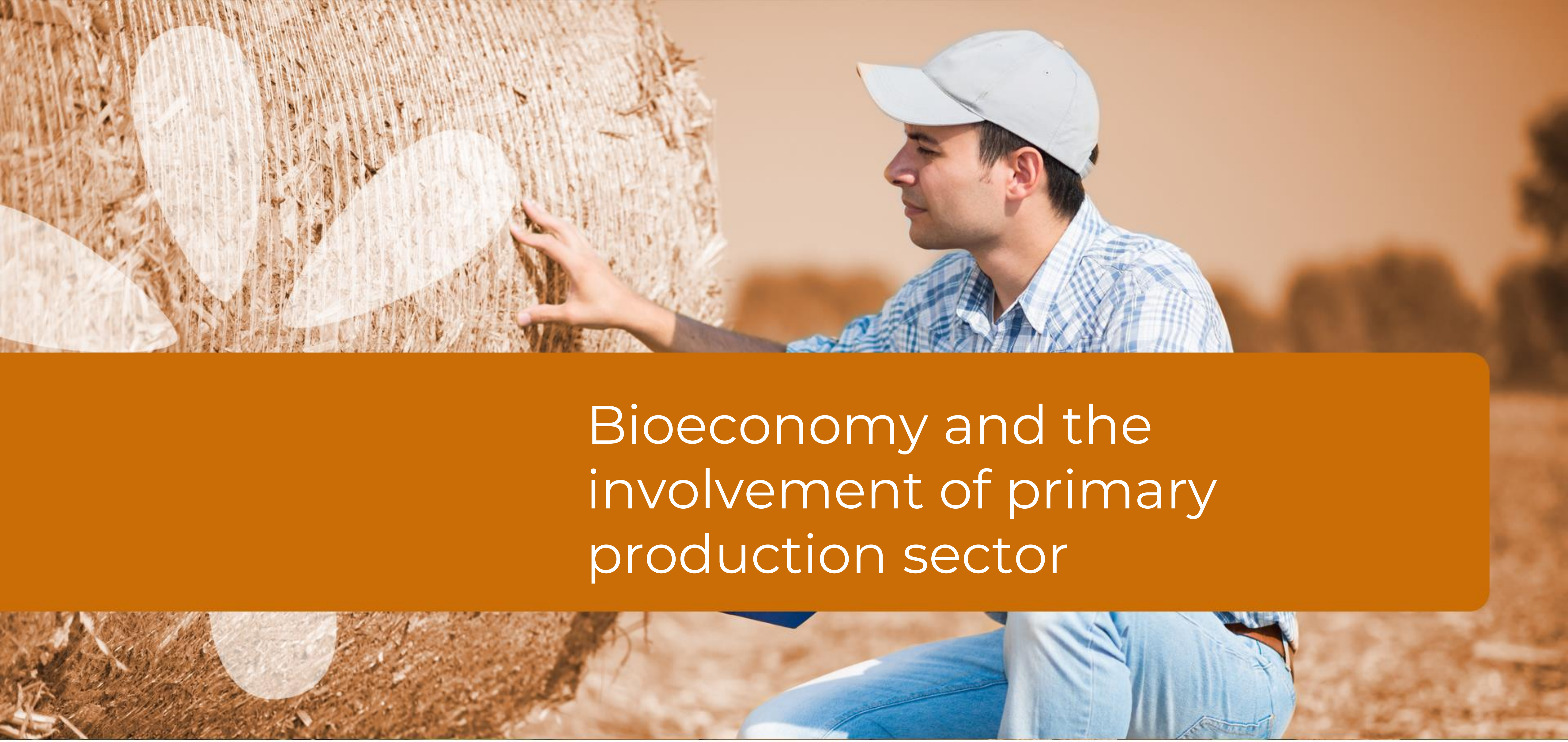

Bioeconomy and the involvement of primary production sector

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BIOEAST AS A DRIVING FORCE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU GREEN DEAL

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- Created in **1958**
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- **22,000** European agricultural cooperatives
- **35** full members from the EU Member States, 4 affiliated members and 36 partner organisations

In **1962**, a joint Secretariat was created, making it one of the largest and most active organisations in Brussels for the past **60** years.

