The 6th semester of the BIOREGIO project marked the completion of activities aimed at stimulating the bio-based circular economy in the project regions. In order to improve biowaste recycling and close biological loops in the regions, 6 regional action plans have been drawn up. Two have already been signed, the other four are in the process of being adopted.

During this 6th semester, activities to share knowledge and disseminate bio-based circular economy good practices have been pursued: regional stakeholder group meetings, dissemination events in each region, further registration of Good Practices on the BIOREGIO website, 27 of which having been validated by experts and shared in the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform!

BIOREGIO, an Interreg Europe project implemented by 8 partners from 6 EU countries (Finland, Spain, Greece, Slovakia, Romania and France), will improve knowledge related to circular economy of biological materials and strive to increase the recycling rates of these materials. You can find more information about the 6th semester of BIOREGIO below.

This newsletter is provided by the French project partner, the Association of the Chambers of Agriculture of the Atlantic Area (AC3A).

Read more: www.interregeurope.eu/bioregio/
On 5th and 6th November 2019:
BIOREGIO 6th Interregional Event in Nantes, France

The 6th BIOREGIO interregional event focusing on « Policy development and action plans in the regions » have been held in Nantes and in the Mauges, France, on 5th and 6th November 2019, followed by the BIOREGIO regional dissemination event in Nantes on 7th November. These two events have been organised by AC3A together with the Pays de la Loire Regional Council and Mauges Communauté.

The first day began with the presentation of circular economy and bioeconomy plans and strategies of the Pays de la Loire Region. Each partner then presented its action plan to promote bio-based circular economy in its region.

Roundtable on achievements in BIOREGIO regions 2017-2019

During this first day, one speaker from each European region has been invited to participate in the round table to testify about the policy change in their region thanks to the BIOREGIO project during this first phase of implementation, devoted to interregional learning and the development of action plans. Cooperation and learning were the key words in the discussions that followed. The speakers were also invited to present the good practices from their regions that are most easily replicable in other regions, as well as the most challenging ones. All speakers have attested the project has undeniably helped to highlight the theme of the bio-based circular in the policy instrument in their regions.

The second day has been devoted to visiting bio-based circular economy Good Practice in the Mauges region, a rural area in France. Participants were invited to see the various initiatives undertaken to reduce food waste, promote composting, and recycle green waste. The day continued with a visit to the farm of a farmer who recycles municipal green waste to amend his soil, and finally with a visit to a vegetable processing factory project that promotes food short circuits and social integration.

BIOREGIO AWARDS

The Good Practices of the BIOREGIO project have been assessed based on the criteria set in semester 1. The following 3 BIOREGIO Good Practices have been elected as the best ones:

1. SOCIAL PLATE (Greece): Supporting Social Enterprises in combating poverty and social exclusion
2. Wood vinegar as a natural bio-herbicide (Spain)
3. The Grain Cluster (Finland): a cooperation model between grain cluster companies

Several BIOREGIO Success Story videos have been produced and published. Based on the voting, the French video Towards a bio-based circular economy in Pays de la Loire Region won the contest!

Watch all the videos

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLar9YWNRDiueENvBIPGpgXPOphOXnT3Nq
From Exchange of Experiences to Regional Actions

At the end of the 1st phase of BIOREGIO (1.1.2017 - 31.12.2019), all regions have prepared action plans towards bio-based circular economy. The action plans are based on the exchange of experiences and expertise gained during the three year period. They conclude the most central development the regions have committed to make in bio-based circular economy during the coming two years but also supporting long term goals.

The finalized BIOREGIO action plans are available on the project webpage.

Read more
www.interregeurope.eu/bioregio/action-plans/

Phase 2

In the 2nd phase of the project (1.1.2020-31.12.2021), the implementation of the action plans will be supported and followed in all regions. The BIOREGIO webpage will provide you with information about the process and results achieved.

Tweet!
#BIOREGIOproject
1. Reducing biowaste from domestic waste
How to reduce the proportion of fermentable waste in household waste? Mauges Communauté presents its actions to promote composting, in connection with the implementation of incentive tax.

2. Biomethane from anaerobic digestion of agricultural waste
Discover AgriBioMethane, a multi-stakeholder collaboration for the production and injection of biomethane into the gas distribution network.

3. Farm carbon footprint reduction through fermentable waste valorization
Address the problem of waste production (co-products) and manure from agriculture and industry, thanks to energy recovery within the anaerobic digestion unit in Derval site.

4. The West Grid Synergy project
A 2.0 infrastructure and work on social acceptability to support and raise awareness of local actors and authorities on the gas networks of tomorrow.

5. Valorizing green waste in the garden
Reducing the volume of green waste disposed in landfills is possible! Mauges Communauté helps associations to provide residents with shredders to recycle their green waste in their gardens.

6. Food production and waste disposal on an island: local loop on l’Île d’Yeu
To face its geographical constraints, the Yeu Island has found effective solutions to reduce the maritime transport of its waste and promote local agricultural production.

7. The Cluster Methatlantique
In a regional context that is favourable to the development of anaerobic digestion sector, the Methatlantique Cluster offers a dynamic network and provides its expertise to actors of this sector.
Evaluation infographics

6 Regions
8 Partners
Jan 2017 - Dec 2021
1.30 M ERDF

- based on data from 1/2017 - 11/2019 -

BIOREGIO Website → www.interregeurope.eu/bioregio

Average Website Sessions* per semester
3011

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Visitors Worldmap:
76% BIOREGIO Partner Countries
24% Other Countries (Europe & USA)

BIOREGIO Website

312 Media Appearances

312

Target 70

6 Newsletters

6

with 283 Subscribers

7 VIDEO VIEWS

112

BIOREGIO VIDEOS

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* Source: Interreg Europe

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- European Union European Regional Development Fund -
03/2018 - BIOREGIO comments on the EU 2012 Bioeconomy Strategy update

10/2018  - BIOREGIO joined European Bioeconomy Network

05/2017 - BIOREGIO as a top performer on social media according to Interreg Europe, Lead Partner workshop, Barcelona

05/2018 - BIOREGIO presented at the Interreg Europe 4th call info, Helsinki

09/2018 - BIOREGIO’s Good Practises presented in Committee of the Regions, Brussels

11/2018   - Sharing tips with Interreg Europe projects on social media, Dublin

04/2019 - BIOREGIO at ‘Europe, let’s cooperate!’ forum, Brussels

Thematic session: European regions taking the circular economy road: success stories from the BIOREGIO project

Inspiring video interviews about policy changes

“All BIOREGIO partner regions contributed in writing this feedback and unanimously agreed on the magnitude of strengthening the circularity and sustainability of bioeconomy. BIOREGIO would like to emphasize the fact of bioeconomy not being always circular by nature, and therefore, stress the need of bioeconomy being designed in a circular way.”

Main outputs

- **43** Good Practices Identified (out of which 108%)
- **27** Policy Learning Platform

Other Highlights

- **42** Internal Communication & Sharing (Target 48)
- **60** External Communication Events (Target ∞)
- **18** Regional Dissemination Events (Target 18)

- **2** Policy Briefs & **2** Policy Reports in 6 different languages

- **61** Press Releases (Target 48)