



# EU Bioeconomy Strategy

Bioeconomy in the New European Innovation Agenda

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# EU's understanding of the Bioeconomy

All sectors and associated services and investments that produce, use, process, distribute or consume biological resources (animals, plants, micro-organisms, including organic waste), including ecosystem services.

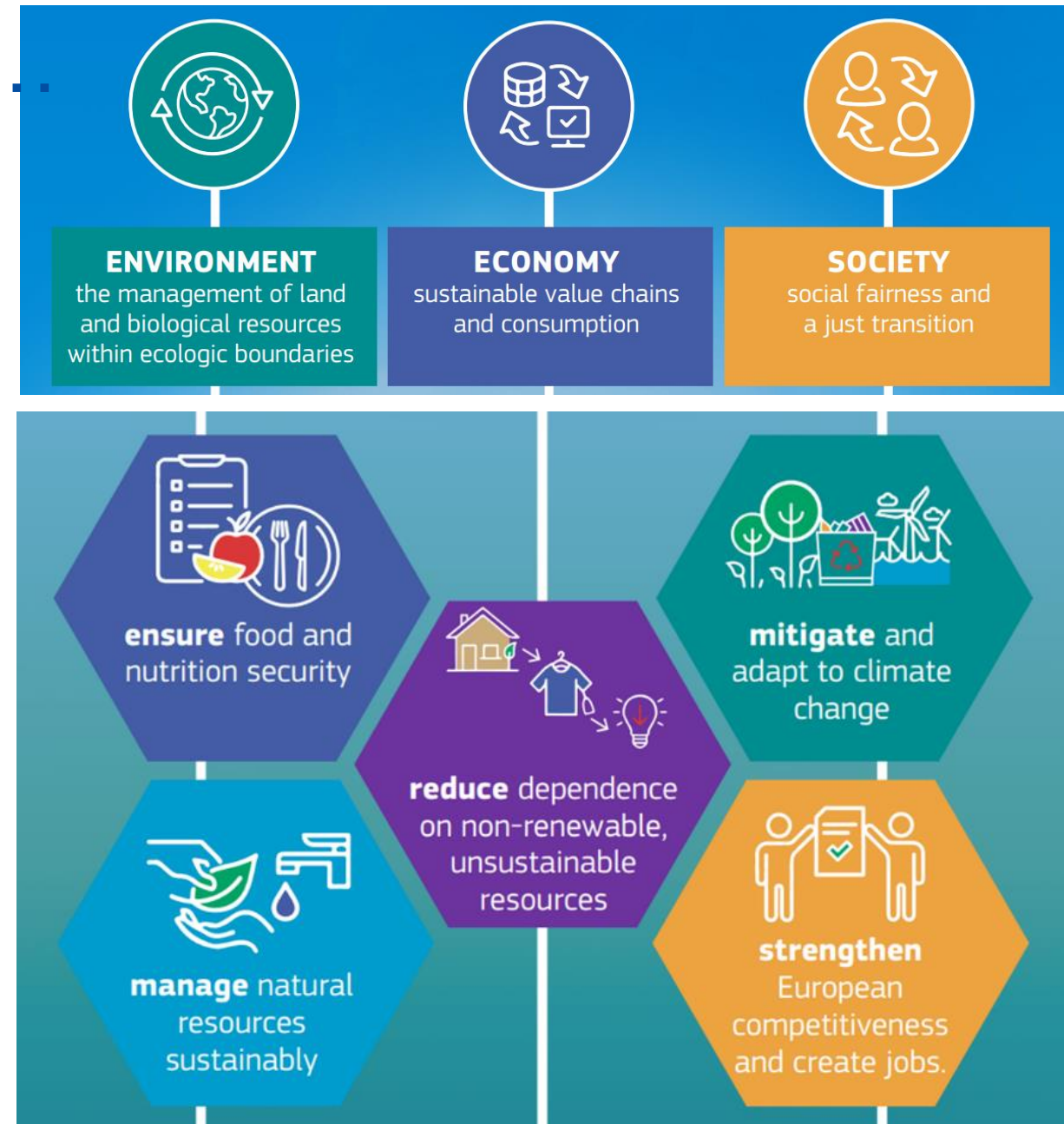
- Primary production, based on nature-based solutions within ecological limits
- 'Waste-less' processing & distribution of food, fibre, biomaterials/chemicals, energy
- Services on land and sea





