



CEE2ACT Conference

State of play and future opportunities in bioeconomy in CEE

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A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR A COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE EU BIOECONOMY (27/11/2025)

- The new Bioeconomy Strategy is charting a way forward to build a clean, competitive and resilient European economy.
- The bioeconomy offers Europe a chance to strengthen its strategic autonomy, replace fossil-based materials, create jobs, and lead the global shift to clean industries.



Key opportunities for the alignment of the bioeconomy strategy with upcoming policy initiatives

**Political
Momentum
Around
Financing:
MFF 2028-34**

**Biotech Act
I, II and
Circular
Economy
Act**

**Innovation
Act, Scale
Up Fund**

**Member
State
Engagement
(i.e. IPCEI)**



Strategic pillars of the strategy

Scaling up
Innovation and
Investments:
from Lab to
Deployment

by removing
barriers and
hurdles

Developing
Lead Markets
for
Materials and
Technologies

as plastics, fibres,
textiles, chemicals,
fertilisers, plant
protection products,
construction materials,
biorefineries, advanced
fermentation and
permanent storage of
biogenic carbon.

Securing Long-Term
Prospects for the
Bioeconomy:
Sustainably Sourced
Biomass

by managing
biomass better,
increasing
circularity and
protecting nature.

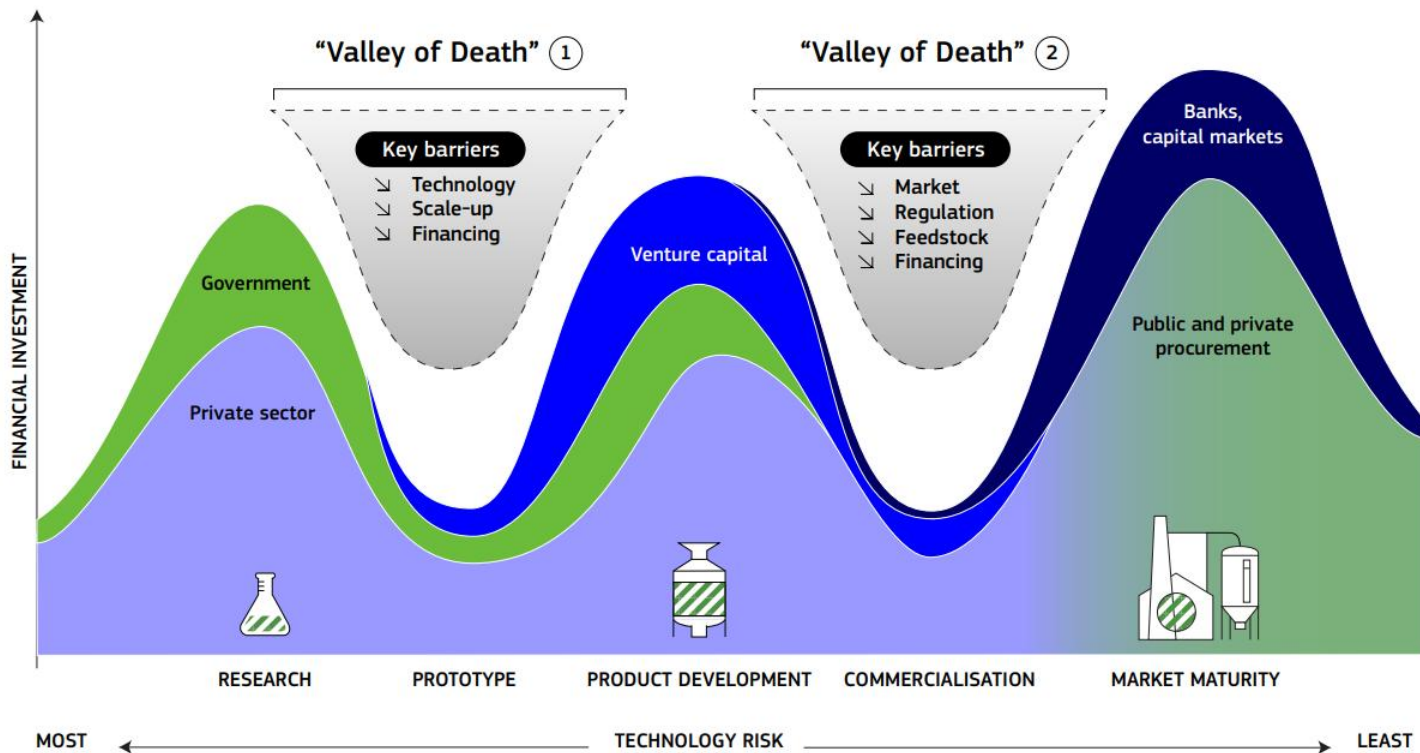
Harnessing Global
Partnerships and
Opportunities

