



BioINSouth

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



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1st BioINSouth Forum

Catania, 5-6 June 2025

Aula Magna, University of Catania, Piazza dell'Università

The upcoming **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 the 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 the 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.

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Thursday, 5 June

14:00 – 14:45 *Introduction and welcome messages*

Mario Bonaccorso, Director Cluster SPRING

Francesco Priolo, Rector of University of Catania (tbc)

Enrico Trantino, Mayor of Catania (tbc)

Agata Kotkowska, DG Environment EU Commission (tbc)

14:45 – 15:15 *Keynote speeches*

Virgina Puzzolo, Head of Programme, Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)

Fabio Fava, Italian Coordination Group on Bioeconomy

“The bioeconomy from G20 to COP29”

15:15 – 16:30 *BioINSouth HUBs: 8 regions to shape the circular bioeconomy*

Campania, Italy

Centro, Portugal

Peloponnese, Greece,

Cyprus

Slovenia

Nouvelle Aquitaine, France

Andalusia, Spain

Asturias, Spain

Moderated by Pierluigi Argoneto

16:30 – 17:00 *Networking Coffee*

17:00 – 18:15 *The circular bioeconomy builds bridges: the BioSouth Initiative*

Andrea Accorigi, CCRI (Circular Cities and Regions Initiative)

Franco Bassanini, Astrid Foundation

Claudio De Vincenti, Merita Foundation

Marta Gomez San Juan, FAO (tbc)

Barna Kovacs, BIOEAST Initiative

Serenella Sala, JRC European Commission

Representative of African Country (TBC)

Moderated by George Sakellaris

18:15 *Conclusions*

Friday, 6 June

09:00– 09:30 Introduction

09:30 – 11:00 Round table: The role of Regions in implementing the circular bioeconomy in Southern Europe

Regional Minister of the 8 Regions involved, Sicily Region and others TBA
Valeria Fascione, Campania Region
Andreas Kiesel, Baden-Wuerttemberg
Manfred Kircher, KADIB

Moderated by María García Alegre

11:00 – 11:30 Networking Coffee

11:30 – 13:00 The circular bioeconomy to reconcile economy, society and the environment

Enrica Arena, Orange Fiber
Daniela Baglieri, University of Messina (tbc)
Annamaria Barrile, Utilitalia (tbc)
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
University of Enna (tbc)
University of Calabria (tbc)

Moderated by Danilo Porro

13:00 Conclusions and networking lunch