

# HELP DRIVE THE EUROPEAN BIOECONOMY FORWARD

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## Join the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)

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The Bio-based Industries Consortium is a non-profit organisation based in Brussels. **It represents the private sector in a public-private partnership (PPP) with the EU on Bio-based Industries (BBI).** Worth €3.7 billion, the partnership mobilises investment in innovative facilities and processes that manufacture high-quality bio-based products as well as in biorefining research and demonstration projects.

BIC brings together a unique cross-section of experts with **over 200 members** including technology providers and representatives from the agriculture, agro-food, forestry, pulp and paper, chemicals, energy and other manufacturing sectors.

A founding member of the European Bioeconomy Alliance (EUBA), BIC supports the development of a long-term EU policy framework to boost the bioeconomy and the circular economy.

## Membership benefits

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- ✓ Define the content of the annual Work Plan
- ✓ Receive tailored information and support
- ✓ Obtain advice and guidance on EU loans/grants
- ✓ Network with Consortia partners and potential project partners
- ✓ Special discounts

# Opportunities for BIC members

There are many ways in which members can get involved in BIC's work and benefit from membership.

## 1 Defining the BBI annual Work Plan

BIC members put forward ideas for research topics, demonstration projects and flagship projects for the annual BBI Work Plans. They also decide how to address non-technical issues affecting the bio-based industries. This input has a direct influence on the development of the EU bioeconomy.

## 2 Taking part in winning EU grant proposals

From their involvement in developing the BBI annual Work Plan, BIC members receive early insights on which to base project proposals, even before the official publication of the BBI Call for Proposals. This early information gives BIC members an advantage in writing successful project proposals and winning EU grants.

## 3 Access to European financial instruments

BIC members are better informed about access to funding, loans and grants from EU institutions like the European Investment Bank (EIB). Online reference tools are also available to support members applying for funds.

## 4 Connecting with potential project partners

BIC private Partnering Events provide a platform for members to network with other key players in the bio-based sector. The online Partnering Platform is another support for members to find potential project partners.

## 5 Receiving discounts for major events

BIC members receive discounted entrance to bioeconomy events such as the European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology and the Bioeconomy (EFIB) or the BIO World Congress for Industrial Biotechnology.

## 6 Staying up to date

A regular newsletter keeps members informed on the latest policy developments affecting the bioeconomy, the BBI, relevant events and more.

## Join BIC today

For further information or to become a member of BIC, please visit our website [www.biconsortium.eu](http://www.biconsortium.eu) or email [info@biconsortium.eu](mailto:info@biconsortium.eu).