

## History and perspectives

- 2002 : Research centre on bioplastics: Materia Nova Natiss
- 2011 : Walloon innovation cluster
  - Green chemistry
  - Sustainable construction
  - Waste valorization



2013 : Bioeconomy think tank:
 Greenwin, ValBiom, essenscia wallonie & Awex



- 2015 : Wallonia elected as one of the "6 Model regions"
- Today's ambition: becoming the most innovative Europea bioeconomy!



## State of play - Coq Vert initiative: a regional network of institutions to foster the Walloon biobased economy

## Develop a biobased economy in Wallonia Create added value and jobs

**TOWARDS** 

**Current focus: develop a Walloon strategy** 

A BIOBASED ECONOMY IN WALLONIA

Stimulate and support R&D and training projects





- Identify required R&D project fields
- · Identify and support potential partners
- Stimulate and support R&D and training projects

Support the development of non-food value chains from biomass



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du **BOIS** 

- Provide information on biomass resources
- Facilitate connection within the biomass value chain

Stimulate and support investment projects









- Develop business
- Approach potential investors

plan

 Support potential investment projects

**Develop** public policies



- Integrate the biobased economy in the economic strategies of
- Identify and implement required policies in the Walloon regulations

Wallonia

Communicate

RESP.: ALL

■ Wallonia : an ambition region in the race towards a biobased economy

# Wallonia's Bioeconomy Global Strategy

#### Research

### Ressources Supply chain

## Investments Markets developments

#### **Networks**

- Shared Strategic Research
  - Agenda Dedicated research

programs

- High yield soils
- Sugar expertise
- Structuration
- Inventory
- Training

- Attractive package
- Quick wins

6 Model's advices: We are on action!!!

- Priorities: which products? •
- Visibility
- Entrepreneur's
- Market watch

- Visibility
- Roadmap Clarity: what do we offer, what do we want
- Unique contact point

# Wallonia best practices

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- Strong agro & chemical R&D •
- Greenwin
- Feder projects
- NCP wallonia

Valbiom
Cefochim –
training centre
in green chem

- Dedicated expert for investment
- Many public seed capital
- Strong support
- Innovation Circle
- Strong chemical, pharma and agroindustry
- Foire de Libramont (Agrishow)

- 6 Model Regions
- S3Chem
- ECRN
- WBI
- Greenwin's conferences
- EFIB (WI + FI)

## 6 model's advices - Action taken

## **Bioeconomy Investment Action Commitee**

 The major investor (public / private) of the Region has been sensitized to the potential of bioeconomy

#### **Bioeconomy Forum**

 Wallonia's stand in EFIB + Networking event in common with Flanders

#### **Top 20 Foreign Direct Investment**

 Smart specialization of the region => promotion through the whole network of Wallonia all over the world

## **H2020 Participation Increase**

Greenwin and NCP's support for european projects

## **Agri-innovation Show**

Bioeconomy will probably be represented in « Foire de Libramont.»

## Bioeconomy

Incubator with specialist in Bioeconomy



## Potential investment in Wallonia

Wallonia has everything to be the perfect place to invest in Bioeconomy

- Feedstock
- Industrial surface avaliable
- Location & Logistics
- Access to finance
- Skilled workforce
- Industrial environment : chemical, agroindustry, bio-pharma,...
- Proximity with Brussels (Europe, ...)
- Strong public support policy

=> Need for long term commitment and strong communication along the value chain

Contact has been taken worldwide to find investor for big biorefineries based on the value chain selected in the wallonia bioeconomy forum

## Vos points de contacts investment

Why choosing Wallonia for bioeconomy investment?



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