



BioINSouth

Supporting regional environmental sustainability
assessment for the BIO-based sectors to improve
INnovation, INdustries and INclusivity in SOUTH Europe



Welcome to the second edition of the BioINSouth newsletter! Here, we share our journey toward a more sustainable Mediterranean region, rooted in collaboration, innovation and circular bioeconomy. Dive into our progress, philosophy and tools—and stay connected as we continue shaping a greener future together.

Thank you for reading and stay tuned!



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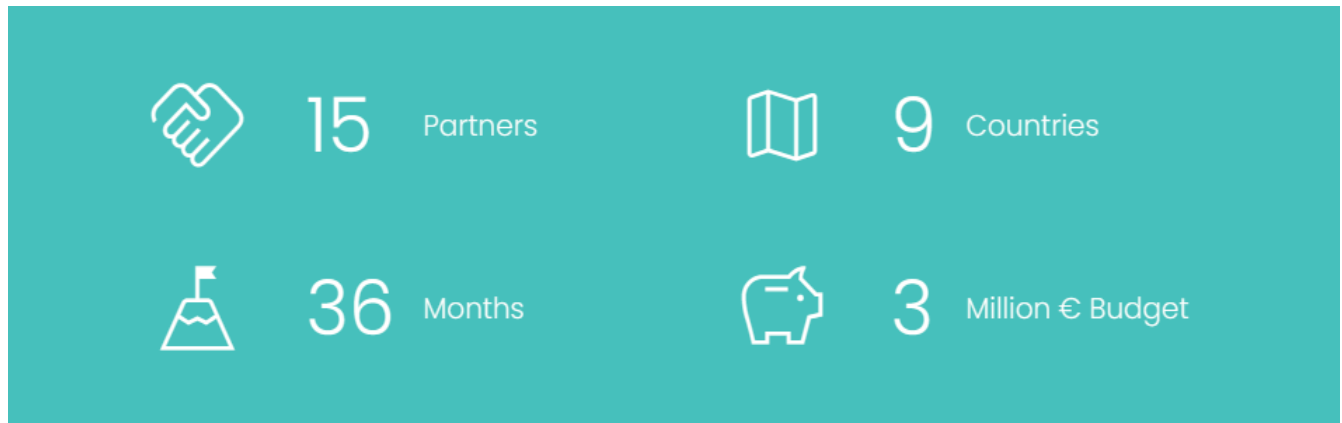
Slovenia

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BioINSouth is now in full swing across eight regions—Campania, Peloponnese, Andalusia, Asturias, Centro Region, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Slovenia and Cyprus—with local actors working together to shape a more sustainable and inclusive bioeconomy. The project’s mission is clear: help regions make smarter decisions by offering digital tools and guidelines based on the Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) framework.

These tools support environmental impact assessments for bio-based industries and align with EU goals for a fair and green transition.



Over the past year, BioINSouth has been steadily building its foundations and growing its community. The project kicked off with strong coordination led by SPRING, setting up the management structure, data governance, and internal collaboration tools. CTA led the creation of vibrant Multi-Actor Regional Groups (MARGs), bringing together voices from government, academia, business and civil society. These groups now feed into the regional HUBs, activated with guidance from BIOEAST. On the technical side, LEITAT delivered the environmental monitoring system and benchmark report, while INNEN launched the mock-up of the BioINSouth Toolkit for stakeholder testing. PNO has driven communication and stakeholder mapping across Europe.

A major highlight was the 1st BioINSouth Forum, held in Catania during EU Green Week 2025, where regional leaders, EU institutions and civil society came together to explore how circular bioeconomy can drive sustainable transformation. The Forum showcased regional HUBs, fostered cross-project collaboration, and marked the beginning of a broader conversation on inclusive, place-based bioeconomy strategies.

BioINSouth is more than a project—it’s a growing network of people and places working together for a bioeconomy that’s innovative, inclusive and sustainable!

The 1st BioINSouth Forum: Connecting Regions, Shaping Futures

On 5–6 June 2025, the city of **Catania** hosted the **1st BioINSouth Forum**, a flagship event organised under the umbrella of **EU Green Week 2025**. Held at the Aula Magna of the University of Catania, the Forum brought together regional leaders, EU institutions, researchers, entrepreneurs and civil society to explore how circular bioeconomy can drive sustainable transformation across Southern Europe.



