

Title: AGRICE: Research Activities in France in the Oleochemical Industry

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Summary:

The emergence of new markets for agricultural products in the fields of energy, chemicals and materials, requires the deployment of significant resources for long-term research. These new outlets also necessitate greater co-ordination between diverse players including (Petrochemicals, chemicals, materials, etc) and public organizations. In this perspective the scientific interest group AGRICE - Agriculture for Chemicals and Energy - was created by the public authorities and eight partners in France in 1994.

Following restriction of export markets, the French agriculture sector had to diversify its outlets. Consequently, research activities were undertaken as part of AGRICE Program.

To achieve the objective determined by the partners of AGRICE, three principal programs have been established. They must succeed in improving competitiveness of renewable raw materials in energy from biofuels and in the chemical sector with biomolecules and agromaterials.

Up to now, several research programs supported by AGRICE have been concerned with the Oleochemical sector.

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