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BIOEAST Initiative

East European R&I Partnership Plan

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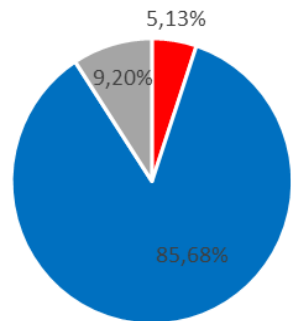
Central and East European (CEE) Initiative

- **International cooperation** led by agricultural ministries (since 2016)
- Members: **11 CEE countries**
- Main activity: **identification of specific CEE research and innovation priorities for bioeconomy development, recommendations for actions**
- Ambition: **stronger and more successful participation in the EU R&I Framework Programme**

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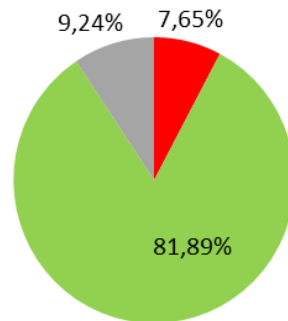
WHY to form a common CEE platform?

2014-2019 H2020 funds distribution

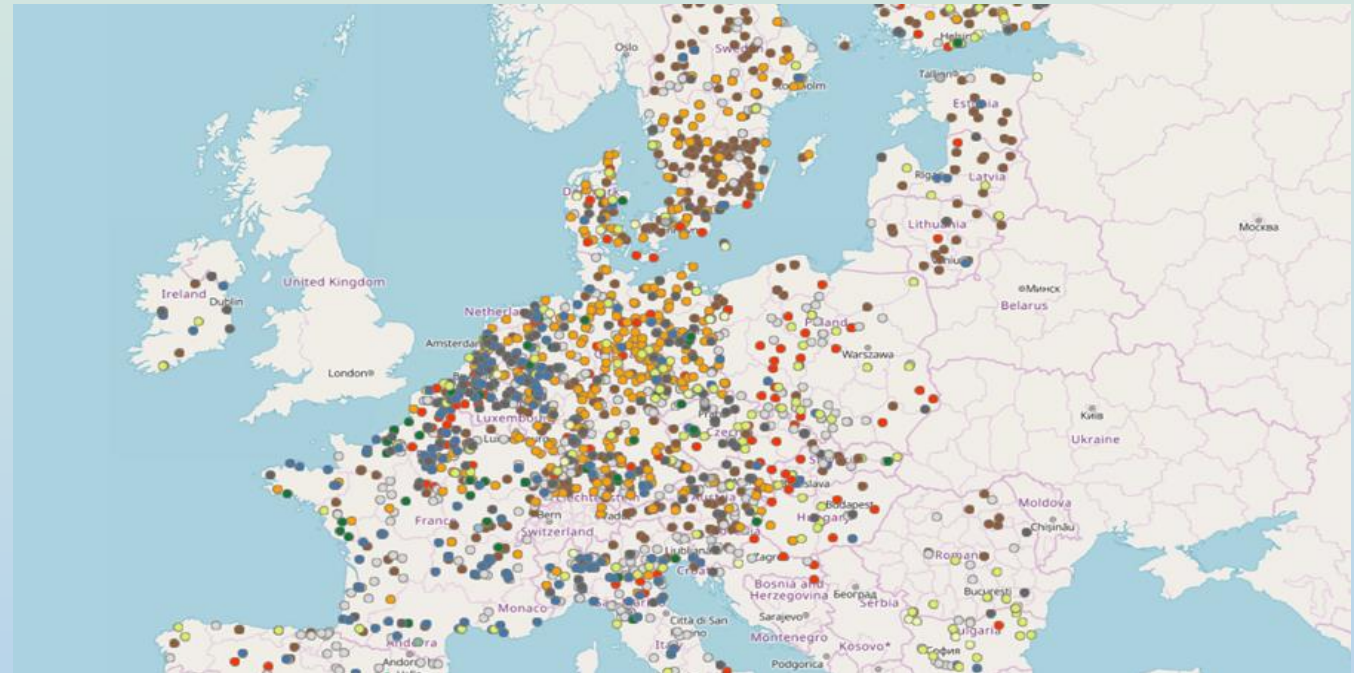


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2014-2019 H2020 SC2 funds distribution



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DISTRIBUTION OF BIO-BASED INDUSTRY PLANTS

- pulp and paper
- biomethane
- starch and sugar
- bio-based chemicals
- timber
- liquid biofuels
- composites and fibres
- more than one category

BIOEAST Initiative - Achievements

Better visibility

The BIOEAST is mentioned by the EU Bioeconomy Strategy and by 3 Council Conclusions: 2019, 2020 and 2023.

Clear influence on Horizon calls

Central and Eastern Europe is slowly becoming focal area within the EU research and innovation framework program: Horizon Europe Cluster 6 and the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking acknowledge the macro-region's distinct climatic zones as critical issues to be addressed.

More active international networking

European level bioeconomy related events regularly invite the BIOEAST initiative to participate and represent the macro-region.

New Challenges and Opportunities 2024-2025

- New European Parliament - June 2024
- New Commission – new objectives and priorities Dec 2024 - Feb 2025
- Hungarian EU Presidency July-Dec 2024
- Polish EU Presidency Jan-July 2025
- Starting the preparation of Multiannual Financial Framework 2025

Message to deliver

The biomass produced and processed locally in Eastern Europe, along with the available soil and freshwater resources and ecosystem services, can be key elements for ensuring the security of a sustainable European food system, as well as Europe's autonomy in a multipolar world.

For a better utilization of this potential, the Eastern macro-region needs to have:

- knowledge transfer, research and innovation investments
- efficient research funding structure
- human resource mobilization

These goals could be best achieved by setting up a targeted R&I-driven partnership (total budget 400 million EUR) with a clear and strong focus on BIOEAST countries, WB, UA, MD.

Priorities for Hungarian EU presidency

Based on BIOEAST as a valid platform for preparation of the future R&I partnership, the Hungarian EU presidency sets itself the goals

- to agree on the necessity of a large-scale macro-regional R&I-driven partnership, aiming to make this partnership a priority for the new Commission
- to agree on involvement of neighbouring countries along the BIOEAST and Danube Strategy Region alliances: Western-Balkan, Eastern Partnership
- to agree on the four thematic priorities related to soil, freshwater, food system, and biomass valorisation at local level



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**Thank you for the
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