

Brief biography of Dr Apostolis Koutinas

Apostolis Koutinas is Chemical Engineer (University of Patras, Greece) with PhD in Biochemical Engineering (UMIST, UK). He is currently Associate Professor at the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the Agricultural University of Athens (Greece). His research focuses on bioprocess and biorefinery development including process design and techno-economic evaluation. Emphasis is given on bioprocess innovation and sustainability assessment for the production of bio-based chemicals and polymers (e.g. succinic acid, polyhydroxyalkanoates, 2,3-butanediol, microbial oil, bacterial cellulose) within a circular economy context. Since 2011, he has participated in more than 23 ongoing or completed research projects funded by national and international funding agencies. He has more than 130 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and 16 book chapters. He currently serves as Editor in the *Biochemical Engineering Journal* (Elsevier).

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