

Collection of practical examples of rural bioeconomy initiatives

1. ENRD Bioeconomy Survey 2018

INTRODUCTION

The objective of this survey is to collect information about any public or private initiatives that contribute to the development of rural bioeconomy and that (are expected to) generate income, employment and increased environmental sustainability to rural areas. Such initiatives may include small and medium-size businesses in rural areas, social enterprises, or territorial projects supporting the development of bio-based value chains and clusters in rural areas. In case you submit an initiative related to an individual farm or enterprise, please make sure to explain its linkages to other actors in the value chain or relevance for the rural territory.

We consider bioeconomy to consist of all economic activities based on the sustainable use of renewable biological resources in a way that creates added value (in economic, environmental or social terms).

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2. General information

* 1. Title of the initiative

* 2. Type of initiative:

- private business
- social enterprise
- pilot/demonstration project
- cluster / network of actors
- community-based cooperation project
- Other (please specify)

* 3. Key aspect of the initiative linked to bioeconomy

- adding value to bio-based waste, residues or by-products
- adding value to food or feed products
- replacing a non-renewable material or product with a bio-based one
- promotion of the bioeconomy
- Other (please specify)

4. When the initiative started (year) and ended (if no longer on-going)

5. Territorial scale

- community/village level
- sub-regional level involving several settlements
- regional level
- country level
- transnational
- Other (e.g. catchment area of a river, specific natural habitat, cross-border, etc. - please specify)

6. Stakeholders involved in the initiative:

- local authorities
- regional authorities
- national authorities
- private companies
- non-government organisations
- research institutions
- farmers
- foresters
- local action groups

Other (please specify)

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3. Description of the initiative

Please provide a description of the initiative by briefly answering the questions below.

7. Context: Please describe the key factor(s) that motivated the initiative.

8. Objective: What will the initiative achieve and whom will it benefit?

* 9. Does the initiative contribute to *(please select the relevant options below)* :

- generating environmental benefits (to air quality, water, soil, nature & biodiversity, etc)
- mitigating climate change (by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, replacing fossil based materials, increasing biomass, etc)
- increasing efficiency of biomass resource use
- creating value through improved production methods or processing technology
- creating value through increased cooperation among value chain actors
- scaling up a pilot project to commercial scale
- replicating an existing approach from another area/country
- none of the above

10. Main activities:

What does the initiative consist of? Which stakeholder does what?

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4. Ensuring sustainability

The following questions relate to various aspects of sustainability of the initiative described above.

- * 11. How was environmental sustainability considered when planning the initiative?*(e.g. was delivering environmental improvement a defined goal for the initiative, were specific environmental tools, schemes or certifications foreseen, etc.)*

- * 12. How will the initiative measure its environmental impact?*(whether it has an integrated sustainability plan, standards/procedures/indicators in place, etc.)*

- * 13. How have local resources been considered in planning and operating the initiative?*(e.g. employment, inputs and resources from local territory, new demand created for local services, short supply chains, re-investing in the community, knowledge exchange, retaining value added activities in the local community and other linkages)*

14. Was there a particular bioeconomy strategy/plan (EU, National, regional) that inspired this initiative? Please mention also any local or regional development plan that the initiative is linked to.

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5. Results

* 15. What are the environmental benefits of the initiative? *(Please clarify if they are expected or already materialised benefits)*

* 16. Number of people employed directly and indirectly following the initiative

Directly employed in/by
the initiative

Indirectly employed (e.g.
in spin-offs of the
initiative, suppliers,
transport, etc.)

* 17. Is the initiative self-supporting, or will (further) public support be necessary?

- The initiative is self-supporting and economically sustainable.
- Further public support is required to achieve economic sustainability.
- Other (please specify)

18. Other important results, and long-term plans for the initiative *(possible linkages to other initiatives, increasing the geographical coverage, scale, etc.)*

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6. Lessons learnt and recommendations

Please list the key lessons learnt during the preparation and/or implementation of the initiative and describe these as barriers to overcome (and if so how) and enabling factors to be transferred to other initiatives.

19. Availability of relevant information, knowledge and expertise

20. Availability of and access to funding (public and private)

Please explain here any lessons learnt; note that details of received funding are asked in the section 7)

21. Achieving economic viability

22. Involving relevant partners and stakeholders, community, authorities, etc

23. Any other issues of relevance you want to share with anyone planning a similar initiative

7. Support instruments and funding

24. Please select your Rural Development Programme (RDP), if relevant.

* 25. Please indicate the Euro amount used from the funding sources below, if applicable.

EAFRD (European
Agricultural Fund for
Rural Development)
2007-2013

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Agricultural Fund for
Rural Development)
2014-2020

ERDF (European
Regional Development
Fund)

Horizon2020

LIFE

Other EU sources

Other national funding
sources

Private funding

26. In case of EAFRD support (2014-2020), which measures were applied?

- M1: Knowledge transfer and information activities
- M2: Advisory services, farm management and farm relief activities
- M3: Quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs
- M4: Investments in physical assets
- M6: Farm and business development
- M7: Basic services and village renewal in rural areas
- M9: Setting up of producer groups
- M15: Forest-environmental and climate services and forest conservation
- M16: Co-operation
- M18: Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests
- M19: Support for LEADER local development - community-led local development

27. Specific target of public support received and at which stage of the initiative it was applied
(e.g. feasibility study prepared with ERDF support).

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8. Basic data

* 28. Please select your country.

* 29. Name / Last name

Name

Last name

* 30. Email address:

* 31. Organisation:

32. Web page link of the described initiative: