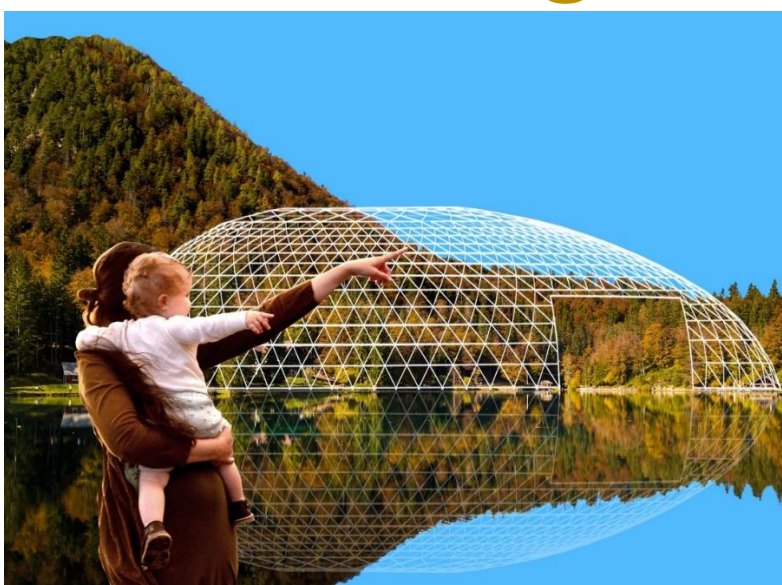




## BIOEAST Congress



High level international BIOEAST Congress

## Setting up a research and innovation agenda for the BIOEAST Macro-Region

**Date and time:** Warsaw, 15-16 MARCH 2023

**Venue:** Renaissance Warsaw Airport Hotel (TBC) Warsaw, Poland

**Registration deadline:** 3 MARCH 2023

**Registration at:** [Registration](#)

The conference will be held in English and Polish.

## Introduction

The high level international BIOEAST Congress is organised in the framework of the BIOEAST Initiative and under the auspices of the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development with the support of the Horizon 2020 BIOEASTsUP project. The congress aims to present a newly developed macro-regional Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (BIOEAST SRIA) and 11 bioeconomy concept papers developed based on the assessment of the eleven BIOEAST countries' bioeconomies.

The BIOEAST SRIA aims to provide region-specific research policy advice in the evolving landscape of the broader bioeconomy and related sectors in the following thematic areas: Agroecology and Sustainable Yields, Food Systems, Bioenergy and New Value-added Materials, Advanced Biochemicals and Biomaterials, Forestry Value Chains, Freshwater-based Bioeconomy, Bioeconomy Education.

The national Concept Papers aims to serve the national bioeconomy policy development in 11 the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries, helping with complex tailor-made assessment, the development of roadmaps and action plans in the respective country. We aim to help the countries policy decision makers with a background material which could support the national bioeconomy strategy and action plan development.

The three years long exercises SRIA and bioeconomy Concept Papers development was supported by the Horizon 2020 BIOEASTsUP project with the involvement of the BIOEAST Advisory Council, the 7 BIOEAST Thematic Working Groups followed by numerous stakeholder consultations involving the private and public sectors from 11 countries.

The BIOEAST SRIA has been developed in the process under the political commitment signed by Ministries of Agriculture of the BIOEAST Countries in 2016.

**The aim of the conference is to announce the above mentioned strategic documents and to inform national and European policy makers with well assessed and validated key priorities for the bioeconomy development in CEE. The conference also intends to highlight key thematic priorities by organizing science-policy discussions.**



The BIOEAST Initiative was founded by the Ministers of Agriculture of the Visegrad group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) and joined by Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia and Observer from Western Balkan countries representative. The BIOEAST Initiative was established in 2016 to provide a political platform for the CEE countries to strengthen bioeconomy related research and innovation cooperation, participation in ERA policy shaping and in the EU research and innovation framework programme. The BIOEAST Initiative represents the common political commitment and shared strategic research and innovation framework for working towards sustainable and circular bioeconomies in the CEE.

**The conference is intended** for high-level representatives of BIOEAST countries and the European Commission, but also for policy-makers, experts and stakeholder representatives from BIOEAST countries and other EU Member States. It is aimed to put in a context the macro-regional priorities, thus we invite speakers and participants from ongoing initiatives like European Partnerships and Missions to further assess the adaptability of recommendations.

