

JOINT POSITION OF 11 MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE on the BIOEAST Foresight Report's Recommendations

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FORESIGHT EXERCISE AIM

The BIOEAST Foresight report shall look into the **future perspectives of the macro regional bioeconomies** (2030 - 2050) and at the same time setting it in the wider EU and global context, investigating the special characteristics of the macro-regional bioeconomy deployment, special needs and potential.

It will reflect on priority research areas and specific policy related urgencies.





CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Systems thinking
- 2. Stakeholder engagement
- 3. Low or moderate innovation performance





NEEDS FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Policy support
- 2. Foresight
- 3. Knowledge and evidence driven strategic inputs





FORESIGHT AREAS PROPOSED IN THE TOR

- 1. Sustainable natural resources, particularly soils and water
- 2. Sharing economy in the context of sustainable food system
- 3. Renewable carbon use and decarbonisation pathways
- 4. Governance in the context of circular and sustainable pathways





CONCLUSIONS BASED ON FORESIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS

The public officials' position was endorsed by 11 BIOEAST national contact point ministries.





ON THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND POLICY-MAKERS

Urge with other governmental departments to invest special attention towards creating long-standing regular structure for national interministerial coordination





ON THE ROLE OF NETWORK GOVERNANCE

Call for stakeholders engagement as an indispensable addition to conventional public governance.





ON THE ROLE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Highlight to pay special attention on the communication of scientific advice and

better integration of bioeconomy into national RDI programmes or creating specific programme





ON THE ROLE OF BUSINESSES

Call for bioeconomy development programs to invest in mobilizing and interlinking traditional sectors towards new business models



ON THE ROLE OF EDUCATION

Stress that based on the experts' assumption the BIOEAST macroregion insufficient human resources specialized in bioeconomy for higher education and academia is one of the main bottlenecks to accomplish the long-term climate goals.

Recognise the need for structural reforms in education towards new transdisciplinary educational programs on sustainable bioeconomy.





ON THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES AND AGRO-FORESTRY CHAMBERS

Call the BIOEAST countries` agro-forestry chambers and other agencies representing primary producers to better engage in the promotion of the new bioeconomy concept among their members.





ON THE ROLE OF CITIZENS

Neither scientific nor policy solutions will advance without societal acceptance. **Invite** governmental bodies on national, regional and local level to engage the citizens in community projects, to involve them in dialogue for policymaking and to develop new ways of collaboration in local actions.





The Member States' representatives of the BIOEAST Initiative for knowledge based agriculture, forestry and aquaculture in the bioeconomy emphasize that climate-neutral future depends on sustainable bioeconomies.

Establishing sustainable and circular bioeconomies in Central and Eastern Europe is decisive for achieving circularity and climate-neutrality by 2050.





PRIORITIES TO POLICY DEVELOPMENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

