



International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy

PROGRAM

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

■ 8:30 - 9:10 | REGISTRATION

■ 9:10 - 9:45 | OPENING

Mario Bonaccorso, Cluster Spring

■ WELCOME MESSAGE

Francesco Marcolini, Lazio Innova
Marco D'Acunto, Invitalia

■ 9:45 - 11.00 | KEY NOTES

Scaling up the European circular bioeconomy
Nicolò Giacomuzzi-Moore, CBE JU

European Bioeconomy strategy in action
Philippe Mengal, Biobased Industries Consortium (BIC)

Geopolitics leading to stronger bioeconomy partnerships between Canada and the EU
Meaghan Seagrave, BioIndustrial Innovation Canada

The EU Bioeconomy from strategy to implementation: what we need to deliver
Agata Kotkowska, EU Commission DG Envi

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

■ BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES

Moderator: Giovanni Sannia, CTS Spring
11:30

The Italian Case: Innovation, Policy Progress and the Growth of the Circular Bioeconomy
Alberto Fragapane, Novamont

11:45
Biotech innovation from lab to scale: One journey, different games
Nicolas Sordet, Afyren

12:00
Towards Circular and Sustainable Fibers, Lignin and Biopolymers from annual Plants
Leticia Labriola, Fibers365

12:15
The Next Industrial Revolution is Biological - Lessons from a microbiologist in energy and chemicals
Michael Sauer, OMV

12:30
From Urban Waste to High-Value Bio-Based Materials: The SOWISE+ Flagship Biorefinery
Marco Mattiello, Contarina

12:45
Sustainable reindustrialization: Getting real with circular bioeconomy
Bruno Ferreira, Biotrend



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

■ 13:00 - 14:15 | NETWORKING LUNCH - POSTER SESSION

■ 14:15

The industrial value ladder: where should we use electrons, molecules and biology

Rafael Cayuela, World Energy Council

■ 14:30

The role of Education and Training in the Bioeconomy

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

Unlocking the replication of innovative business models in bioeconomy across regions

Anna Franciosini, PNO Innovation Italy

■ 16:15 - 16:30

Empowering local actors in Europe's emerging bioeconomies

Peter Canciani, Central Europe Initiative

■ 16:30 - 16:45

The 2026 EU Bioeconomy playbook for scaling industrial biomanufacturing

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

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: Pierluigi Argoneto, 15Steps

9:00

A modular platform for bio-based coatings: tailoring design to process and application needs

Nicole Doelker, CSIC Spanish National Research Council and BIORING project

9:15

From biomass to bio-based value chains: BIOECONOMY GIANTS for Europe's circular bioeconomy

Carlos Pérez Montero, Food+i

9:30

Accelerating scale-up of process technologies with open access pilot facilities

Mika Härkönen, VTT

09:45

Boosting the access for companies to pilot and demo infrastructures

Stefan Denayer, Pilots4U

Start-up pitches (5 min + Q&A)

I-Foria - CoffeeFrom - SiPHÀ - Myconic - Cellex - Vert Project - Laser Romae - EVE Biofactory

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

■ 11:30 | INVESTMENTS

Moderator: Maurizio Bettiga, Italbiotec

Establishing an enabling environment for building the bioeconomy

Michael Brandkamp, ECBF VC

From labs to the markets: the perspective of investors

Joško Bobanović, Sofinnova Partners

Michael Brandkamp, ECBF VC

Isabelle Decitre, ID Capital

Niklas von Weymarn, Metsä 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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