## 15-16 March 2023 DRAFT AGENDA

### 15 MARCH 2023

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

11.00-12.00 Registration

12.00-13.00 Lunch

**1<sup>st</sup> Day Plenary session: Strategic thinking in Bioeconomy**

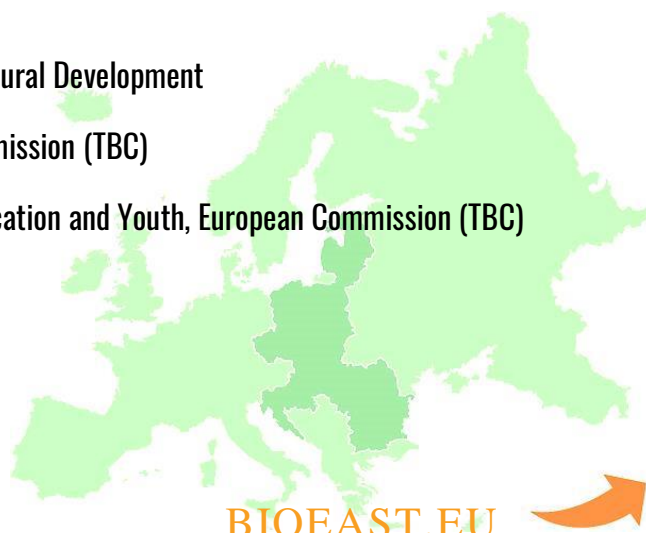
13.00 – 13.30 Welcome

Anna Gembicka, State Secretary, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner for Agriculture, European Commission (TBC)

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, European Commission (TBC)

V4 Presidency SK (TBC)



## 13.30 – 14.00 Plenary presentation - The BIOEAST Initiative

Keynote: Barna Kovacs, PhD Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative

## 14.00 – 15.00 Panel discussion Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

Keynote: Ants-Hannes Viira, PhD Estonian University of Life Sciences (EE)

### Panellist:

BIOEAST Advisory Council Chair: (TBC)

State Secretary: (HU, TBC)

European Commission: (TBC)

Expert: (TBC)

## 15.00 - 15.30 BREAK

## 15.00 - 15.30 PRESS CONFERENCE – 11 BIOEAST representatives (State Secretary level)

Keynote: Barna Kovacs, PhD Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative

**BIOEAST Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda - announcement**

**Bioeconomy strategy concept papers - announcement**

## 15.30 – 16.30 Panel discussion

**Setting the background for national bioeconomy strategies and action plans**

Keynote: Stelios Rozakis, PhD, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG), (PL)

### Panellist:

Advisory Council member: (TBC)

State Secretary: (EE, TBC)

European Commission: (TBC)

Expert: (TBC)



**16.30 – 17.30 Panel discussion** The role of research and innovation in building a competitive agri-food sector in BIOEAST Countries. Targeting EU Missions and Partnerships in BIOEAST countries

Moderators: prof Grzegorz Siebielec Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG), Prof Paweł Chmieliński, Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development of the Polish Academy of Sciences

**Panellist:**

Barna Kovacs PhD Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative

European Commission: (TBC)

SCAR Strategic Working Groups: (TBC)

**17:30 – 18.30 Official working meeting: roundtable of 11 BIOEAST State Secretaries in separate room (TBC)**

Moderator: Barna Kovacs PhD Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative

**19:00 Joint dinner for participants**

**16 MARCH 2023**

**9.00 -10.00 Registration and coffee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day Plenary session: Science-policy discussion on bioeconomy priorities**

**10.00 – 10.30 Panel discussion: Agroecology and Sustainable Yields**

**Panellist:**

TWG coordinator

European Partnership/Mission related coordinator

Expert from BIOEAST country ministry or research institute: Comments on linkages



## 10.30 – 11.00 Panel discussion: Food Systems challenges

### Panellist:

TWG coordinator

European Partnership related coordinator

Expert from BIOEAST country ministry or research institute: Comments on linkages

## 11.00 – 11.30 Panel discussion: Bioenergy and New Value-added Materials & Advanced Biochemicals and Biomaterials

### Panellist:

TWG coordinator

European Partnership related coordinator/ SCAR Strategic Working Groups

Expert from BIOEAST country ministry or research institute: Comments on linkages

## 11.30 – 12.00 BREAK

## 12.00 – 12.30 Panel discussion: Forestry Value Chains - Future Forestry Partnership

### Panellist:

TWG coordinator

European Partnership related coordinator/ SCAR Strategic Working Group

Expert from BIOEAST country ministry or research institute: Comments on linkages

## 12.30 – 13.00 Panel discussion: Freshwater-based Bioeconomy and EU Mission Restore our Ocean & Waters

Panellist: Freshwater-based Bioeconomy TWG coordinator

Mission related coordinator



## 13.00 – 13.30 Panel discussion: Bioeconomy Education - BIOEAST UniNet

### Panellist:

TWG coordinator

European Partnership related coordinator/ SCAR Strategic Working Group

Expert from BIOEAST country ministry or research institute: Comments on linkages

## Conference closing

## 13.30 -14.30 Cooperation and Support Action

Panel discussion on the exploitation strategy and results

### Panellist:

Behrens Martin, SCAR Strategic Working Group (TBC)

prof Magdalena Borzęcka, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG)

Barna Kovacs, PhD, Secretary General of the BIOEAST Initiative

## 14.30 -15.30 LUNCH