# EU Bioeconomy strategy...

- ...addresses all three dimensions of sustainability
- ... addresses five different objectives
- **Cross-sectoral** policy framework
- Holistic perspective, identify win-win-win solutions
- Strategic view on trade-offs (e.g. scarce biomass), co-benefits (e.g. for biodiversity)



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Launch pilot actions for the development of bioeconomies in rural, coastal and urban areas



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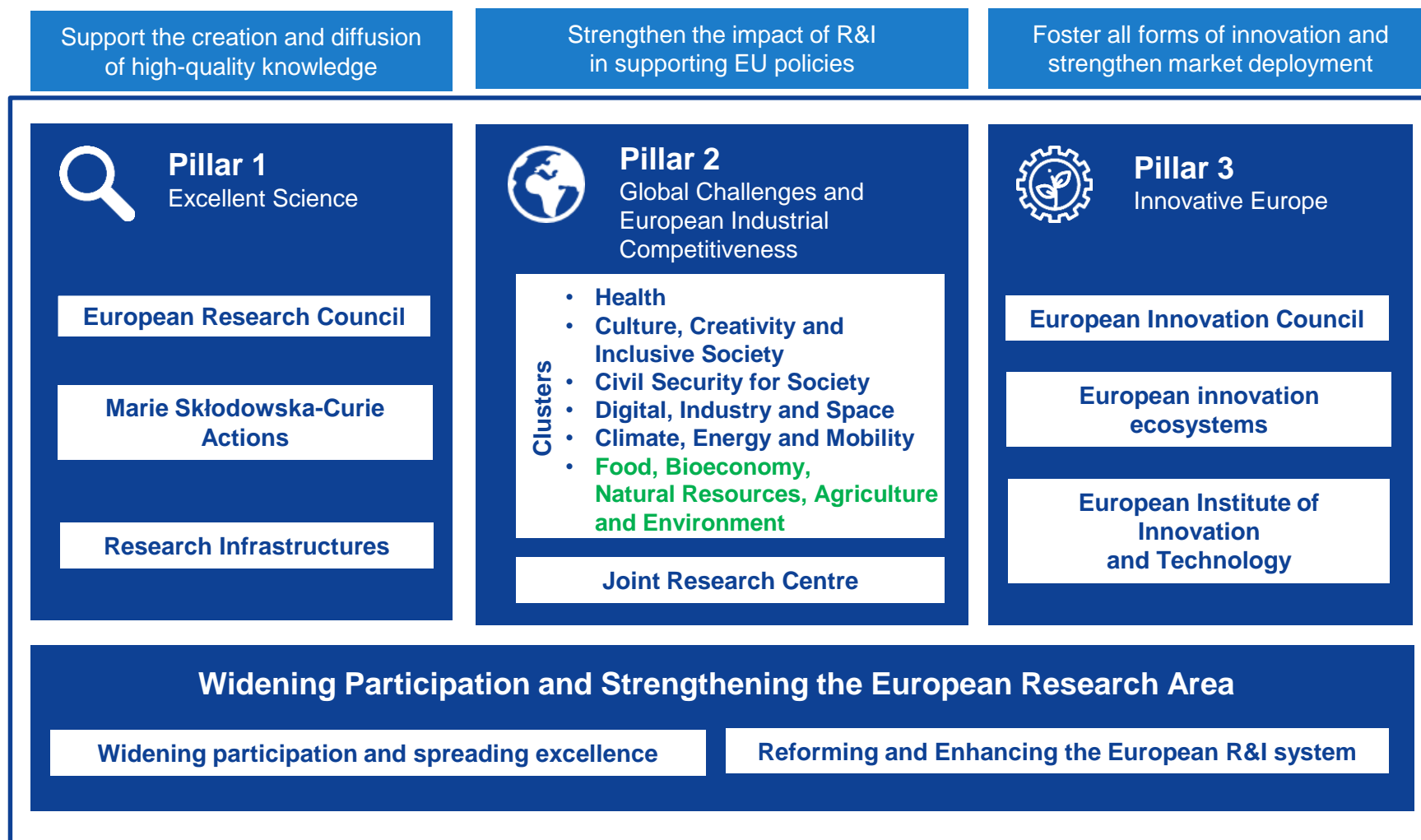
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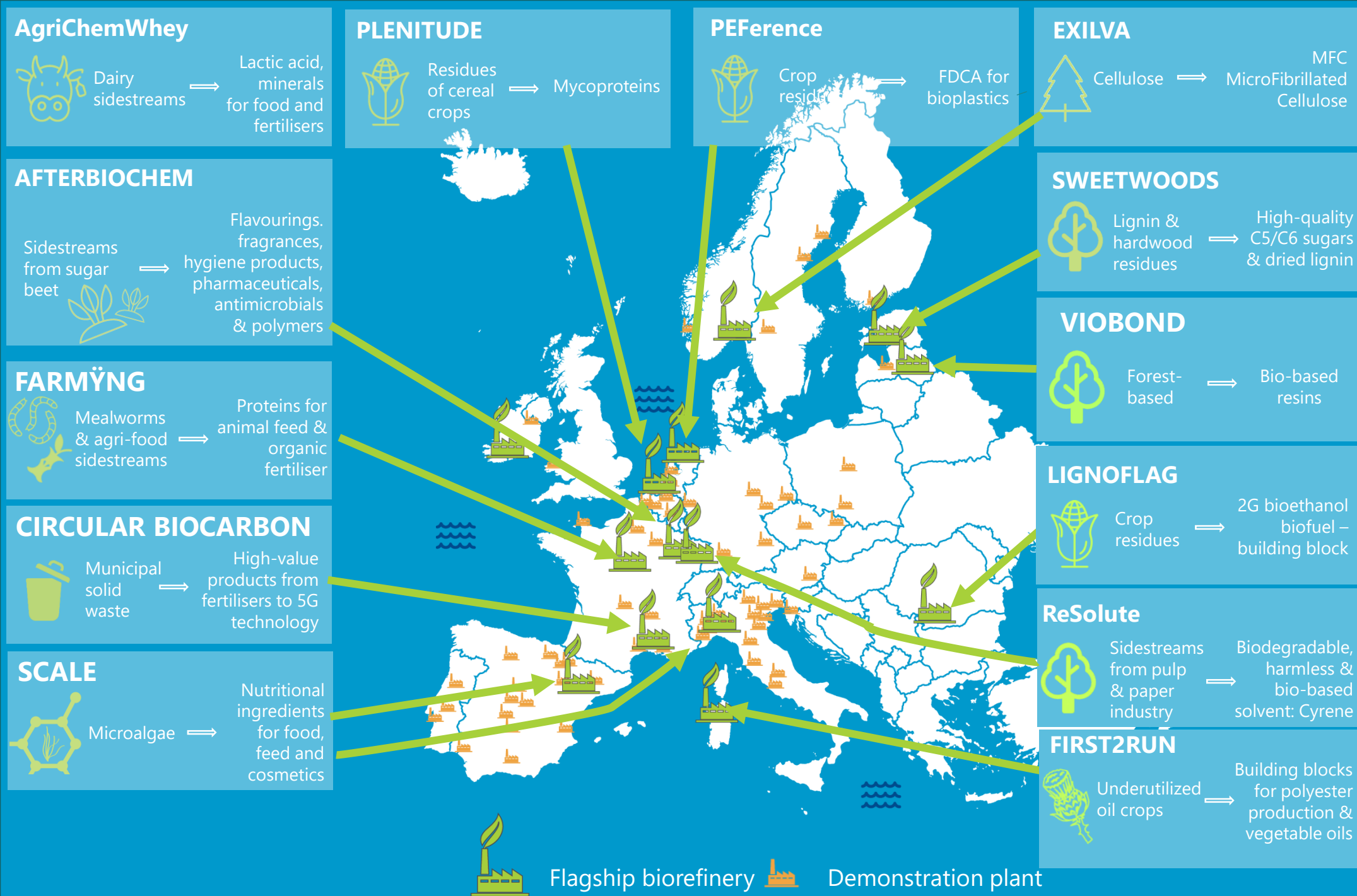
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# Horizon Europe: Structure



