



The Initiative

Western Balkans Platform on Research and Innovation

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Missing strategic thinking on Bioeconomy linked R&I



Focus of BIOEAST



The European Green Deal

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A European Climate Pact

Vision 2030



Through the governmental initiative, the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries set the vision for 2030:

to develop knowledge-based agriculture, aquaculture and forestry, 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.

MISSION:

to assist Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries to operationalize their Vision for 2030 drawing on their potential and offering opportunities for:

- Sustainable increase of biomass production;
- Circular (“zero waste”) processing of the available biomass;
- Viable rural areas;



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Advisory Council
&
Foreseight Expert Team

Political Level Endorsement
Visegrad Presidencies

National
Contact Points

Secretary
General

Communication
Expert Team

THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

AGROECOLOGY
and
Sustainable
Yields

BIOENERGY
and
New Value Added
Materials

FOOD
Systems

FORESTRY
Value Chain

FRESHWATER
Based
Bioeconomy

Bioeconomy
EDUCATION

BIODEBASED
MATERIALS

NATIONAL LEVEL - BIOEAST HUBS



Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

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WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE UNTIL NOW?

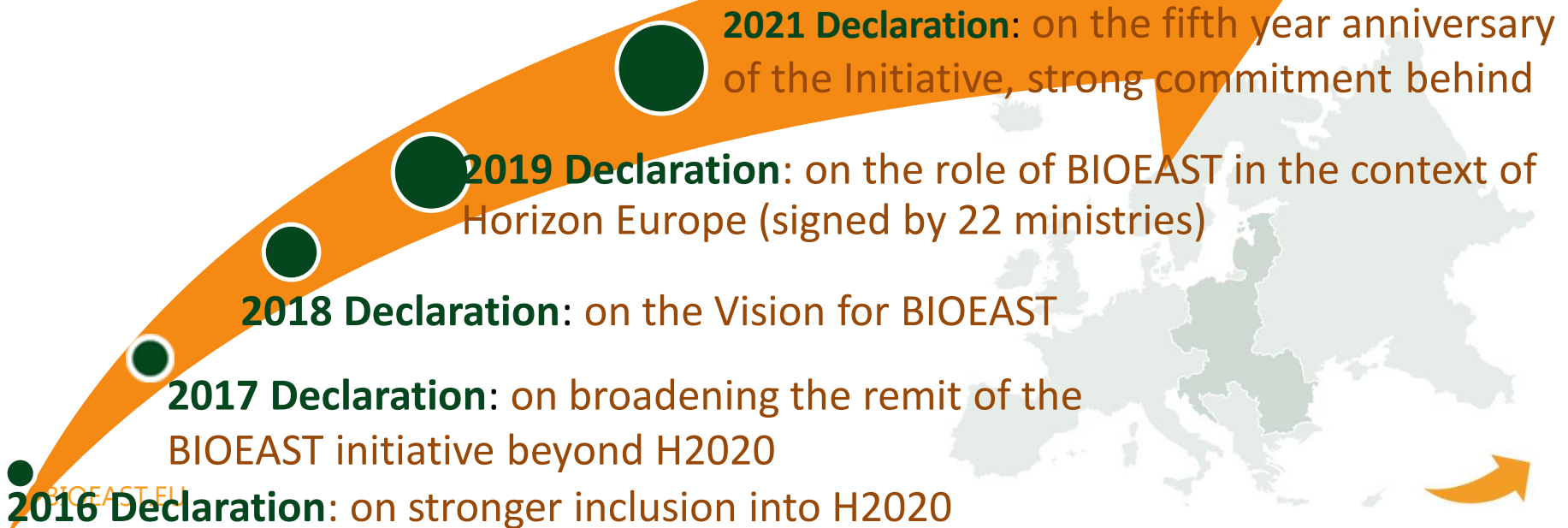
- 11 CEE countries' ministries are working together
- Serbia and Western Balkan countries requested accession (Observer: SWG RRD)
- Set-up of Governance:
 - Secretariat and Secretary
 - National Contact Points
 - More than 25 Board meetings
- 6 international conferences
- 2018 EU Bioeconomy Strategy reference
- 2019 and 2020 European Council Conclusion reference
- H2020 CSAs: BIOEASTsUP and Power4BIO
- H2020 Policy Support Facility
- 7 thematic working groups
- Several national events



1. To support the bioeconomy strategic thinking:
 - Guidance on National Bioeconomy Strategy Development
 - Macro-regional Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
2. To establish the stakeholders engagement at national level
3. To support the thematic working groups for SRIA development at macro regional level (organizational arrangements and studies)
4. To set-up and to run the Advisory Council for the Initiative
 - Subtask: helping in the development of the Foresight Exercise feeding into the SRIA
5. To rectify the visual identity for the BIOEAST initiative



UNDERSTANDING POLITICS AND BUILDING POLICY PRIORITIES



NEXT STEPS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Concept paper development for **National Bioeconomy Strategy** Development
2. **Upscaling the Policy Support Facility** results for national bioeconomy strategies with the help of the European Commission
3. Establishing **National BIOEAST HUBs** for the stakeholders engagement at national level



NEXT STEPS AT MACRO REGIONAL LEVEL

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



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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