

PRESS RELEASE

BIOTRANSFORM holds 2-day consortium meeting in Seville

The BIOTRANSFORM team recently met in Seville, Spain, for the latest consortium meeting to discuss progress, share updates, and tackle challenges in advancing the circular bioeconomy in Europe. The meeting was organized by our partner, CTA, and focused on the project's ongoing efforts in different regional case studies.

The first day of the meeting centered around presenting updates from various work areas. The team discussed progress on the impact assessment tool, transition pathways, and governance practices for the circular bioeconomy. Key work includes assessing environmental, economic, and social factors through Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) and multicriteria analysis. The group reviewed 16 LCA indicators and 6 additional indicators for multi-criteria analysis to better understand the impact of different transition strategies.

The case study in Austria, focusing on Northern Burgenland, was also discussed, with updates on collecting data for resource optimization and LCA estimations. Discussions also included identifying barriers to transition and the different methods used, such as SWOT analysis and System Dynamics Modelling, to better understand these challenges. Governance and financing options were also explored.

The second day began with the General Assembly, where the team reviewed key administrative topics, including progress reports, submitted deliverables, and upcoming milestones. The team also reviewed the semester action plan to ensure timely alignment with BIOTRANSFORM's objectives and upcoming milestones. After the General Assembly was concluded, a last session explored the resource flows and their potential to be re-used in our case-study regions, utilising Sankey diagrams.

As the BIOTRANSFORM project enters its final phase, this meeting was an important opportunity to reflect on the progress made and set the stage for the final steps needed to support Europe's transition to a circular bioeconomy.