**EUR 8,952 billion** under Horizon Europe  
for Cluster 6 “Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment”



**2014-2020**

**Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking:**  
 - € 1 billion funding  
 - € 2..8 billion private contribution



**2021-2031**

**CBE Joint Undertaking:**  
 €2 billion partnership – **European Union**  
 - **Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)**



- **Provide a forum for dialogue and knowledge exchange** among MS to support the strategic joint advancement of the bioeconomy in Europe
  - Support networking and interaction at MS level
  - Enhance cooperation and best practice exchange
  - Shape a concrete agenda of joint actions
  - Increase the visibility and potential of the bioeconomy at EU and MS level
  - Enable policy feedback and analysis in MS and the EU

### High-level group

to address topics at a strategic/political level

### Expert-level group

to address topics at an operational level

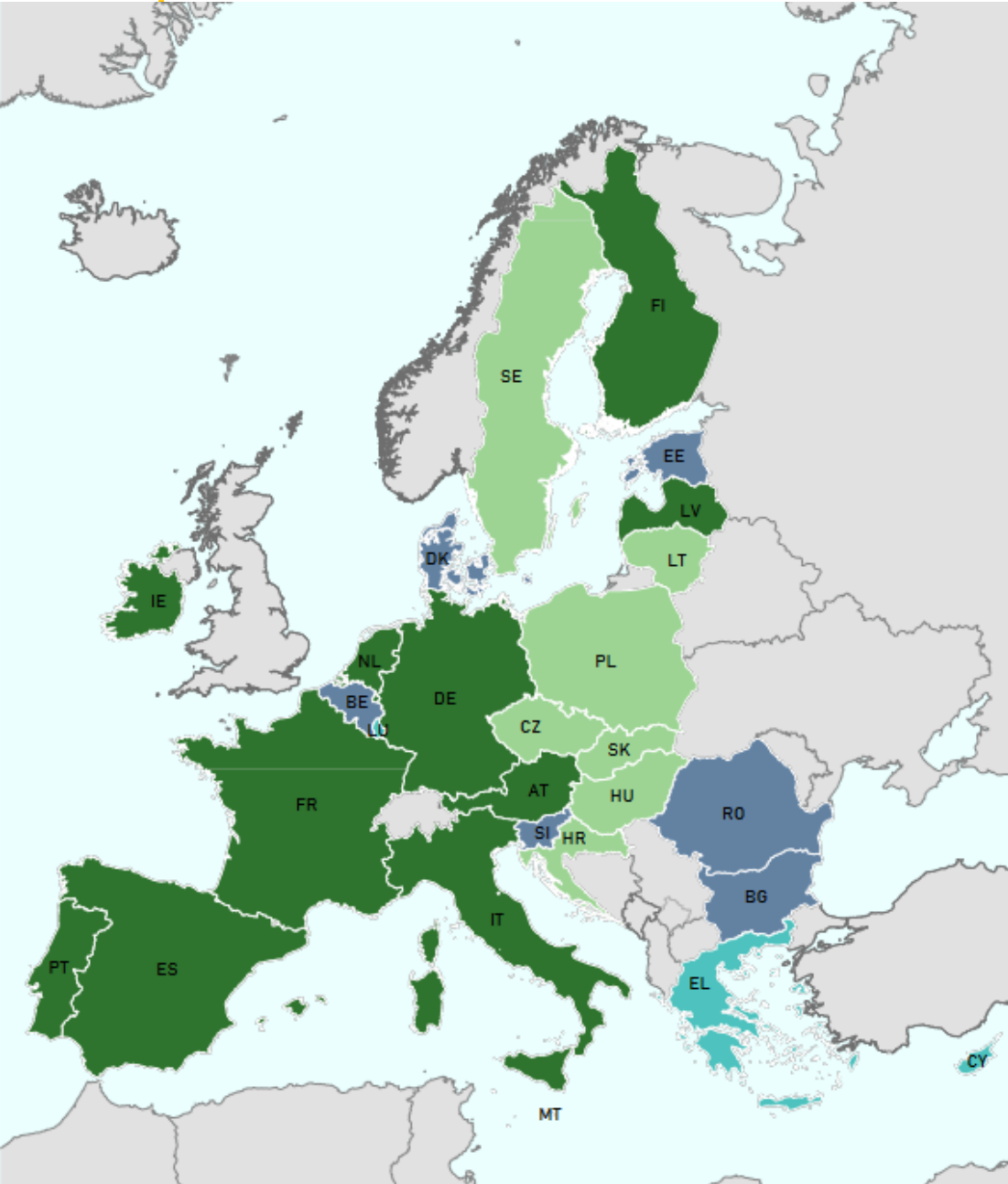
Recent **Expert-level meeting 23/11/2023** discussing Bioeconomy Monitoring and the proposal for creating dedicated NACE codes for biobased products



