



Ministerstwo Rolnictwa i Rozwoju Wsi

Tezy dla Pana Adama Nowaka – Podsekretarza Stanu w Ministerstwie Rolnictwa i Rozwoju Wsi na

konferencję prezydencji węgierskiej pn.:

PARTNERING FOR THE FUTURE 'BIOEAST and Beyond' high-level conference on Central and Eastern European research and innovation priorities in the context of sustainable soil and water resilience, food systems security and bioeconomy related policies.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Honorable speakers and distinguished guests,

I am delighted to be a guest at today's high-level conference of the Hungarian Presidency, which aims to discuss the EU research and innovation priorities by having a focus on the Central and Eastern European region.

Today's conference is vital to us. This event is the next step in a series of activities aimed at guiding future strategic research and innovation agendas for the macro-region.

The ongoing transformation of food systems creates a number of challenges that require an appropriate and effective response at the global, national and local levels.

Research and innovation play an important role in food systems transformation. There is an urgent need for development and implementation of new technologies and innovative solutions or strengthening existing resources in order to improve the efficiency and sustainability of food systems.

Such approach requires joint efforts of practice, science and public administration, but above all the identification of challenges and needs in the field of research and innovation.

Through ongoing efforts to advance the BIOEAST initiative, it is possible to build a resilient, sustainable and innovative future for the bioeconomy.

The BIOEAST initiative has great potential and has a significant impact on the development of our macro-region.

The joint declaration signed this year by the 10 Ministers of Agriculture and 10 Ministers of Research of the Member States of the BIOEAST Initiative on the creation of a European partnership for the BIOEAST Initiative sets out the objectives and directions of cooperation within this initiative.

Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to fostering cooperation and establishing a joint partnership based on research and innovation that addresses key challenges in the field of knowledge-based agriculture, aquaculture and forestry in the bioeconomy.

Today's conference is a further step forward in strong and ambitious cooperation in research and innovation, opening up a space for dialogue, sharing experiences, identifying challenges and building concrete solutions.

In the upcoming Polish presidency of the EU Council, which we will take over on 1 January 2025, we will emphasize the role of research, innovation and digitization in increasing the competitiveness of all areas of European agriculture and ensuring food security.

A high-level conference will be organized at June 2025 , Warsaw.

The event will be organized in cooperation with the European Commission, the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) and the BIOEAST initiative.

The conference under the Polish Presidency will serve as a key scientific and policy platform to define and address the most pressing challenges in sustainable food systems, the digital and green transformation of the agri-food sector, and the development of the bioeconomy in the BIOEAST region and Central and Eastern Europe and the EU. In this context, the conclusions of the today's Hungarian conference will be discussed, which will contribute to set up further actions in this regard.

I wish you fruitful deliberations, inspiring discussions and new ideas that will contribute to the success of the BIOEAST initiative – not only today, but also in the future. Once again, I thank the hosts for their hospitality and commitment, and all the participants for coming and contributing to this important initiative.

Thank you.