The new EU Green Deal and Bioeconomy
Challenges and opportunities

- Climate law
- Circular economy action plan
- EU Forest Strategy
- EU Biodiversity Strategy
- CAP
- The EU Green Deal Investment plan and Just Transition mechanism

- **Opportunties:** circular bioeconomy as key enabler to reduce GHG emissions, new business models, support for the production of bio-based products and energy
- **Challenges:** set aside of land, cascade use of biomass

Farming sector role and expectations in further developing the bioeconomy in EU

- **Sustainably** produce and provide renewable raw materials for various industries and
- Deliver, at the same time, multiple **ecosytems services**

Expectations:

- Addressing all pillars of the sustainability together: economic, environmental and social
- Seeing farmers as an integrated part of the value-chain
- Enhancing support to all types of cooperation models for primary producers
- Ensuring a stable policy framework supported by targeted measures
- Sharing knowledge and best practices, access to innovation and new business models

Concrete example on traditional bioeconomy value chains – ”the farmer as energy producer”

- **Logistic and Trade centres for woody and non-woddy biomass (Styria, Austria)**
- **Integrated Biomass Logistic Centeres (Agro in LOG project**)

Advantages:

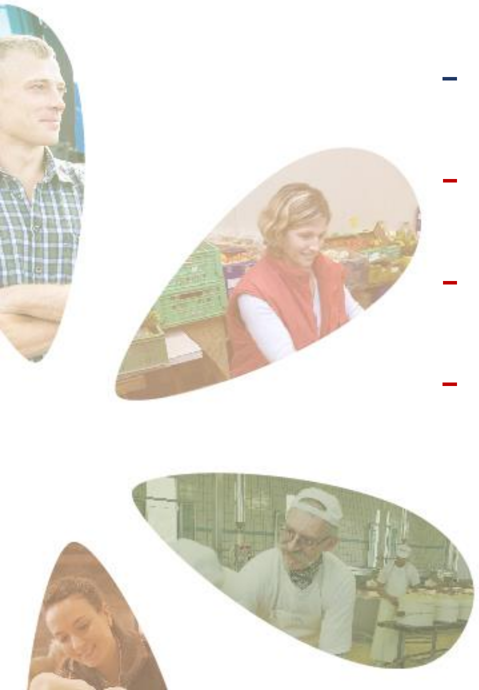
- Local integrated harvesting of new feedstock and by-products

- Integrated logistics

- Investments are not very high – good for small scale projects

- New markets

- Sustainable benefits for the customer, operator and for the entire region



Next steps

- **Study on the participation of the agricultural sector in the BBI JU**

https://www.bbi-europe.eu/news/new-study-out-participation-agricultural-sector-bbi-ju

How the results will be used for the future partnership?

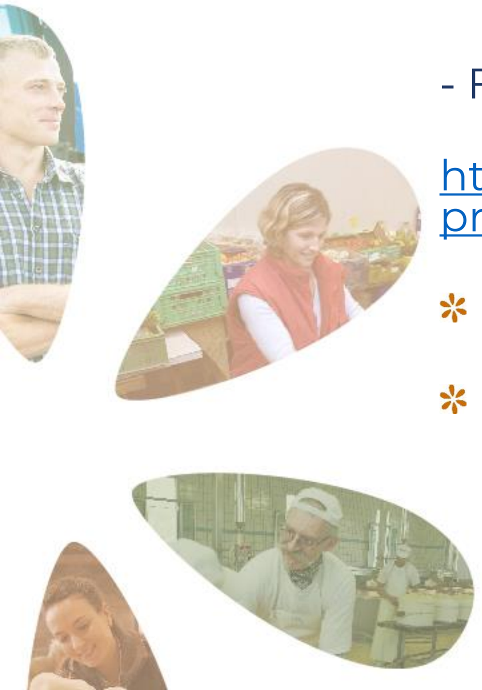
- **Continuation of the workshops of DG Agri on bioeconomy and the future CAP strategic plans**

- Focus on sectors – 29 March 2020 (cereals, oilseeds)

https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/workshop-role-cooperatives-and-cooperation-structures-primary-producers-mainstreaming-bioeconomy-2019-jun-24_en

- Priorities of the **future CAP networks**

- Continue to promote the important role of the Bioeconomy in EU including in the rural areas – **EUBA** - https://bioeconomyalliance.eu/



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