

European Bioeconomy Scientific Forum 2025

Boosting regional and international bioeconomy collaboration and skills

University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu Campus

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

08:00-19:00	Arrival Private side events will be possible during this timeframe. Please contact the forum organisers.
19:00-21:00	Informal Icebreaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome cocktail Address by <i>Seppo Tossavainen</i>, Head of Economic and International Affairs, the City of Joensuu

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:30	Opening & Keynotes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening the forum by <i>Tapio Määtä</i>, Rector of the University of Eastern Finland and EBU Chair Address by <i>Sari Essayah</i>, the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland Keynote Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sarianne Tikkanen</i>, The European Commission Directorate-General for Environment <i>Giuseppe Pellegrino</i>, The European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation <i>Jukka Kantola</i>, World Bioeconomy Association <i>Christine Lang</i>, International Advisory Council on Global Bioeconomy <i>Benoit Gabrielle</i>, AgroParisTech
10:30-11:00	Biobreak

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11:00-12:30	Thematic Session 1A. Knowledge Exchange Across Geographical Borders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Raphaella Hellmayr</i>, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management <i>Vanja Jurisic</i>, BIOEAST Uni Net <i>Sari Koivula</i>, Regional Council of North Karelia, Finland 		Thematic Session 1B. Knowledge Exchange Across Domain Borders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Rafael Popper</i>, Futures Diamond Ltd <i>Emilia Janeczko</i>, The Warsaw University of Life Sciences <i>Takanori Nagano</i>, Kobe University, Japan An EBU representative (tbc)
12:30-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-15:30	Poster Pitches Group 1. Biotechnologies and bio-businesses	Poster Pitches Group 2. Bioresource management and governance	Poster Pitches Group 3. Bioeconomy policies and stakeholders
15:30-16:00	Biobreak		
16:00-17:00	Poster Pitches Group 1. (cont.) Biotechnologies and bio-businesses	Poster Pitches Group 2. (cont.) Bioresource management and governance	Poster Pitches Group 3. (cont.) Bioeconomy policies and stakeholders
17:00-19:30	Free Time		
19:30-21:00	Forum Gala Dinner and Poster Awards		

Thursday, June 12, 2025

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:30	Thematic Session 2. Intercontinental bioeconomy action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Hossein Fadaei</i>, The UN Environment Management Group <i>Kenneth Matengu</i>, Pan-African University/University of Namibia <i>Eric Singaas</i>, the University of Minnesota An EBU representative (tbc)
10:30-11:00	Biobreak

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11:00-12:30	Thematic Session 3. Youth career success stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hailey Ciantar</i>, University of Eastern Finland • Bioeconomy Youth Champions (IACBG) • EU bioeconomy youth ambassadors
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Thematic Session 4. Bioeconomy Innovation Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Julius Ecuru</i>, Bioinnovative Africa • <i>Carmen Bravo</i>, The Catholic University of Maule, Chile • <i>Stjepan Posavec</i>, University of Zagreb • An EBU representative (tbc)
15:30-16:00	Social Break
16:00-16:30	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Teppo Hujala</i>, University of Eastern Finland
16:30-17:30	Campus Excursion - Wooden Architecture with Refreshments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Henrik Heräjärvi</i>, University of Eastern Finland • <i>Mikko Kurttila</i>, Natural Resources Institute Finland • <i>Päivi Pelli</i>, European Forest Institute
17:30-21:00	Free Time, Departure, Side-Events

Friday, June 13, 2025

08:30-09:30	Bus to Koli		
09:30-10:00	Nature Centre Ukko Visit		
10:00-11:00	Visit at the Hill Top		
11:00-12:30	Workshop 1. Horizon Scanning for Bioeconomy: Exploring Future Signals	Workshop 2. Empowering Youth in the Bioeconomy	Workshop 3. Universities and Global Collaboration in the Bioeconomy

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12:30-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-15:00	Workshop 1. (cont.) Horizon Scanning for Bioeconomy: Exploring Future Signals	Workshop 2. (cont.) Empowering Youth in the Bioeconomy	Workshop 3. (cont.) Universities and Global Collaboration in the Bioeconomy
15:00-16:30	Koli Nature & Tourism Tour		
16:30-17:30	Bus to Joensuu (reaching 18:10 train or 18:35 flight secured)		
17:30-22:00	Free Time, Departure		

- Registration form for participants not affiliated with the University of Eastern Finland (payment of the participation fee through Paytrail is required): https://registration.contio.fi/uef/Registration/Login?id=9326-T_9326-10771
- Registration form for staff members of the University of Eastern Finland (payment of the participation fee through invoicing is required): https://registration.contio.fi/uef/Registration/Login?id=9326-T_9326-10770
- Eligible participants for free registration (sponsored by the University of Eastern Finland) will receive a personal registration link via email.

For more information, please visit the event website: <https://www.european-bioeconomy-university.eu/ebsf2025/>

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