by facilitating
access to global
markets and
shaping the global
sustainable
bioeconomy
agenda

Joining forces for delivery: with Member States, industry, investors and civil society



SCALE UP BIO-INNOVATIONS & INVESTMENTS: FROM LAB TO DEPLOYMENT





OPPORTUNITIES FOR CEE, FOR THE SOFT LANDING OF EU ACTIONS

„The EU will launch a research and innovation initiative to develop and deploy sustainable bioeconomy solutions in regions with high biomass potential, including in BIOEAST countries, Moldova, Ukraine and the Western Balkans. This initiative will mobilise capital and strengthen industrial ecosystems beyond EU borders for the benefit of Member States and EU accession countries and ensure that all efforts are underpinned by robust environmental and social safeguards.

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THE VISION FOR A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO R&I

A newly established Europe-wide research and innovation partnership to enhance sustainable natural resource management, food systems security, and the bioeconomy's deployment, that utilize the potential of Central and Eastern European, Western Balkan, and Eastern Partnership countries.

The BIOEAST initiative, supported by its extensive organizational background, dedicated partners, and a wide network of stakeholders, can be a leading force in advancing a proposal for this long-term transformational agenda.

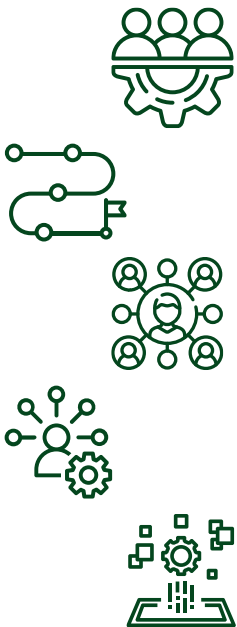
This macro-regional research and innovation initiative would serve the enhancement of Europe's sustainability and competitiveness.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT ON R&I 2024-2025



1. 10 BIOEAST Member States + Serbia, Albania -24 ministers (agriculture and research)- signed a **common political declaration (June 2024)**
2. 27 Member States agreed on: **Council Conclusions (Nov 2024)** on a potential Europe-wide R&I initiative on advancing sustainable natural resource management, food systems security and the deployment of the bioeconomy, harnessing the potential of Central and Eastern Europe
3. **Stakeholders engagement:**
 - 2024 Stakeholders Manifesto
 - 4 July 2024 (Brussels), and 4-6 December 2024 (Budapest) PARTNERING FOR THE FUTURE high level events
 - BIOEAST.EU 11-12 June 2025 (Warsaw) conference of the research and innovation agenda setting for the BIOEAST macro-region.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES – BOOST4BIOEAST



- Boosting **Strategic Reserch and Innovation Agenda** setting
- Boosting **national bioeconomy action plans**
- Boosting national **BIOEASTHUBs**
- Boosting the **BIOEAST**-wide mapping of bioeconomy competencies
- Boosting the **BIOEAST** Knowledge Platform



Thank you for your attention!

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