

2nd Bioeconomy Workshop: Towards an Inclusive Bioeconomy

Venue: Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague (CZU),
[Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences](#) (FLD) Room L125.

Online - Microsoft Teams: [Access Link](#)

(the same link will be used for all workshop sessions).

Dates: 2–3 October 2025

Time Zone: CEST, Prague

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Day 1 – Thursday, 2 October 2025

Time (CEST)	Session / Activity	Keynotes and Participant Contributions
09:30–11:00	Arrival, Registration & Networking Coffee (<i>in-person only</i>)	Informal icebreaker and arrivals
11:00–12:30	Session 1 – Academic Engines: The Role of Universities in Bioeconomy Transformation	<p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Dr. George Sakellaris PhD (BioEast Bioeconomy Hub Czech Republic)</p> <p>Lina Marcela Mayorga Duarte (Project Coordinator, Bioeconomy Office, University of Hohenheim)</p> <p>Contributed Presentation:</p> <p><i>CMQE Bioeco Academy: Universities and Skills as Catalysts of Bioeconomy Transformation in the Grand Est - Gisell Burgos</i></p>
12:30–13:30	Lunch	
13:30–15:00	Session 2 – Policy Power: Governance and Decision-Making in the Bioeconomy	<p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Lucia Pittaluga Fonseca (Professor, Technological University Uruguay – UTEC; member of IACGB-Uruguay)</p>

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		<p>Marcelo Regúnaga (Coordinator of the Southern Producing Countries Group; Member of IACGB-Argentina)</p> <p>Elvira Mateos García (EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador)</p> <p>Contributed Presentations:</p> <p><i>Territorial bioeconomy strategy for socio-ecological restoration in Cesar, Colombia</i> - Ricardo Vargas</p> <p><i>From Strategy to Action: The Grand Est Region as a Policy Pioneer in Bioeconomy Governance</i> - Gisell Burgos</p>
15:00– 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30– 17:15	Session 3 – Youth in Action: Empowering the Next Generation of BE Leaders	<p>Led by IACGB Bioeconomy Youth Champions. Anna Buchner, Lorena Díaz Fernández de Quincoces, Adekunle Ademikanra, Bazil Maikah, Johann Liebeton, Carolina Huertas, and Sandra Garcia.</p> <p><i>(Interactive Workshop)</i></p>
17:15– 17:30	Short summary & announcements	
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner (self-paid)	Informal networking dinner.

Day 2 – Friday, 3 October 2025

Time (CEST)	Session / Activity	Keynotes & Details
09:00–10:30	Session 4 – Value chain, Biodiversity, & Climate Resilience	<p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Ricardo Vargas (Research associate on bioeconomy systems, biobased value chains & webs; University of Hohenheim)</p> <p>Contributed Presentation:</p> <p><i>Contracts and ownership structures in the bioeconomy: A review of their design and role in innovation</i> – Lukas Bonar Nainggolan</p> <p><i>Advancing Circular Bioeconomy: A Comparative Analysis of Biorefinery Policy and Biomass Utilization in Vietnam and Spain</i> – Paula Sánchez-Blanco Sánchez</p> <p><i>Incentives for biomethane: A discrete choice experiment with coffee farmers in Costa Rica</i> – Gremary Aza-Mengoa</p> <p><i>Leveraging Regionally Sourced Natural Fibers for Coreless Filament Winding in Sustainable Construction</i> – Alina Rossa</p>
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00–12:30	Session 5 – Inclusive Bioeconomy: Gender Perspectives and Women's Leadership	<p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Maxime Forest (Expert on Gender Equality, Sciences Po Paris University)</p> <p>Petra Palátová (Member of Team for Forest Bioeconomy, CZU, Prague)</p> <p>Oscar Luis Figueroa Rodríguez (Senior Research Professor, Colegio de Postgraduados. Specialist in Indigenous Peoples)</p>
12:30–13:45	Lunch	
13:45–15:15	Session 6 – Narratives for Change: Frameworks and Sustainable & Just Transitions	<p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Bernhard Kastner (Center for Bioeconomy, BOKU, Austria)</p>

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		<p>Carmen Lucia Bravo Castillo (Environmental Management and Territorial Planning, Catholic University of Maule, Chile)</p> <p>Rosa María Alzamora Mallea (Associate professor, University of Concepción, Chile)</p> <p>Contributed Presentation:</p> <p><i>Global bioeconomy network: identifying authoritative bioeconomy actors using social network analysis and text mining methods –</i> Brian Amaya Guzmán</p> <p><i>Waste-reducing platforms for a circular bioeconomy: A comparison of Foodsi (Poland) and Crumbs (Croatia) –</i> Dražena Čermak</p> <p><i>Bilanga Nexus: How a Low-Tech Platform and a Community Currency are Transforming Subsistence Farming in Central Africa -</i> Mavitidi don Emmanuel</p>
15:15–15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45–17:15	Session 7 – Biotech in Bioeconomy	<p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Isabella García Caffaro (PhD Candidate, Center for Studies in Biotechnology, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala)</p> <p>Sandra Teresita Martín del Campo (Senior Researcher DRIFT Food Research Centre, CZU; PhD in Food Sciences and in Biotechnological Processes)</p> <p>Contributed Presentation:</p> <p><i>Transformation of brewer's spent grain (BSG) into value-added products -</i> Alexa Pérez Alba</p> <p><i>What is the potential of biorefineries in Colombia? –</i> Lina Mayorga Duarte</p>
17:15–17:30	Closing Discussion & Conclusions	

Note to Participants

- Please note that only the “Youth in Action” session will be recorded. The recording will serve exclusively to capture results and collective insights, which will be synthesized and presented at the Global Bioeconomy Summit 2026. No other sessions will be recorded.
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