A European Public Private Partnership for Bio-based Industries

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- The European Association for Bioindustries
- Created in 1996 to provide a voice for the biotech industry in Europe
- Representing the entire biotech sector: Healthcare, Agriculture and Industrial
- 56 corporate members operating worldwide, 14 associate members & BioRegions as well as 19 national biotechnology associations (2000 SMEs)

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The Bioeconomy



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Bio-based products



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Why the bioeconomy?

Reducing **dependence on non-renewable resources** as well as mitigating and adapting to **climate change**



Why the bioeconomy?

- Creating jobs and maintaining European competitiveness: €2 trillion and employs more than 22 million people, 9% of total employment in the EU.
- Revitalising rural and coastal areas
- Added value: €1 invested in EU-funded bioeconomy research and innovation is estimated to trigger €10 of value added in bioeconomy sectors by 2025.





Where are we in Europe?

- Excellent knowledge base
- World leader on industrial biotechnology
- High appreciation towards sustainability

But...

- Lagging behind on implementation & market
 development
 - Strong regulatory environment which tends to slow down developments & industrial growth Lack of long term vision and policy coherence





Pre-requisites for a competitive biobased industry

- Need a coherent, comprehensive and integrated policy
- Ensure access to renewable raw material at competitive prices
- Support more targeted research and innovation (and particularly) demonstration projects
- Support market creation and stimulate market demand.





Bridging the gap between research and market

- Problem: Time lag from research results to marketable products
- Outcome: EU research commercialised elsewhere
- Root Cause: Poor access to public money for highcost demo and flagship plants (eg, biorefineries)

→ Need for an EU biobased industries PPP





Biobased and Renewable Industries for Development and Growth in Europe



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Brazil, China and the US are making significant public investments in bringing biorefineries to commercial scale



- High targets for the replacement of fossil transportation fuels
- Wide range of support schemes including grants, tax credits, loan guarantees, etc
- Focus: bioethanol
- Public support last 5 years: ~ € 1.2 billion



- CSA Marine Biotech Final Conference
- Estimated funds provided by FP6 and FP7 to biorefinery-related



Background of BRIDGE

- Horizon 2020 aims at tackling societal challenges by helping to bridge the gap between research and the market
- This market-driven approach will include creating Public-Private Partnerships to bring together the resources needed for addressing specific societal challenges including the bioeconomy
- A possible PPP in the field of bio-based industries explicitly mentioned in:
 - Horizon 2020
 - European Bioeconomy Strategy
 - New Industrial Policy Communication





Overall objective of BRIDGE

"Foster **"radical innovation"**, from R&D and deployment to market pull, to deliver biobased products superior, or at least comparable to, non-biobased products in terms of price, performance and availability, and environmental benefits"

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Markets, products and policies	 Developing markets for biobased products and optimising policy frameworks
Biorefineries	 Optimising efficient processing through R&D and upscaling in pilot, demo/flagship biorefineries
Feedstock	 Fostering a sustainable biomass supply and building new value chains

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An integrated value chain approach





Project structure of BRIDGE





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Value chain demonstration projects

- Value Chain 1: From lignocellulosic feedstock to advanced biofuels, biobased chemicals and biomaterials
 - Realising the feedstock and technology base for the next generation of fuels, chemicals and materials
- Value Chain 2: The next generation forest-based value chains
 - Utilisation of the full potential of forestry biomass by improved mobilisation and realisation of new added value products and markets
- Value Chain 3: The next generation agro-based value chains
 - Realising the highest sustainability and added value by improved agricultural production, and new added value products and markets
- Value Chain 4: Emergence of new value chains from (organic) waste
 - From waste problems to economic opportunities by realising sustainable technologies to convert waste into valuable products

Value Chain 5: The integrated energy, pulp and chemicals biorefineries

Realising sustainable bio-energy production, by backwards integration with biorefinery operations
 isolating higher added value components





R&D Projects

- Foster a sustainable biomass supply to feed both existing and new value chains
 - Increase biomass production by improving agricultural practices and taking
 advantage from local biodiversity (complementary to the European Innovation
 Partnership on "Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability"
 - Mobilising an increasing supply (harvesting collection, storage)
- Optimise efficient processing through R&D and pilot biorefineries
 - Primary conversion processes
 - Secondary conversion processes
- Developing innovative products and accelerating market pull for bio based
 products
 - New materials & products
 - New application and market development





Supporting projects

Clustering and Networking

- Key role in the creation of new value chain by connecting agriculture, industry and research network across Europe
- SME engagement
 - Supportive measures for SMEs to facilitate active involvement and participation
- Standards and Regulations
 - Actively contribute to the development of new standards (CEN)

Feedstock sustainability and LCA

• Assessment of methodologies for addressing sustainability criteria of the projects and the environmental footprint of the products developed



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