# Status of the national bioeconomy policies in the EU-27

(as of Dec 2022)

- **11 Member** states with **dedicated bioeconomy strategies** at national level (AT, DE, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, LV, NL, PT)
- **6 MS** in the process of **developing their respective dedicated national strategies** (CZ, HR, HU, LT, PL, SE, SK)
- **6 MS** are involved in other **macro-regional** (BG, DK, EE, RO, SI) or **sub-national** (BE) policy initiatives dedicated to the bioeconomy



## Status of national bioeconomy strategies:

- Dedicated bioeconomy strategy at national level
- Dedicated bioeconomy strategy at national level under development
- Other policy initiatives dedicated to the bioeconomy
- Other related strategies at national level

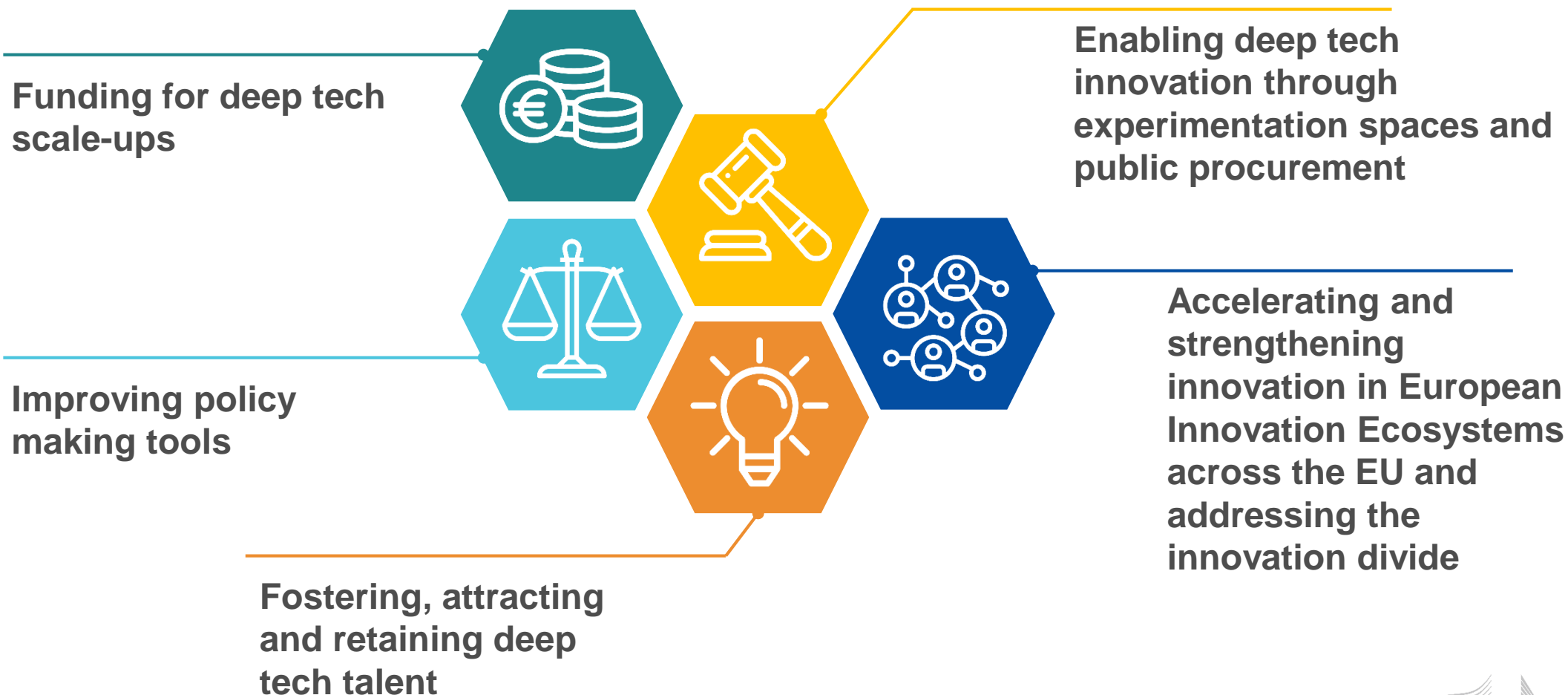
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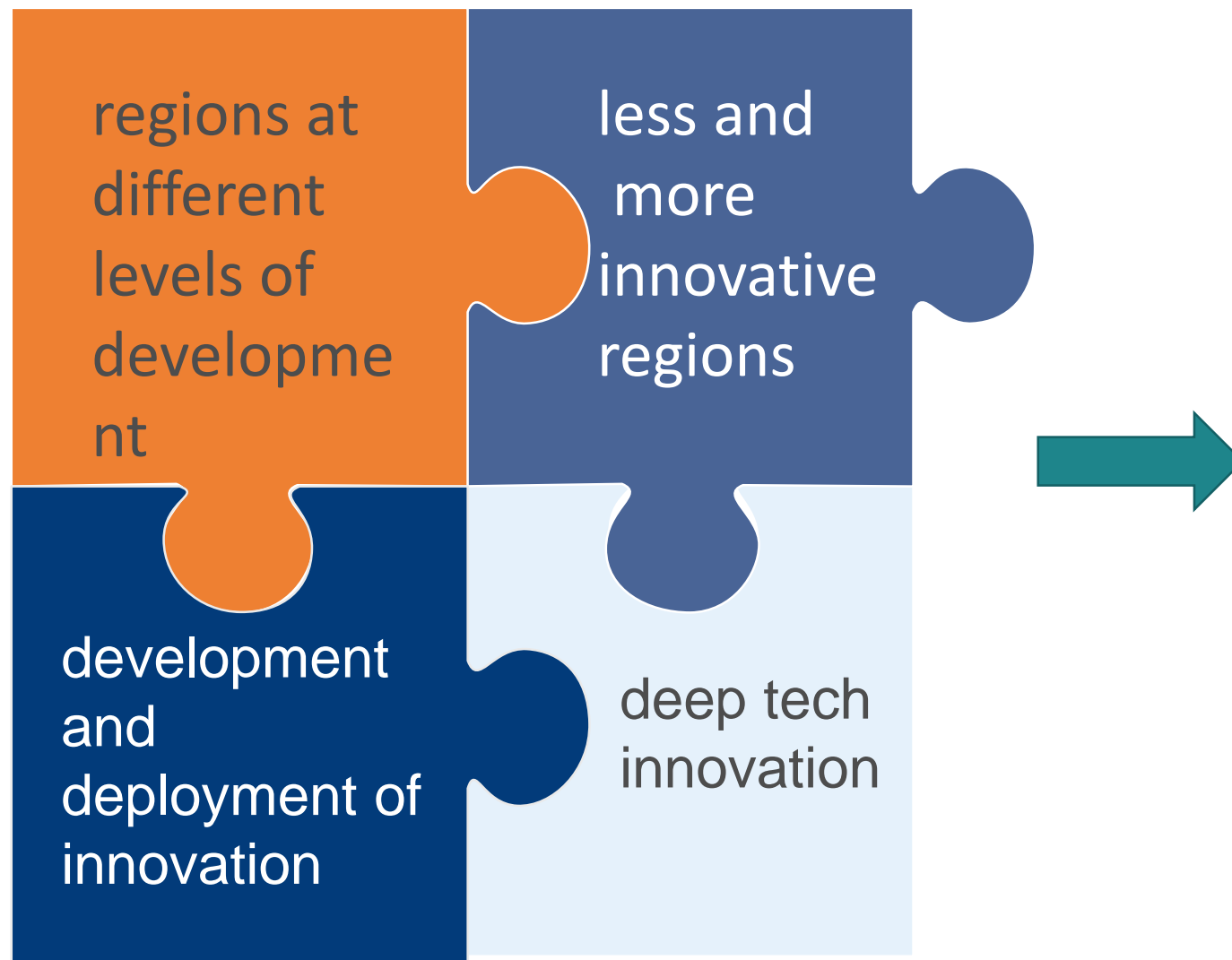
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# New European Innovation Agenda: five flagships



