



BIOEAST Congress



High level international BIOEAST Congress

Setting up a research and innovation agenda for the BIOEAST Macro-Region

Date and time: Warsaw, 15-16 MARCH 2023

Venue: Renaissance Warsaw Airport Hotel Warsaw, Poland

The conference will be held in English and Polish

Introduction

The high level international BIOEAST Congress is organised in the framework of the BIOEAST Initiative and under the auspices of the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development with the support of the Horizon 2020 BIOEASTsUP project. The congress aims to present a newly developed macro-regional Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (BIOEAST SRIA) and 11 bioeconomy concept papers developed based on the assessment of the eleven BIOEAST countries' bioeconomies.

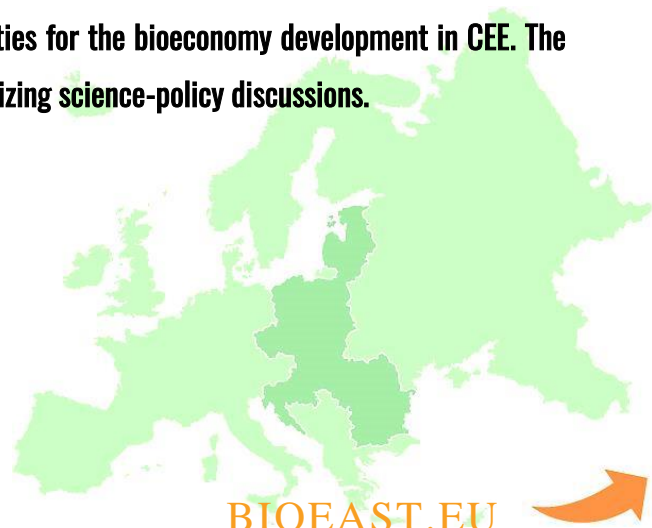
The BIOEAST SRIA aims to provide region-specific research policy advice in the evolving landscape of the broader bioeconomy and related sectors in the following thematic areas: Agroecology and Sustainable Yields, Food Systems, Bioenergy and New Value-added Materials, Advanced Biochemicals and Biomaterials, Forestry Value Chains, Freshwater-based Bioeconomy, Bioeconomy Education.

The national Concept Papers aims to serve the national bioeconomy policy development in 11 the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries, helping with complex tailor-made assessment, the development of roadmaps and action plans in the respective country. We aim to help the countries policy decision makers with a background material which could support the national bioeconomy strategy and action plan development.

The three years long exercises SRIA and bioeconomy Concept Papers development was supported by the Horizon 2020 BIOEASTsUP project with the involvement of the BIOEAST Advisory Council, the 7 BIOEAST Thematic Working Groups followed by numerous stakeholder consultations involving the private and public sectors from 11 countries.

The BIOEAST SRIA has been developed in the process under the political commitment signed by Ministries of Agriculture of the BIOEAST Countries in 2016.

The aim of the conference is to announce the above mentioned strategic documents and to inform national and European policy makers with well assessed and validated key priorities for the bioeconomy development in CEE. The conference also intends to highlight key thematic priorities by organizing science-policy discussions.



The BIOEAST Initiative was founded by the Ministers of Agriculture of the Visegrad group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) and joined by Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia and Observer from Western Balkan countries representative. The BIOEAST Initiative was established in 2016 to provide a political platform for the CEE countries to strengthen bioeconomy related research and innovation cooperation, participation in ERA policy shaping and in the EU research and innovation framework programme. The BIOEAST Initiative represents the common political commitment and shared strategic research and innovation framework for working towards sustainable and circular bioeconomies in the CEE.

The conference is intended for high-level representatives of BIOEAST countries and the European Commission, but also for policy-makers, experts and stakeholder representatives from BIOEAST countries and other EU Member States. It is aimed to put in a context the macro-regional priorities, thus we invite speakers and participants from ongoing initiatives like European Partnerships and Missions to further assess the adaptability of recommendations.

15 - 16 March 2023

AGENDA

15 MARCH 2023

11.00 - 12.00 Registration

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

Moderator: Prof. Wiesław Oleszek, Director, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation - State Research Institute, Poland

1st Day Plenary session: Strategic thinking in Bioeconomy

13.00 – 13.40 Welcome

Anna Gembicka, State Secretary, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Martin Kováč, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic, V4 Presidency

Tugomir Majdak, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Croatia

Aniko Juhasz, Deputy State Secretary Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

Tatjana Buzeti, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Slovenia

Joanna Stawowy, Member of Cabinet of Commissioner for Agriculture, European Commission



13.40 – 14.00 Plenary presentation - The BIOEAST Initiative

Keynote: Barna Kovacs, PhD, Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative, Hungary

14.00 – 15.00 Panel discussion Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

Keynote & Moderator: Ants-Hannes Viira, PhD, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Estonia

Panelist:

Aniko Juhasz, Deputy State Secretary Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

Orsolya Frizon Somogyi, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Aleksejs Nipers, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, Latvia

Jerzy Kozyra, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Poland

15.00 - 15.30 BREAK

15.00 - 15.30 Short recorded statements for conference summary – BIOEAST representatives (State Secretary level)

Keynote: Barna Kovacs, PhD, Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative, Hungary

BIOEAST Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda - announcement

Bioeconomy strategy concept papers - announcement

15.30 – 16.30 Panel discussion

Setting the background for national bioeconomy strategies and action plans

Keynote & Moderator: Stelios Rozakis, PhD, Technical University of Crete, Greece

Panelist:

Argo Peepson, Bioeconomy Adviser, Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonia

Laura Liepina, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

Maria Proestou, Humboldt University Berlin - PolDerBio group, Germany

Marko Lovec, Associate Professor at University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Presentation of national bioeconomy concept papers - village in the foyer



