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Curriculum:

Jan Willem Slijkoord is an expert in materials sciences, sustainability and complex business development in high-tech innovative environments for over 20 years now for various companies in the chemical and steel processing industry such as Akzo Nobel, Norit Activated Carbon and Tata Steel. Since 2010 Jan Willem is the senior business development manager of chemicals at TNO, the Dutch national laboratory of applied sciences, where he applies and develops innovative clean technologies and business models via new ventures and business cases in close collaboration with the chemical industry. Since 2015, he is also involved in the Brightlands Materials Center in Geleen (NL), shortly BMC. BMC is a shared research center with a focus on polymer research. Jan Willem works on new polymer technologies to create buildings which generate energy rather than consuming it. Based on his plastics expertise and polymer industry network, Jan Willem decided to found CiorC, a company that develops innovative (also bio-based) filaments based on recycled plastics. In collaboration with the Dutch filament maker Innofil3D, they launched the InnoCircle recycled filament productfolio.

Abstract:

TNO is active in various shared research programs. Biorizon focuses on the development of bio-aromatics on the basis of renewables which can be used in, amongst others, in bio-based polymers. Brightland Materials Center in Geleen is a shared research initiative that focuses on polymer research in the fields of Additive Manufacturing, Opto-Electronics and Lightweight Automotive.