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BIO-BASED INNOVATION AND PARTICIPATION IN
UNDER-REPRESENTED
REGIONS THROUGH CLUSTER MOBILIZATION AND
COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE**

**BIO-INSPIRE: Scaling up bioeconomy innovation in
Southeastern Europe– Teaming & Knowledge
Exchange Open Call**

3 June 2026

14:00-15:30 CEST

Online



EU Green Week Partner Event

Title: BIO-INSPIRE: Scaling up bioeconomy innovation in Southeastern Europe– Teaming & Knowledge Exchange Open Call

Subtitle: Teaming, knowledge exchange, and cascade funding opportunities to scale bioeconomy solutions and nature-positive investments across Europe, with a particular focus in widening regions

Description: The BIO-INSPIRE project, funded by the European Union, strengthens regional bioeconomy ecosystems in widening countries across Eastern and Southeastern Europe. It fosters collaboration among Regional Bioeconomy Clusters (RBCs), which act as hubs connecting key local actors—including SMEs, research organisations, public authorities, and other innovation stakeholders—to accelerate the development and deployment of bio-based solutions that support the protection, restoration, and sustainable management of natural resources.

To enhance innovation capacity and cross-regional cooperation, the project is launching a Teaming & Knowledge Exchange Open Call, offering cascade funding, study visits, and collaboration opportunities.

Through these actions, BIO-INSPIRE supports solutions that improve resource efficiency, reduce environmental impact, and promote circular and regenerative bioeconomy practices, while helping regions better mobilise their local bio-based resources and innovation potential.

The Open Call combines financial support with knowledge exchange and collaboration, helping stakeholders move from early-stage innovation to real-world application. The results of these exchanges will feed into BIO-INSPIRE’s key outputs—such as the Governance Roadmap, policy briefs, and replication handbooks—which are designed to guide regions in mobilising investments, strengthening innovation ecosystems, and scaling bio-based solutions. In this way, the project contributes to enabling long-term, replicable approaches to investing in nature across regions.

This webinar will explore the challenges and opportunities facing bioeconomy stakeholders in underrepresented regions and present the support mechanisms offered by BIO-INSPIRE. It will highlight how knowledge exchange and cross-regional collaboration—across areas such as agriculture and forestry, biowaste valorisation, bio-based products, digital tools, and policy frameworks—can strengthen innovation capacity, share best practices, and build lasting partnerships, accelerating the development and uptake of nature-positive solutions.

This event will:

- Present BIO-INSPIRE’s approach to strengthening regional bioeconomy ecosystems
- Introduce the Teaming & Knowledge Exchange Open Call and funding opportunities to enable investments in sustainable and bio-based innovation
- Highlight collaboration opportunities across BIO-INSPIRE thematic areas that contribute to the protection and restoration of natural resources
- Foster collaboration among clusters, businesses, SMEs, researchers, and policymakers to scale solutions that deliver measurable environmental benefits and support nature-positive production systems

This EU Green Week Partner Event will take place online (webinar format). Further details will be shared soon.

Agenda		
14:00-14:20	Introduction to BIO-INSPIRE, its thematic areas, and its role in strengthening regional bioeconomy ecosystems	CluBE
14:20-14:50	Presentation on the Teaming & Knowledge Exchange Open Call and funding opportunities	ZABALA
14:50 – 15:10	Linkage to nature positive investments focusing on agri-food and bioeconomy value chains	Presentation by related EU initiative or RBC member
15:10-15:30	Q&A and discussion	CluBE, ZABALA, Greenovate! Europe