16.30 – 17.30 Panel discussion The role of research and innovation in building a competitive agri-food sector in BIOEAST Countries. Targeting EU Missions and Partnerships in BIOEAST countries

Moderator: Prof. Paweł Chmieliński, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Panellist:

Barna Kovacs, PhD, Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative, Hungary

Minna Huttunen, PhD, Co-Chair of SCAR Strategic Working Group for Food Systems, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

Prof. Luka Juvančič, PhD, Co-Chair of SCAR Strategic Working Group for Bioeconomy, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Prof. Grzegorz Siebielec, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Coordinator of NBSoil project under Soil Mission. WP leader in GEE2ACT project, Poland

17:30 – 18.30 Official working meeting: roundtable of BIOEAST State Secretaries in separate room

Moderator: Barna Kovacs, PhD, Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative, Hungary

19:00 Joint dinner for participants

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9.00 -10.00 Registration and coffee

Moderator: Prof. Wiesław Oleszek, Director, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation - State Research Institute, Poland



2nd Day Plenary session: Science-policy discussion on bioeconomy priorities

10.00 – 10.45 Panel discussion: Food Systems, agroecology and sustainable yields

Moderator: Prof. Paweł Chmieliński, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development of the Polish Academy of Sciences, TWG Food Systems coordinator, Poland

Panellist:

Dr Hugo de Vries, Research Director, Science Direction Food and Bioeconomy, INRAE, Coordinator of Horizon Europe Project FOODPathS (Prototype Partnership Sustainable Food Systems), France

Prof. Mariusz Matyka, Member of BIOEAST Advisory Council, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Poland

Asst. Prof. Dr Ilja Gasan Osojnik Črnivec, Member of TWG Food Systems, University of Ljubljana, National Institute of Chemistry, Slovenia

Drd. Bîrgovan Andreea-Loredana, Researcher - NATIOONS, EU Soil Mission, Leadership Group' ECESP, Director, Institute for Research in Circular Economy and Environment "Ernest Lupan", Romania

10.45 – 11.30 Panel discussion: Bioenergy and New Value-added Materials & Advanced Biochemicals and Biomaterials

Moderator: Balazs Imre, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, bio-based materials, TWG coordinator, Hungary

Panellist:

Tajana Radić, Croatian Chamber of Agriculture, Croatia

Andrzej Lewicki, Poznan University of Life Sciences, Poland

Primoz Oven, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Áron Németh, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary



12.00 – 12.30 Panel discussion: Forestry Value Chains - Future Forestry Partnership

Moderator: Rastislav Raši, PhD, BIOEAST TWG coordinator, National Forest Centre, Slovak Republic

Panellist:

Nicolas Picard, co-chair of SCAR Strategic Working Group for Forest, France

Dr Marko Lovrić, BIOEAST TWG representative, European Forest Institute, Slovenia

Dr Elvis Paladinić, Croatian Forest Research Institute, Croatia

12.30 – 13.00 Panel discussion: Freshwater-based Bioeconomy and EU Mission Restore our Ocean & Waters

Moderator: Marie Kubankova, Freshwater-based Bioeconomy TWG coordinator, Agriculture Research, Ltd Troubsko, Czech Republic

Panellist:

Vesna Neskovic, University of Novi Sad Faculty of Agriculture, Novi Sad, Fresh Water Based Bioeconomy TWG, Serbia

Viktoria Csizmadiane Czuppon, University of Pannonia, Fresh Water Based Bioeconomy TWG, Hungary

Bela Halasi-Kovacs, Hungarian University of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Research Centre for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Fresh Water Based Bioeconomy TWG, Hungary

13.00 – 13.30 Panel discussion: Bioeconomy Education - BIOEAST UniNet

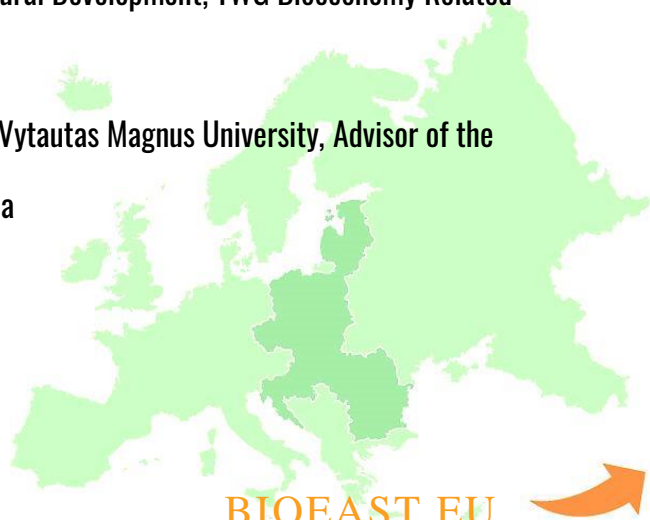
Moderator: George Sakellaris, University of South Bohemia, TWG coordinator, Czech Republic

Panellist:

Marie Kubankova, Agriculture Research, Ltd Troubsko, Czech Republic

Steliana Rodino, Institute of Research for Agriculture Economy and Rural Development, TWG Bioeconomy Related Education and Skills, Romania

Dr Rimantas Dapkus, Professor of the Academy of Agriculture at the Vytautas Magnus University, Advisor of the Lithuanian Parliament, Bioeconomy Education TWG Member, Lithuania



Conference closing

13.30 -14.30 Cooperation and Support Action

Panel discussion on the exploitation strategy and results

Panellist:

Prof. Magdalena Borzęcka, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Poland

Barna Kovacs, PhD, Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative, Hungary

14.30 -15.30 LUNCH



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