



The role of the BIOEAST Initiative

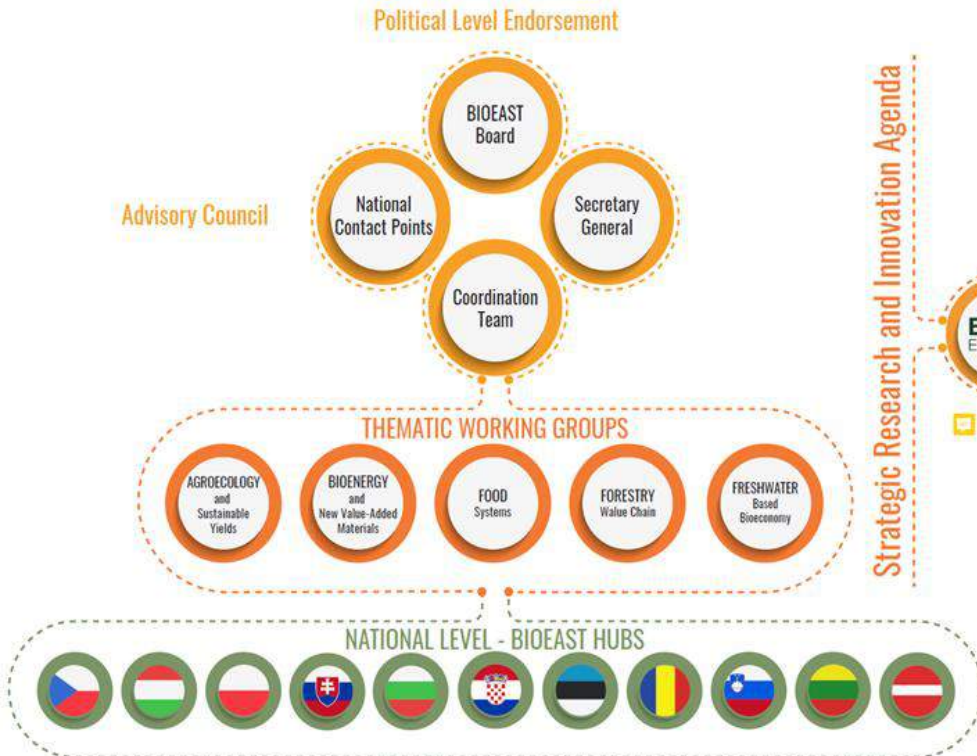
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Mission

Through the governmental initiative, the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries set the Vision for 2030: to develop knowledge and cooperation based circular bioeconomies, which helps to enhance their inclusive growth and to create new value-added jobs especially in rural areas, maintaining or even strengthening environmental sustainability.



SUSTAINABILITY TRANSITION REQUIRES EVIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE BASED POLICIES

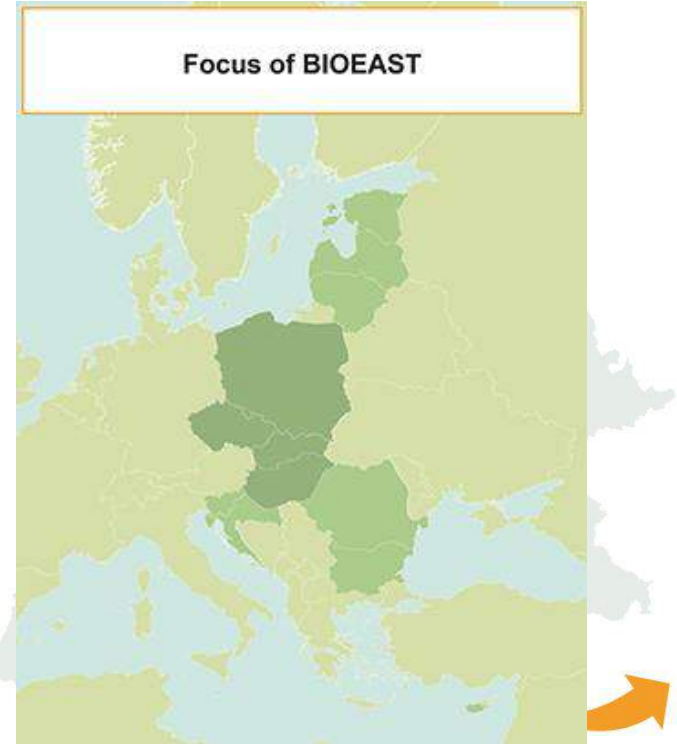


Prerequisites:

- Participation in the EU Research Framework Programme (Horizon Europe)
- Building governance model at national level for sustainable and circular bioeconomy



Missing strategic thinking on Bioeconomy linked R&I



MINISTERIAL LEVEL OF VISEGRAD4 IS KEY FOR POLITICAL PRIORITY SETTING

2016 Declaration: on stronger inclusion into H2020

2017 Declaration: on broadening the remit of the BIOEAST initiative beyond H2020

2018 Declaration: on the Vision for BIOEAST

2019 Declaration: on the role of BIOEAST in the context of Horizon Europe (signed by 22 ministries)



BIO OBJECTIVES OF THE INITIATIVE

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1. **Initiate cooperation:** establish a multi-stakeholder networks to facilitate joint research actions;
2. **Provide an evidence base:** establish data-driven support for implementation of policies;
3. **Support strategies:** create the cross-sectorial approach for the development of a national circular and bioeconomy strategies;
4. **Focus on research:** map specific common needs for a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA);
5. **Improve skills:** train a new generation of dedicated multi-stakeholder actors;
6. **Develop synergies:** promote regional, national, EU and international funding opportunities;
7. **Increase visibility:** draw attention to specific challenges of the CEE regions.



OPEN FOR WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES

- Sharing the Vision 2030 and Mission
- Participating in governance
- Aiming to achieve the seven objectives





NEXT STEPS AT MACRO REGIONAL LEVEL

1. Macro-regional **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)**
2. **Foresight exercise** for defining the potential future scenarios and priorities
3. **Thematic Working Groups** for SRIA development and participation in HE European Partnerships:
 - Forestry value chain (coordinated by SK)
 - Sustainable yields and agro-ecological intensification (coordinated by HU)
 - Bioenergy and new value-added products (coordinated by HR)
 - Food Systems (coordinated by PL)
 - Fresh water based bioeconomy (coordinated by CZ)
 - Bio-based materials (RO-HU)
 - Education (coordination under discussion)





LINKING THE PRIORITIES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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