

1st BioINSouth Forum

Catania, 5-6 June 2025

Aula Magna, University of Catania, Piazza dell'Università

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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.

Register now to secure your spot:

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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
- **Edmondo Tamajo**, Regional Councilor for Productive Activities
- **Enrico Trantino**, Mayor of Catania

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Keynote speeches

14:45 – 15:30

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

- **Virgina Puzzolo**, Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)
- **Fabio Fava**, National Bioeconomy Coordination Board (CNBBSV). Italian Presidency of Council of Ministers

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The role of HUBs in the implementation of new regional policies for the bioeconomy

15:30 – 16:30

- **Alessandro De Ludicibus**, University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli - Italy
- **Antonios Gypakis**, Hellenic Ministry of Development /Research and Innovation Directorate - Greece (online)
- **Ana Elena Fernández Monzón**, SEKUENS - Spain (online)
- **Lucija Marovt**, Boost4BioEast – Circular Change, Slovenia (online)
- **Maria Giovanna Parisi**, University of Palermo – Italy
- **Eva Mametz**, Agri Sud-Ouest Innovation - France

Moderated by Pierluigi Argoneto, SPRING

Break & Poster Session



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The circular bioeconomy builds bridges: the BioINSouth Initiative

17:00 – 18:15

- **Samuele Ambrosetti**, Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)
- **Claudio De Vincenti**, Merita Foundation
- **Isabel Albinelli**, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- **Barna Kovacs**, BIOEAST Initiative
- **Maria Teresa Borzacchiello**, Joint Research Centre (JRC) - European Commission
- **Rafael Castillo**, Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI)

Moderated by George Sakellaris, BIOEAST

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Conclusions and networking cocktail



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Introduction

09:00 – 09:30

RECAPPING OF PREVIOUS DAY DISCUSSIONS AND INTRODUCTION TO THE ROUND TABLE

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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
- Irene Ghizzoni, Lombardy Region
- Alessandra Gemmiti, Tuscany Region
- Silvia Visciano, Apulia Region (online)
- Sophie Patrício, Centro Portugal (online)
- David Villar, Spain (online)
- Mario Plešej, Slovenia (online)
- Mar Cátedra, Spain (online)

Moderated by María García Alegre, Corporación Tecnológica de Andalucía (CTA)

Break & Poster Session



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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
- **Massimo Midiri**, University of Palermo
- **Marcello Somma**, I-Foria
- **Giorgio Mannino**, Anga Catania

Moderated by Danilo Porro, SPRING

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Satellite events

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

June 4, 16:30

“BIOTECNOLOGIE, ENERGIA ED ECONOMIA CIRCOLARE: IL RUOLO DEL MEZZOGIORNO”

General Assembly of BioINSouth

June 5, 09:00-13:00

UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA (PRIVATE EVENT)



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