

# Funding opportunities for bio-based industries in Europe

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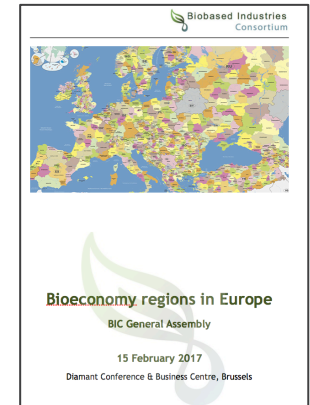


- 190 enterprises (direct and indirect) – May '17
  - 38 Large enterprises
  - 152 SMEs (of which 120 represented through 16 SME Clusters)
- Several industrial sectors covered
  - Agriculture & Agri-food
  - Forestry and Pulp & Paper
  - Aquatic and Marine
  - Bio-waste and CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Technology providers
  - Chemicals and materials
  - Bio-energy
  - Brand owners
- 165 Associate members
  - Universities, RTOs, European associations & organisations, Technology Platforms (ETPs), public institutions, regional organisations, private banks, ...
- Mission
  - Build new bio-based value chains (develop new technologies, products and applications; optimize feedstock use)
  - Create a favourable business and policy climate to accelerate market acceptance
- Activities
  - **Represent the private sector in the BBI JU**
  - Set up and update the BBI's Strategic Innovation and Research Agenda (SIRA)
  - Write the Annual Work Plans
  - Mobilise stakeholders: industry, research organisations, universities, regions and relevant stakeholders across Europe
  - Assist members gaining better access to European financial instruments

A key activity: Create awareness and mobilise bio-based activities and investments through partnerships and cooperation

At regional level: MoU / Lol / Partnership with:

- ERRIN (European Regions Research and Innovation Network)
- Vanguard Initiative (New growth through smart specialisation)
  - Pilot project on bioeconomy with several cases on crucial innovations
- 8 Polish bioregions for bio-based activities
- 6 Model Demonstrator Regions for sustainable chemical production
- **Brochure with bioeconomy regions in Europe** (regular updated on <http://biconsortium.eu>)



To lead to investments in bio-based activities and creating jobs, income and welfare in local regions

- Possibly through combining funding opportunities

# Improve access to finance

Funding 'scene' is **fragmented**, with **different procedures** across institutions, regions, organisations; application is lengthy and complex

- **Combining EU funds to maximise impact**

- **Guidelines on BBI-ESIF synergies** developed by BIC (2014)
  - WHAT can be co-funded in a given project
  - HOW to approach these synergies

- **Identifying bottlenecks and hurdles for investment in EU**

- Study on Access-to-Finance (2017)

- **EU financial instruments for large bio-based industries investments (2017)**

- European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)
- The Investment Plan for Europe (Juncker Plan)
  - **Incl. European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)**
  - **European Investment Project Portal (EIPP)**
- InnovFin – EU finance for innovators
  - **European Investment Bank + European Investment Fund**
  - **Several financial instruments**