The Forum opened with welcome messages from institutional and local representatives, followed by keynote speeches from **Virginia Puzzolo (CBE JU)** and **Fabio Fava (CNBBSV)**, who framed the bioeconomy within global policy agendas—from the G20 to COP29. Their contributions set the tone for a Forum focused on innovation, responsibility and regional empowerment.



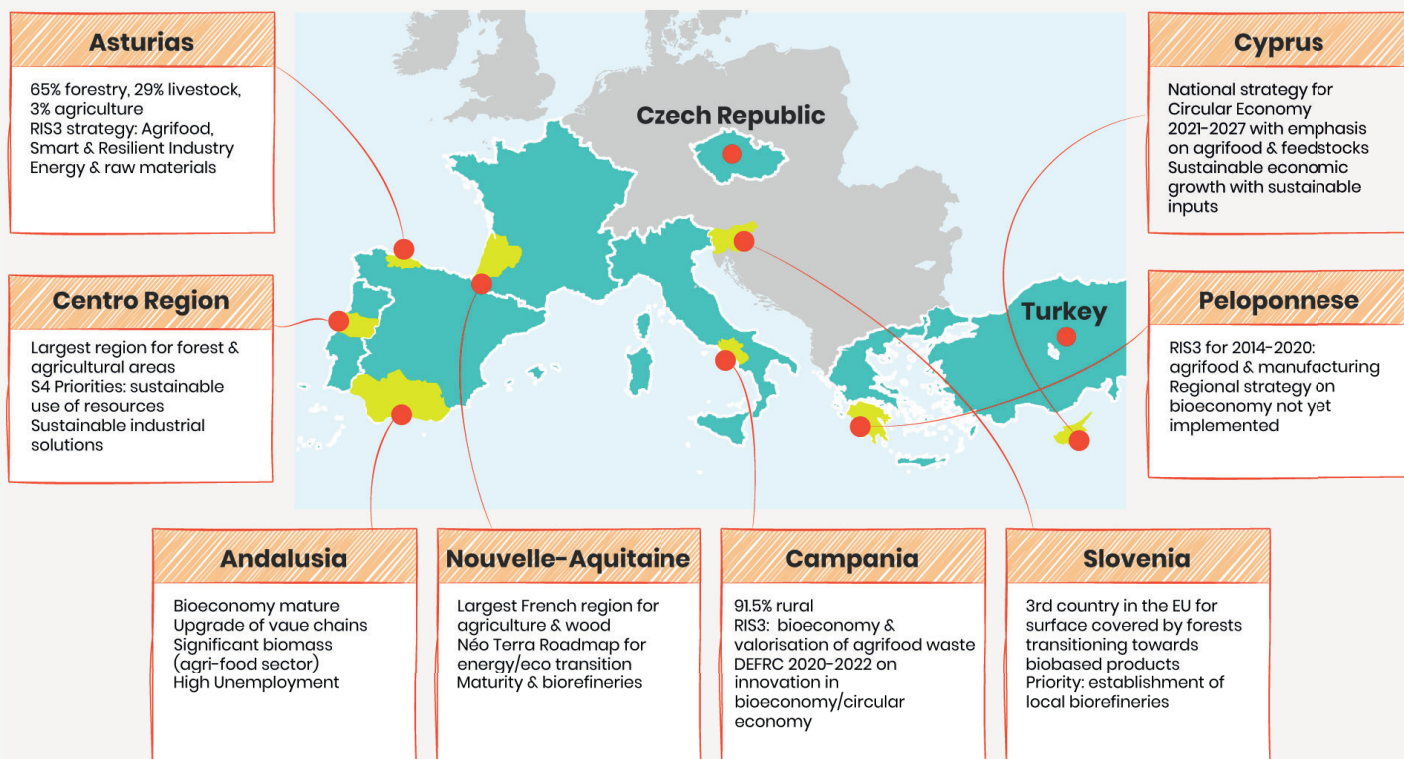
A central highlight was the session “BioINSouth HUBs: 8 Regions to Shape the Circular Bioeconomy”, where representatives from Campania, Peloponnese, Andalusia, Asturias, Centro Region, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Slovenia and Cyprus shared their regional priorities and visions. The dialogue was grounded in local realities and framed by a shared ambition to co-create inclusive and tailored bioeconomy strategies.

