protecting cooperatives as far as possible against being grasped by international financial capital. Production sites in Germany are securing workplaces on the ground. We care for fair working conditions and healthy commercial relations. We want to continue producing sustainable products. Together we are determined to observe that we will stay consistent with our purpose.

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