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# INNOVATIVE FINANCING FOR THE BIOECONOMY

BIOEAST: Mobilizing financial investment into Bioeconomy-related innovation in CEE

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# EUROPE'S CLIMATE BANK

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#### **European Investment Bank: Who are we?**



**General facts** 

- World's largest multilateral lender and the biggest provider of climate finance
- 90% of lending is within the EU
- Governed by EU Member States

€ 76.8 billion

Financing in 2020



**Our investment priorities** 

#### **EU Climate Bank objectives**

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- €1 trillion of investments in climate action and environmental sustainability in the critical decade from 2021 to 2030
- Increase the share of financing dedicated to climate action and environmental sustainability to reach 50% by 2025
- Align all financing activities with the principles and goals of the Paris agreement by the end of 2020

# SECTOR DEFINITION (1/2)

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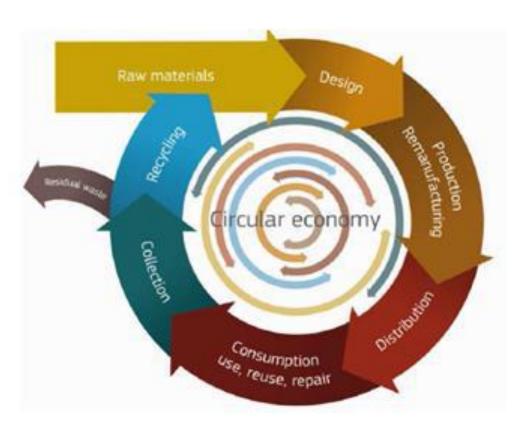
#### The Bioeconomy is...

Unlocking biomass potential in a sustainable and resource-efficient manner



# SECTOR DEFINITION (2/2)

#### The Circular (Bio)-Economy



 Using discards, residues, byproducts, waste or wastewater for

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- Designing renewable biobased products to replace fossil based.
- Increasing circular resource efficiency in bioeconomy value chains
- Reducing/valorizing [food]
   waste production
- Implementing innovative business or value-chain models

# SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION Advisory

Innovation Finance Advisory: Engaging the Ecosystem to build a pipeline

#### EIB's Innovation Finance Advisory is active in a range of bioeconomy initiatives,

from lead to loan







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### FACTS & FIGURES (1/2)

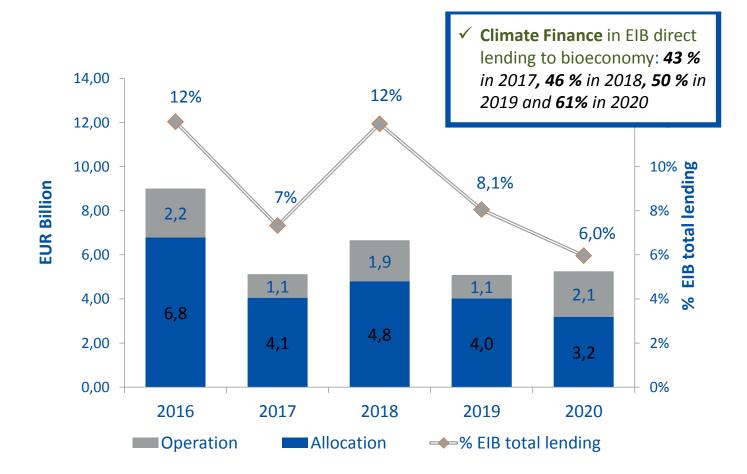
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#### EIB lending to agri-bioeconomy 2016-2020



### FACTS & FIGURES (2/2)

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### **EIB Lending to the Circular Economy 2016-2020**

Sector lending 2016-2020	Circular <i>Economy</i> (EURm)	Circular <i>Bioeconomy</i> (EURm)
Industry and services sector	992	118
Water management sector	371	371
Agriculture and bioeconomy sector	548	548
Waste management sector	480	311
Mobility	134	0
Urban development sector	133	20
Energy sector	82	0
Total	2 741	1 250

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#### Funding Landscape Overview

