

# 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

Friday, 12 June

## Introduction

09:00 – 09:30

**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

09:30 – 10:00

**Keynote speech by Alessandra Zampieri, Director for Sustainable Resources 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

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- 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**

**María García, CTA – Technological Corporation of Andalusia**