The 1st BioINSouth Forum: Dialogue, Synergies, and the Road Ahead

The Forum also featured satellite events, including a session on Mediterranean bioeconomy challenges, as well as a Synergistic Projects Corner, showcasing complementary EU initiatives and fostering cross-project collaboration. The **2nd BioINSouth General Assembly** that also took place, served as a strategic milestone for the consortium, with discussions centred on the launch of the BioINSouth Toolkit and its upcoming stakeholder testing. A key outcome was the formalisation of the regional HUBs through signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), reinforcing the commitment to co-creation and long-term collaboration across the eight participating regions.



As BioINSouth moves into its next phase, the Forum stands as a testament to the power of dialogue, co-creation and regional leadership. It marked the beginning of a broader conversation—one that will continue to grow through the HUBs, stakeholder networks and future editions of the Forum.



MARG Kick-Offs: Local Voices, Shared Vision

Over the past months, the BioINSouth consortium has launched Multi-Actor Regional Groups (MARGs) in each of the eight participating regions: Campania, Peloponnese, Andalusia, Asturias, Centro Region, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Slovenia, and Cyprus. These kick-off meetings brought together stakeholders from government, academia, business and civil society to co-develop tailored working plans and validate regional analyses.

The MARGs have been formally delivered to the EC, marking a key milestone in BioINSouth's stakeholder strategy. More than advisory bodies, they are the intellectual engine behind regional activities—driving HUB development as collaborative platforms for testing, knowledge exchange and policy shaping. This transition reflects BioINSouth's commitment to co-creation rooted in local insight and ambition.



**MARG Kick-Offs:
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**Asturias
March 26,
2025**



**Andalusia
March 13,
2025**



**Centro
March 11,
2025**



**Campania
March 18,
2025**



**Nouvelle-
Aquitaine
March 28,
2025**



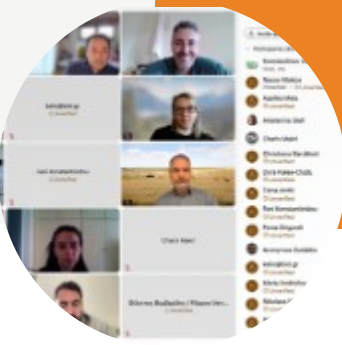
**Cyprus
March 14,
2025**



**Slovenia
March 6,
2025**



**Peloponnese
March 21,
2025**



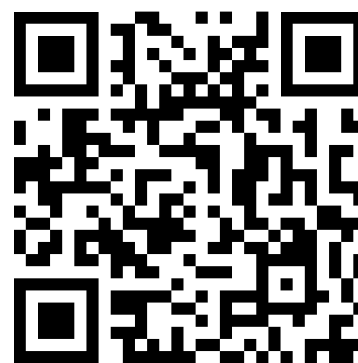
HUBs in Action: Co-Creating the Future of Regional Bioeconomy

With the groundwork laid by the MARGs, the BioINSouth **regional HUBs** have now officially launched across the eight BioINSouth regions. These HUBs are designed to be more than just meeting points—they are collaborative platforms where stakeholders come together to shape the future of circular bioeconomy in their territories.

Each HUB is guided by a tailored action plan and supported by a diverse mix of actors, including SMEs, researchers, educators, and policymakers. Co-creation workshops are already underway, bringing together regional authorities and MARG members to explore how BioINSouth's environmental monitoring tools and circularity assessment methodologies can be integrated into local bioeconomy strategies.

Help Shape the Bioeconomy—Wherever You Are

How do you experience the bioeconomy in your region? **We want to hear from you!** Whether you're based in one of the eight BioINSouth regions—**Andalusia, Asturias, Peloponnese, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Campania, Centro Region, Slovenia** or **Cyprus**—or **elsewhere** in Europe and beyond, your insights are vital!



Take a few minutes to complete the **BioINSouth Stakeholder Survey** and share your perspectives, challenges and ideas. Your feedback will help us understand the current bioeconomy landscape, identify growth opportunities, and ensure our tools and strategies reflect real regional needs. By participating, you'll also be invited to join the BioINSouth Stakeholder Community—a collaborative space for dialogue, knowledge exchange and co-creation.

Take the survey
and be part of the
transformation!



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