



BIOEASTsUP AIMS AT SUPPORTING CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THEIR BIOECONOMY DEVELOPMENT

The countries in the EU show differences in the development level of the Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan, although the EU Bioeconomy Strategy is available from 2012. The Northern and Western EU countries mostly have own Bioeconomy Strategy with a detailed Action Plan. On the contrary, the Central and Eastern European countries are lagging or have merely started the Bioeconomy Strategy development process.

The decision-makers in the European Union (EU) have been facing increasing public pressure to protect the Earth in the face of the harmful effects of climate change and guarantee continued economic growth. To effectively address these challenges, the EU updated the 2012 Bioeconomy Strategy and its Action Plan in 2018.

Reflecting this, the BIOEAST Initiative aims to support the Central and Eastern Europe countries in developing national Bioeconomy Strategies and its Action Plans. It facilitates the exploitation of bioeconomy opportunities and helps the CEE countries to boost their presence in EU research programs.

21 partners from 11 BIOEAST countries, Finland and Germany coordinated by the Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation prepared BIOEASTsUP project to support the BIOEAST initiative and to develop the national bioeconomy strategies in CEE countries. The project speeds up stakeholders' involvement, provides strategic research innovation agenda for BIOEAST countries and assists the involvement of BIOEAST countries in the Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development.

The main objectives of the BIOEASTsUP project are:

- to trigger strategic thinking at governmental level and transnational peer-to-peer development of national circular bioeconomy strategies in BIOEAST countries;
- to emphasize and encourage the role of multi-stakeholder and multi-actor approaches as well as co-creation of innovation in developing new value chains to advance bioeconomies;
- to develop a bottom-up stakeholder driven approach for a consolidated bioeconomy Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for the BIOEAST countries;
- to set-up and maintain a macro-regional framework to set-up and develop the BIOEAST SRIA and action plan;
- to facilitate evidence-based policy making;
- to increase the visibility of the bioeconomy within the quintuple helix in the BIOEAST region.



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