



International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

ROMA, WEGIL (Largo Ascianghi 5)
OCTOBER 1-2, 2026

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

■ 8:45 - 9:15 | REGISTRATION

■ 9:15 - 9:45 | OPENING
Mario Bonaccorso, Cluster Spring

■ WELCOME MESSAGE

■ 9:45 - 11.00 | KEY NOTES
Nicolò Giacomuzzi-Moore, CBE JU

Philippe Mengal, BIC

Agata Kotkowska, EU Commission DG Envi (tbc)

■ 11:00 - 11:30 | B2B AND POSTER SESSION

■ BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES
Moderator: Giovanni Sannia, CTS SPRING

11:30
Marco Pellegrini, CEFIC

11:45
Nicolas Sordet, Afyren

12:00
Giulia Gregori, Novamont

12:15
Michael Sauer, OMV

12:30
Emanuele Memmola, Eni Group

12:45
Marco Mattiello, Contarina

13:00
Bruno Ferreira, Biotrend



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

■ 13:15 - 14:15 | NETWORKING LUNCH - POSTER SESSION

■ 14:15

Bioeconomy in Lazio

■ 14:30

Andreas Pyka, University of Hohenheim

■ 14:45 | ROUND TABLE

Moderator: Piergiuseppe Morone, Unitelma Sapienza

Building the EU Bioeconomy University: opportunities and challenges

Antti Haapala, University of Eastern Finland

Caroline Rémond-Zilliox, University of Reims

Davide Viaggi, Alma Mater

Nina Drejerska, Warsaw University

Andreas Pyka, University of Hohenheim

■ 16:00 - 16:15

Anna Franciosini, PNO Innovation Italy

■ 16:30 - 16:45

Pierre Mathieu Pelissier, EU Commission

■ 16:45 - 17:15 | B2B AND POSTER SESSION

■ 17:15 - 18:30 | ROUND TABLE

Moderator: Mario Bonaccorso, SPRING

The role of clusters in the bioeconomy

Inge Arents, Flanders' Food

Christophe Luguel, B4C

Marie-Claude Beland, RISE

Hugo Chavarria, IICA

Meaghan Seagrave, BIC Canada

Pierre-Mathieu Pelissier, EU Commission

■ 18:30 | CLOSING REMARKS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

■ 8:30 | REGISTRATION

■ 8:45 | WELCOME MESSAGE

■ 9:00 | AGROFOOD & SCALE-UP

Moderator: Fabio Fava,

9:00

Leticia Labriola, Fibers365

9:15

Nicole Doelker, CSIC

9:30

Olga de Blas, Food+i

9:45

Mika Härkönen, VTT

10:00

Stefan Deneyer, BBEPP

Start-up pitches

■ 11:00 - 11:30 | B2B AND POSTER SESSION

■ 11:30 | INVESTMENTS

Moderator: Maurizio Bettiga, Italbiotec

Michael Brandkamp, ECBF VC

From labs to the markets: the perspective of investors

Josko Bobanovic, Sofinnova Partners

Michael Brandkamp, ECBF VC

Isabelle Decitre, ID Capital

Niklas von Weymarn, Metsa Spring

Peter van Gelderen, ICOS Capital

■ 13:00 - 13:15 | CLOSING and Best Poster Award

■ 13:15 - 14:30 | NETWORKING LUNCH - B2B AND POSTER SESSION

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