



International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy

PROGRAM

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

■ 8:30 - 9:15 | REGISTRATION

■ 9:15 - 9:45 | OPENING

Mario Bonaccorso, Cluster Spring

■ WELCOME MESSAGE

Roberta Angelilli, Regione Lazio tbc

Francesco Marcolini, Lazio Innova

Marco D'Acunto, Invitalia tbc

■ 9:45 - 11.00 | KEY NOTES

Scaling up the European circular bioeconomy

Nicolò Giacomuzzi-Moore, CBE JU

European Bioeconomy strategy in action

Philippe Mengal, BIC

Meaghan Seagrave, BioIndustrial Innovation Canada

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

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

The principles of the circular economy underpin Eni's energy transition

Emanuele Memmola, Eni Group

12:45

From Urban Waste to High-Value Bio-Based Materials: The SOWISE+ Flagship Biorefinery

Marco Mattiello, Contarina

13:00

Sustainable reindustrialization: Getting real with circular bioeconomy

Bruno Ferreira, Biotrend

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

■ 14:15

Bioeconomy in Lazio

■ 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

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



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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

■ 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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