

2nd BioINSouth forum

Seville, Spain
11-12 June 2026



South Europe to lead the bioeconomy

Escuela de Organización Industrial (EOI), C/ Leonardo da Vinci, 41092.
Sevilla



Satellite Events

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Private event: STRONGBIONET Kick-off Meeting

Wednesday, 10 June, 09:00 – 16:00

Private event: Spanish Regional Synergy in Circular Bioeconomy

Wednesday, 10 June, 16:00 – 18:00

Private event: SYMBIO Focus Group

Wednesday, 10 June, 15:00 – 18:00

Andalusian Forum on Circular Bioeconomy

Thursday, 11 June, 09:00 – 14:20

Mainly in Spanish

Thursday, 11 June

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Registration

15:30 – 16:00

Introduction and Institutional Welcome

16:00 – 16:15

Opening greetings by institutional representatives and brief framing of the meeting objectives

- Mario Bonaccorso, SPRING - The Italian Bioeconomy Cluster, BioINSouth project coordinator
- David Páez – Technological Corporation of Andalusia, host of the 2nd BioINSouth Forum
- Mar Cátedra - Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development of the Government of Andalusia

BioINSouth: goals and challenges

16:15 – 16:30

The BioINSouth experience so far: 2 years of successful implementation

- Pierluigi Argoneto, SPRING - The Italian Bioeconomy Cluster, BioINSouth project coordinator

The BioINSouth HUBs

16:30 – 17:30

Overview of the eight regional HUBs and their role in BioINSouth (HUB Coordinators)

Moderated by Pierluigi Argoneto, SPRING - The Italian Bioeconomy Cluster

- Carmen Ronchel (CTA) Andalusia
- Cristina Viera (ASINCAR) Asturias
- Lara Carlet (SPRING) Campania
- Filipa Sacadura (P-BIO) Centro
- Phoebe Vayanou (FredU) Cyprus
- Konstantinos Vorgias (NKUA) Peloponnese
- Katerina Panailidou (BIOEAST HUB) Czech
- Gregor Ficko (GZS) Slovenia

Coffee & exhibit session

17:30 – 18:00

Thursday, 11 June

Open discussion on regional strategies' development

18:00 – 18:50

Interactive discussion on the development of regional bioeconomy strategies, focusing on shared priorities, stakeholder needs, and opportunities for alignment across the BioINSouth HUBs.

Moderated by Carmen Ronchel, CTA – Technological Corporation of Andalusia

- Alejandro Fernández – Grupo La Caña
- Mariana Paupério - BLUEBIO ALLIANCE
- Verónica Menéndez – Agrolinera
- Gregor Ficko - CCIS - Chamber of Construction and Building Materials Industry of Slovenia
- Christiana Gardikioti - Meraki People
- Pasquale Marcello Falcone - University of Naples "Parthenope"
- George Sakellaris - BIOEAST HUB

Conclusions

18:50 – 19:00

Summary of key takeaways, next steps, and closing remarks.

María García, CTA – Technological Corporation of Andalusia

Friday, 12 June

Introduction

09:00 – 09:10

Day 1 Wrap-up & Day 2 Road Map

Moderated by Carmen Ronchel, CTA – Technological Corporation of Andalusia

The New EU Bioeconomy Strategy and the role of regions

09:10 – 09:40

Keynote speech by Barbara Smailagic, Bioeconomy policy officer and for the Bioeconomy and Sustainable Materials of the Directorate General for Environment of the European Commission.

Observations on the bioeconomy with focus on regions in the Southern EU

09:40 – 10:00

Keynote speech by Robert M'barek, research officer at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC).

Why is a BioSouth Initiative needed?

10:00 – 11:00

Round table on the rationale for a dedicated BioSouth initiative, addressing regional needs, shared challenges, and opportunities for strengthening bioeconomy development across Southern Europe.

Moderated by Mario Bonaccorso, SPRING - The Italian Bioeconomy Cluster

- Barna Kovacs - BioEast
- Sami Hout Ledo – DG RTD

- Wolfgang Munch – DG Regio
- Mar Cátedra - Andalusia region
- Virginia Puzzolo - CBE JU

Coffee & exhibit session

11:00 – 11:30

Friday, 12 June

Connecting regional strengths to build a stronger EU

11:30 – 12:30

Round table on how regional assets, capacities, and priorities can be connected to support a more resilient, competitive, and cohesive European bioeconomy.

Moderated by María García, CTA – Technological Corporation of Andalusia

- Rafael Castillo, Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI)
- Inge Arents, European Bioeconomy Clusters Alliance (EBCA)
- Inazio Martinez, BioRegions Facility
- Angeliki Foutri, Cluster of Bioeconomy and Environment of Western Macedonia - CluBE (BIO-INSPIRE)
- Pierluigi Argoneto, SPRING – Italian Bioeconomy Cluster (STRONGBIONET)

Lunch & poster session

12:30 – 14:00

The Bioeconomy and the Green Transition for a competitive and resilient EU

14:00 – 14:30

Keynote speech by Virginia Puzzolo, Head of Programme in the CBE JU

From lab to market: it's time to deliver

14:30 – 15:30

Exchange on accelerating the uptake, deployment, and scaling of bio-based solutions.

Moderated by Inma Sánchez, LEITAT

- Estela López-Hermoso – Bio-based Industries Consortium
- Inés Herrero - Biomixing
- Manuel Lainez - Fundación Grupo Cajamar
- Tanja Meyer - Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

Closure

15:30 – 16:00

Mario Bonaccorso, SPRING - The Italian Bioeconomy Cluster