# Regional Innovation Valleys



up to **100** regions across the EU as Regional Innovation Valleys



The first calls for proposals **17 May - 17 October 2023: EUR 60 million** European Innovation Ecosystems (Horizon Europe) and **EUR 62 million** Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) instrument – Cohesion Funds



# Concept Note on Regional Innovation Valleys for Bioeconomy and Food Systems (RIV4BFS)

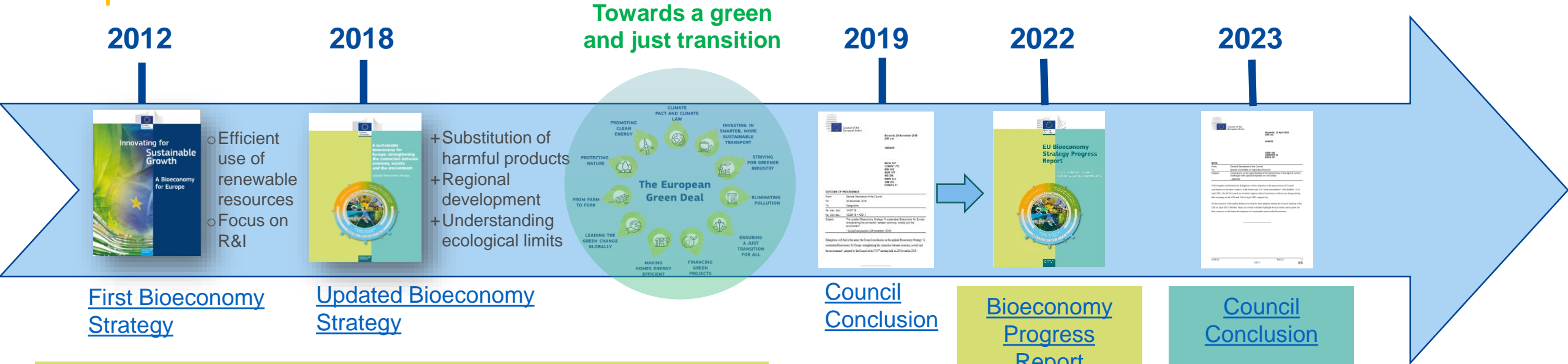


Supporting “New European Innovation Agenda” & creating up to 100 Regional Innovation Valleys

- Increase inter-connectedness among European regional innovation ecosystems
- Scale- + speed up sustainable solutions supporting sustainable bioeconomies
- Value webs / 3 sustainability dimensions
- Regional sustainable biological resources, nature-based solutions

# Outlook

# EU Bioeconomy Strategy



## Findings of the EU Bioeconomy Progress Report

- Bioeconomy **contributes to the European Green** which enables sustainable and just transition pathways
- Mainstreaming and up-scaling** of sustainable bioeconomy ever more important in view of the current food and energy price crisis
- Possible additional focus identified**
  - Biosphere stewardship strategy:** Focus on resolving multiple pressures on land and sea
  - Consumption-based framework:** Focus on the overall consumption of biological resources

