



## **BIC REGIONAL NEWSLETTER: #1 in 2023**

This newsletter covers news from the EU institutions, EU member states and regions, so what is new and relevant for/in the regions and on bio-based innovation and investment.

### **EU REGIONAL NEWS**

#### **Partnerships for Regional Innovation Playbook**

The Partnerships are launched as a pilot project, in a spirit of co-creation practitioners, stakeholders and experts. To support this, a playbook is provided for a pilot phase to help Member States and regions to co-develop and test the approach, centred on a selection of practical policy tools. For more information, click [here](#).

#### **From Regio to Research: European Commission appoints new Director-General**

Marc Lemaître, former regional development chief in the European Commission, has been appointed as the new Director-General for Research and Innovation. Media reports about hopes his experience in Cohesion policy will be applied to bridge east-west disparities in research and innovation. For more information, click [here](#).

#### **Empowering Central and Eastern European countries to develop circular bioeconomy strategies**

A more bottom-up approach is needed to foster the bioeconomy transition in Europe. To do so, CEE2ACT is empowering countries in Central Eastern Europe and beyond (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia) to develop circular bioeconomy strategies and action plans through innovative governance models. For more information, click [here](#).

### **UP-COMING EVENTS WITH/FOR THE REGIONS**

**28 March** - High Level Event by European Commission and European Committee of the Regions to launch Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI) “From PlayBook to Implementation”. For more information, click [here](#).

**20 April** - Circular Bio-based Europe JU Info Day 2023 - Join the info day to find out more about the CBE JU 2023 call for project proposals and meet other potential applicants. For more information, click [here](#).

### **NEWS FROM THE REGIONS**

#### **AUSTRIA**

The EDIH (**European Digital Innovation Hub**) for Agriculture, Timber and Energy aims to implement digital strategies on the ground. by working together with European small and medium enterprises **SME in the regions** on their digitalization quests – free of charge. For more information, click [here](#).

#### **FRANCE**

**The Pays de la Loire regional** Chamber of Agriculture is working on developing new bio-based fertilisers. The RUSTICA project (Horizon 2020) provides a technical solution to convert organic residues from the fruit and vegetable sector into novel bio-based fertiliser products of high quality that

address the needs of modern (organic) agriculture. For more information, click [here](#).

## **GREECE**

The Region of **Central Macedonia** is fellow of the **Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI)** and has access to valuable knowledge material and at the same time contributes with its own experience to the exchange of knowledge with the other members. The CCRI initiative, established by the European Commission, is part of the EU's New Action Plan for the Circular Economy, and focuses on the transition to circular economy at local and **regional level**. For more information, click [here](#)

The Regional Development Fund of **Central Macedonia** implemented the **BIOREGIO project**, aiming to improve **regional policies** through increased focus on circular economy of biological streams. For more information, click [here](#)

## **SPAIN**

The Region of **Andalusia** is partner in the European Project **ROBIN**, and which involves 13 partners from 5 different regions of Ireland, Germany, Spain, Slovakia and Greece. The ROBIN Project (Deploying Circular BIOeconomies at the Regional Level with a Territorial Approach) aims to empower European **regional authorities** to use social innovative techniques and shape their governance structures within the circular bioeconomy. For more information, click [here](#)