

Webinar  
28 April 2022. 9:00-12:00

**Mobilizing grants for bio-based innovations  
in the Central and Eastern European countries**

**Concept note**

The aim of the webinar is to give up-to-date information on newly opening research and innovation grants related to the biomass production and processing. With a special attention on the industry lead investments in research and innovation it aims to present the **European Commission's research framework programme Horizon Europe** priorities and instruments, including the newly formed **Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking** (CBE JU). One specific objective is to draw attention to the bottlenecks of the current system and to highlight the possibilities for the Central and Eastern European market actors participating in existing networks on a local and regional level including the **Bio-based Industries Consortium's** offered possibilities.

Second in a row, after the successful webinar organized on 15 November 2021 on financing instruments of European Circular Bioeconomy Fund (ECBF), European Investment Bank (EIB) and European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), this webinar aims to bring into attention the grants to steer private investments into bioeconomy related research and innovation.

The **BIOEAST Initiative** with the help of **BIOEASTsUP H2020 project** under the patronage of the **Hungarian Visegrad Group Presidency** organizes the webinar and panel discussion on funding opportunities. It targets the potential beneficiaries by engaging key stakeholders from different bioeconomy sectors of the BIOEAST macro-region as well as the policy makers, public (ministries, agencies, and offices), local and regional authorities.

During the past years modern biorefinery related pilot and demonstration projects were booming in Europe, especially in the countries where there are implemented national bioeconomy strategies. Since 2014 Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking invested more than 3,7 billion euro in key enabling technologies. The new partnership between European Commission and industry the CBE JU brings further this legacy, aiming to spend above 2 billion euro during the upcoming 7 years. The participation of BIOEAST countries' stakeholders is still low or moderate in the international consortiums. We aim to help the BIOEAST countries' stakeholders by presenting to them viable bioeconomy networking opportunities at local and regional level.

BIOEAST Initiative's two thematic working groups (TWG) are working on the preparations: TWG on Advanced Bio-based Chemicals and Materials and the TWG on Bioenergy and New Value Added Materials.

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### Draft Agenda Online event

**9:00 – 9:10** Welcome by Barna Kovacs, BIOEAST Secretary General, moderator

**9:10-10:10** Public and private finance for mobilizing innovative projects

1. European Commission: Horizon Europe Cluster 6 priorities for circular bioeconomy
2. Bio-Based Industries Consortium: Governing the industrial partners
3. Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking: Advancing competitive circular bio-based industries in Europe
4. Q&A

**10:10-10:40 Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda setting**

1. CBE JU Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
2. BIOEAST strategic priorities for advanced bio-based materials
3. Q&A

**Break**

**10:55-11:25 Role of networks in mobilizing successful project proposals (2 examples)**

1. BIC Regional Platform: role of regional level mobilization
2. Life beyond a consortium: sustainable (financial) planning in the context of grants

**11:25-11:55 Panel discussion** with speakers from the sessions

**Closing**

