

Intact lays the foundation stone for its future production site in Baule, Loiret

By 2025, this 10-hectare site will be marketing the world's first neutral legume alcohol, as well as plant proteins derived from regenerative agriculture.

Intact, an industrial and technological company developing low-carbon ingredients, today laid the foundation stone for its future production site in the presence of Marc Fesneau, Minister for Agriculture and Food Sovereignty, François Bonneau, President of the Centre-Val de Loire region, Pauline Martin, Senator for Loiret and departmental councillor for the Meung-sur-Loire canton, and Patrick Echegut, Mayor of Baule.

This event symbolically marks the beginning of construction of the Intact site in Baule (Loiret), which will accommodate a 10-hectare facility for the production of plant proteins and the world's first low-carbon neutral alcohol from legumes. Proteins and neutral alcohol are two ingredients commonly used by the food, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical industries. Obtaining these ingredients requires large quantities of fossil energy and water. As a result, 1.9 million tonnes of CO₂eq are emitted every year in Europe to produce neutral alcohol.

Conceived using patented technology, Intact ingredients offer a new alternative that is both respectful of biodiversity and has a low carbon footprint. In October 2023, Intact legume alcohol won the Cosmetic 360 Special Jury Prize, awarded to the best innovations in the cosmetics industry.

Leguminous plants (pulses) are environmentally-friendly plants that naturally replenish the soil with nitrogen. As such, their development in France is a major focus of the national strategy for decarbonising agriculture. As part of its Ecological Planning programme, France aims to double the area devoted to the production of these plants by 2030. Intact's investment in the Baule site represents one of the main initiatives undertaken in France to promote the development and use of leguminous plants, and consequently to encourage the development of soil-regenerating agriculture.

The site's location in Baule, at the heart of one of Europe's major agricultural regions and the agricultural collection area of Axéreal, Intact's strategic partner for the supply of pulses, will provide the new regenerative agriculture sector created with strong development potential. With its strong cosmetics (Cosmetic Valley) and pharmaceutical industries, Intact's presence in the Centre-Val de Loire region will also enable the company to benefit from proximity to its customers.

Alexis Duval, Co-founder and Chairman of Intact, said: "We are very proud to be laying the foundations for a more sustainable agricultural future in the presence of the French Minister for Agriculture and Food Sovereignty and the President of the Centre-Val de Loire Region, as well as our teams, our agricultural and financial partners, and the elected representatives and departments of the Region and the State, who have given us their constant support since the company was founded to make this project a reality. This is now the case, and we thank them. Together, we are laying the foundations for a new sector of regenerative ingredients, which will contribute to healthier eating and help protect our environment.

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About Intact Régénérative

Founded in 2022 by Alexis Duval, Fanny de Castelnaud and Christopher Hervé, Intact is an industrial and technological company developing low-carbon ingredients based on regenerative agriculture from leguminous plants for the food, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical sectors. With 65,000 hectares of production and 12000 partner farmers, Intact aims to create a new European sector to produce vegetable proteins from leguminous plants, and the world's first neutral legume alcohol derived from regenerative agriculture. Based in Baule (Loiret), the production site will be fully operational by the end of 2024.

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