

1st BioINSouth Forum

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Aula Magna, University of Catania, Italy
5-6 June 2025



The 1st BioINSouth Forum in Catania promises to be a dynamic and engaging event, bringing together leaders and experts from various sectors and disciplines. Funded under the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU), this EU project aims to foster collaboration and innovation in the circular bioeconomy. The agenda includes insightful keynote speeches on bioeconomy, discussions on regional initiatives shaping the circular bioeconomy, and round tables focusing on the role of regions in implementing sustainable and eco-conscious practices.

Participants from diverse countries and fields will share their insights. The event will also feature discussions on bioeconomy from a global perspective, regional initiatives across Southern Europe, and the integration of circular bioeconomy practices to reconcile economic growth with societal and environmental well-being. Attendees will have ample opportunities for networking, with sessions designed to foster collaboration and exchange of ideas.

This forum is a must-attend for anyone interested in the future of sustainable development.



Thursday, 5 June

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01 Introduction and welcome messages

14:00 – 14:45

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM THE COORDINATOR AND THE CO-ORGANISERS

- **Mario Bonaccorso**, Director Cluster SPRING
- **Francesco Priolo**, Rector of University of Catania (tbc)
- **Enrico Trantino**, Mayor of Catania (tbc)

02 Keynote speeches

14:45 – 15:30

KEYNOTE SPEECHES FROM KEY PERSONS IN THE EU AND ITALIAN BIOECONOMY STRATEGY

- **Virginia Puzzolo**, Head of Programme, Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)
- **Fabio Fava**, National Bioeconomy Coordination Board (CNBBSV). Italian Presidency of Council of Ministers. "The bioeconomy from G20 to COP29"

03 BioINSouth HUBs: 8 regions to shape the circular bioeconomy

15:30 – 16:30

PRESENTATION OF THE EIGHT BIOINSOUTH HUBS

- Campania, Italy – Amedeo Lepore, University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli
- Centro, Portugal
- Peloponnese, Greece
- Cyprus
- Slovenia
- Nouvelle Aquitaine, France
- Andalusia, Spain
- Asturias, Spain - Ana Elena Fernández Monzón, SEKUENS

Moderated by Pierluigi Argoneto

Networking coffee



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05

The circular bioeconomy builds bridges: the BioINSouth Initiative

17:00 – 18:15

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- Samuele Ambrosetti, BIC
- Claudio De Vincenti, Merita Foundation
- Isabel Albinelli, FAO
- Barna Kovacs, BIOEAST Initiative
- Serenella Sala, JRC European Commission

Moderated by George Sakellaris

06

SIDE EVENT: Presentation of Synergistic European Projects + TERRIFIC info corner

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE INITIATIVES THAT COMPLEMENT AND ENHANCE THE BIOINSOUTH FORUM'S OBJECTIVES, FOSTERING COLLABORATION AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE IN THE FIELD OF CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY.

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Introduction

09:00 – 09:30

RECAPPING OF PREVIOUS DAY DISCUSSIONS AND INTRODUCTION TO THE ROUND TABLE

02

Round table: The role of regions in implementing circular bioeconomy in Southern Europe

09:30 – 11:00

REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BIOECONOMY AND CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY IN THE SOUTH EUROPE

- Valeria Fascione, Campania Region
- Manfred Kircher, KADIB
- Silvia Visciano, Apulia Region
- Irene Ghizzoni, Lombardy Region
- Sophie Patrício, Centro Portugal (online)
- Antonios Gypakis, Greece (online)
- David Villar, Spain (online)
- Mario Plešej, Slovenia (online)
- Mariam Catedra, Spain (online)

Moderated by María García Alegre

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The circular bioeconomy to reconcile economy, society and the environment

11:30 – 13:00

THE TRANSITION IN CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY AS A DRIVER FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

- Enrica Arena, Orange Fiber
- Nino Carlino, President of Fisheries District Sicily
- Pierluigi Catalfo, University of Catania
- Emanuele Memmola, Enilive (tbc)
- Massimo Midiri, University of Palermo
- Marcello Somma, I-Foria
- Giorgio Mannino, Anga Catania

Moderated by Danilo Porro

04

Conclusions and networking lunch

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Satellite events

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Satellite event in partnership with Associazione Merita, Fondazione Astrid and the support of Biomodel4Regions

June 4, afternoon

"THE CIRCULAR BIOECONOMY TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF 3RD MILLENNIUM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA" (IN ITALIAN)

General Assembly of BioINSouth

June 5, 09:00-13:00

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