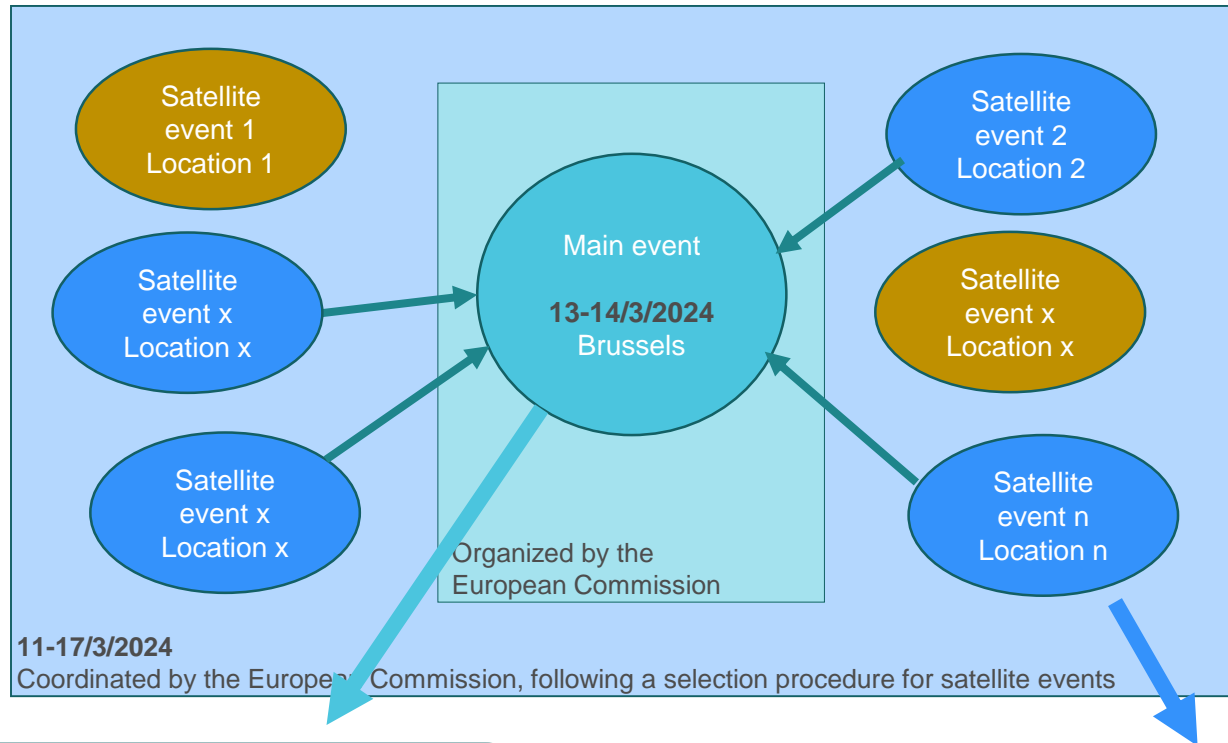
## Council Conclusions “On the opportunities of the bioeconomy in the light of current challenges with special emphasis on rural areas” (AgriFish Council 25/4/2023)

- Importance for **sustainable solutions** in rural areas
- Importance of **innovative tools and technologies**
- Need to deploy a sustainable and circular bioeconomy in a **holistic and coordinated way**
- EC to present before the next strategic period [...] an **updated EU Bioeconomy Strategy and Action Plan**



# Bioeconomy Changemakers' Festival 2024

## *Youth as drivers of the transformative change*



- Policy keynotes & discussions
- Changemakers stories
- Youth Action Assembly
- Networking session

### IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES

- Youth assembly
- Policy discussions
- Career opportunities
- Bioeconomy art/entertainment
- Educational activities

## 1. Bioeconomy Changemakers' Festival

- Enabling/supporting transformational change
- Showcasing opportunities & success stories

## 2. Reaching out beyond Brussels

- Satellite events link to local changemakers' activities
- Funded/organised own responsibility
- Call for interest & selection procedure
- Interactive link to event in Brussels & contribution to Youth Action Assembly

## 3. Engaging youth in policy and action

- Youth Assembly in cooperation with and satellites
- Youth Manifesto



# Thank you

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[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/research-area/environment/bioeconomy/bioeconomy-strategy\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/research-area/environment/bioeconomy/bioeconomy-strategy_en)

## EU Bioeconomy Young Ambassadors

[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/meet-our-bioeconomy-youth-ambassadors-2022-08-04\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/meet-our-bioeconomy-youth-ambassadors-2022-08-04_en)

## EU Bioeconomy Progress Report 2022

[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/adoption-bioeconomy-strategy-progress-report-2022-06-09\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/adoption-bioeconomy-strategy-progress-report-2022-06-09_en)

## EU Bioeconomy Conference 6-7/10/2022

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