Company	Cash flow	Funding options	Main risk focus	Pitch focus	EC/govern. support	EIB offer
R&D	Pre- revenue	Founder/family/friends, business angels, vent. cap. grants, guarantees	Promoter, technology comm. prosp.	Upside, policy relevance	licy work. capital financ.	InnovFin, advisory (all stages)
Start-up	Pre-profit	Business angels, venture capital, grants, guarantees	Company, busin. model, mgm. team			ECBF (TRL 6-9), EDP, VC, VD, quasi-eq., guarantees
Scale-up	Pre-profit to profit	Venture capital, venture debt, supply chain finance	Markets, value chain, competition	Upside, risks	Financial instruments create markets/ demand	MCGF, VD, EFSI, subordin. debt, finan. instrum.
Growth	Profit	Private equity, debt, supply chain finance	Credit worthiness, markets, competition	Downside,	Level playing field green tax shift	Senior debt
Mature	Profit	Debt, bonds, supply chain finance		risk mitigat.	create markets/ demand	(direct/ intermediated)

ECBF – European Circular Bioeconomy Fund, EDP – energy demonstration project, MCGF – midcap growth funding, VC/VC – venture capital/debt

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#### **Direct EIB Lending for the Bioeconomy**

InnovFin / EFSI for Mid-Caps	<ul> <li>'Innovative' SMEs and Mid-Caps up to 3,000 FTEs</li> <li>Includes change in business model to Circular Economy</li> <li>Amounts typically between EUR 7.5m-25m</li> </ul>
EFSI / Regular EIB Ioan	<ul> <li>'Eligible Project' review</li> <li>Amounts typically over EUR 25m up to several 100m</li> </ul>

Bankable projects, but can have elevated risk for InnovFin / EFSI EIB finances max. 50% of project Due diligence on borrower and project

Indirect	<ul> <li>European Circular Bioeconomy Fund (<u>www.ecbf.vc</u>)</li> </ul>
Financing	Intermediated Loans

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## FINANCING IN ACTION (1/3)

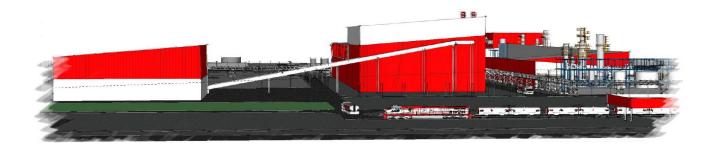
**Case Study** 

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**Second generation of biofuel & biomaterials** 

Construction in Central EU of:

bioethanol (B2G) (25kt p.a.) from advanced lingo-cellulosic sugars gained form agricultural residues (cereal straw)



Total Project cost:

EUR 155 m

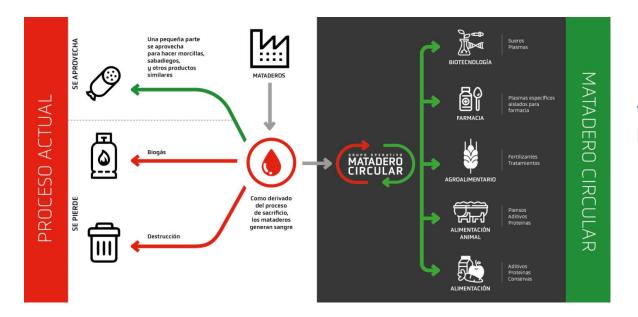
### FINANCING IN ACTION (2/3)

### **Case Study**



#### **Converting slaughterhouse waste into pet food**

Modernization in Spain of a plant that produces dry food for pets, using as main raw material animal sub-products not intended for human consumption and normally treated as waste, some of them expensive to dispose of (in particular blood).



Total Project cost: EIB Loan: EUR 33 m EUR 15 m

### FINANCING IN ACTION (3/3)

#### **Case Study**



### Automation of meat production facility

Production capacity extension, automation and innovation: construction of a pig rearing facility, refurbishment of existing meat production facilities and energy efficiency investments in CEE.



Total Project Cost:EUR 61mEIB Loan:EUR 30m

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