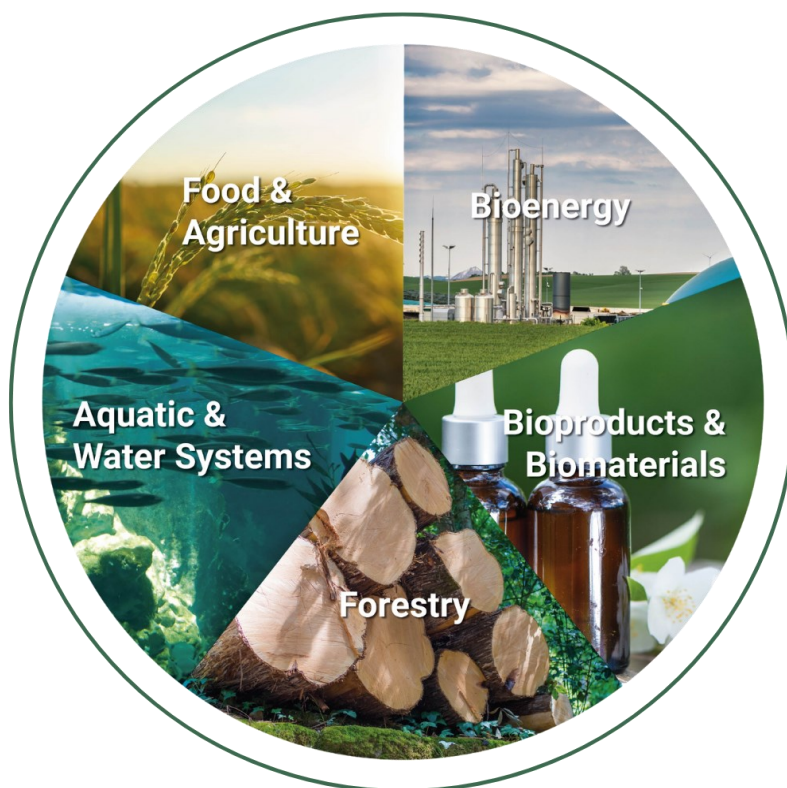




BioRural ONLINE CALL

TERMS AND CONDITIONS



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1. Participation in one of the BioRural Regional Workshops/ Challenges

Each party interested in participating in one of the four regional workshops/challenges for bio-based solutions that are going to be held in the framework of the BioRural Project, should apply for the relevant BioRural Regional Workshop/Challenge (according to their Country and the BioRural Region they belong to).

a. Application

Interested parties have to fill in and submit the application form provided in the published Online Call, within the submission period as defined by each Regional Bioeconomy Platform (RBP). Only applications within the submission period will be accepted and assessed regarding eligibility. The submission period can be extended or terminated by RBPs at any time. Any application during the Extended Period (if any) shall be governed by these terms and conditions (“Regional Workshop/Challenge Terms and Conditions”) which shall remain in full force and effect.

b. Eligible Applicants

All applicants, in order to be eligible, have to make sure that they fulfill the eligibility criteria presented in the “BioRural Applicants Guide”, provided in the Online Call.

c. Evaluation of applications & Selection of participants

The eligible applicants will be evaluated through specific criteria complemented by a short interview (criteria are presented in the “BioRural Applicants Guide”). The finalists of the evaluation will be invited to participate in a 2-day Regional Workshop/Challenge that will take place in the Region they apply for.

d. Registration to the BioRural Toolkit

Applicants to the Regional Workshops/Challenges are required to register through the BioRural toolkit before attending the final events. They must create a new profile and include basic data. At the initial registration stage applicants must include as project tag “EUChallenge”. This will enable networking actions through the BioRural toolkit platform that will be promoted



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and managed by the BioRural partners through the implementation period of the Regional Workshops/Challenges. Only after selection of candidacies to attend final workshops the applicants will be required to include in their description the title of the biobased solution (without further details). Promotional or networking actions will respect the agreed terms for securing intellectual property of the ideas contributed.



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2. Regional Workshops/Challenges main features

Summary of Day 1 and Day 2

The workshops/challenges will run on two consecutive days; the first day will consist of presentations from professionals followed by mentoring sessions and working sessions for the participants to produce their business model (business model canvas) at the end of the day.

The first part of the second day will be attributed to refinement and finalization of business models, and in the second part, participants will pitch their bio-based solutions to a panel of judges, who will evaluate all solutions and reward the best three.

More details regarding the Regionals Workshops/Challenges activities are provided in the “Regional Workshops/Challenges Indicative Agenda”. The final Agenda of each Regional Workshop/Challenge is going to be developed for each Region separately and may be slightly different from the “Regional Workshops/Challenges Indicative Agenda” according to the specific needs that may occur concerning each event.



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3. Winners

a. Evaluation process & Selection of the winners

Judges make their judgments independently from one another. Throughout the day, judges will evaluate and score the bio-based solutions in an Evaluation Sheet based on specific evaluation criteria. Judges will audit all sessions freely in order to evaluate both contestants' progress throughout the day and the final pitching of their bio-based ideas. At the end of these sessions, the individual ratings will be compiled to generate a final score for each idea. The winners will be the three bio-based solutions with the highest scores and will be announced by the facilitators of the Regional Workshops at the Rewards Ceremony that will take place at the end of the second day.

b. Participation in the European Bioeconomy Challenge

All winning ideas (12 in total, 3 from each Regional Workshop/Challenge) will gain access to the European Bioeconomy Challenge that will be carried out in Brussels between February and April of 2025. The European Bioeconomy Challenge will reward the three best ideas.



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4. Rewards

The three winners of each Regional Workshop/Challenge will be rewarded with different types of rewards, according to the terms of each Regional Workshop/Challenge.



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5. Rights of the Organiser

- a. Applying for the participation in the BioRural Regional Workshops/Challenges equals the applicant's declaration that they have read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions, and accept that all decisions by the Organiser are final and binding. The Organiser reserves the right to change, amend, add or delete any of the Regional Workshop/Challenge Terms and Conditions at any time without prior notice to the Participants and the Participants agree to be bound by such changes.
- b. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the terms and conditions of the Regional Workshops/Challenges and disclosures or other statements contained in any BioRural Regional Workshop/Challenge related materials, the Regional Workshop/Challenge Terms and Conditions shall prevail, govern and control.
- c. The information of applicants' innovative ideas will be preserved and not published in the initial stage. For those applicants passing the final regional workshops it is required by them to allow publicly sharing of the title of their idea. Furthermore, details will be shared during the final workshops. In order to facilitate and ensure protection of the proposed idea, the organisers will facilitate:
 - the undersigning of non-disclosure agreement by all participants;
 - the individual agreement on what data may remain un-published (process parameters, etc.);
 - any other issue that the organisers identify as necessary to secure the property of the solutions.
- d. In the case that photos of participants are going to be taken during the Regional Workshops/Challenges in order to be used for BioRural Project's Reporting and/or Communication & Dissemination purposes, relevant forms will be shared to all participants where they will be able to declare whether they give their consent or not.
- e. All Regional Workshop/Challenge Winner(s) must abide by the terms and conditions of the parties arranging and/or providing for the rewards and the terms and conditions attached to the rewards, if any.



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- f. In the event a Regional Workshop/Challenge Winner(s) chooses not to accept a reward, they will disclaim all rights, interests and claims to that reward and the reward will be dealt with according to the sole and absolute discretion of the Organiser.



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