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BIOTRANSFORM Final Event at BIOKET 2025: Advancing Circular Bioeconomy Solutions for a Sustainable Europe

BIOTRANSFORM project, dedicated to accelerating the transition to sustainable circular bioeconomy, reached a major milestone with its' final consortium meeting and event held in Brussels, Belgium. The two-day gathering took place on March 12-13, 2025, and brought together key project partners to review the outcomes of our journey and discuss the future of bioeconomy transitions across Europe.

Day 1: Consortium Meeting – A Reflection on Progress and Challenges

The first day of the event, March 12, was marked by the final consortium meeting hosted at the premises of our partner ACR+. The meeting served as a key opportunity for partners to recap the project's accomplishments, address ongoing challenges, and focus on the final tasks within work packages as we approach the end of the project.

Discussions primarily centered around the completion of BIOTRANSFORM's assessment package and the related deliverable as well as the remaining aspects of the work package on "Governing the Transition." Partners also evaluated the project's risks and outcomes to ensure a smooth closure, while preparing for the final event on the following day. The evening concluded with a social dinner, fostering further collaboration and camaraderie among partners.



Day 2: Final Event at BIOKET 2025 – Showcasing Project Outcomes and Future Pathways

The second day marked the official celebration of BIOTRANSFORM's successful conclusion with a final event held as part of BIOKET 2025 at the SQUARE Brussels Meeting Centre. Organized by Q-PLAN and ACR+, the event drew an audience of policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, and stakeholders from across Europe. It was an opportunity to discuss the project's key achievements and explore the future pathways for transitioning to circular bioeconomy.

BIOTRANSFORM has played a crucial role in supporting the shift from linear, fossil-based value chains to more sustainable, circular bio-based systems. Over the course of the project, collaborative efforts have led to the development of robust methodologies, case studies, and policy recommendations designed to accelerate the bioeconomy transformation.

Key Highlights from the Final Event:

- **Project Outcomes:** The event showcased the comprehensive methodology developed by BIOTRANSFORM for evaluating biomass residue utilization, as well as policy recommendations designed to drive the bioeconomy transition across Europe.
- **Demonstrative Cases:** Case studies presented from regions such as Northern Burgenland (Austria), Western Macedonia (Greece), and North Rhine-Westphalia (Germany) illustrated innovative applications of biomass residues. These included biogas and compost production, lignin-based adhesives, and green hydrogen generation.

- **Interactive Discussions:** The event included a series of interactive discussions, where participants explored the challenges of transitioning to a regional circular bioeconomy. They discussed which policy recommendations were most difficult to implement and shared actionable insights for future progress.
- **Policy Recommendations:** A significant focus was placed on the collaborative efforts of BIOTRANSFORM, ROBIN, and SUSTRACK projects, which have worked together to provide joint policy recommendations that ensure the sustainable development of bio-based systems.

As BIOTRANSFORM draws to a close, the insights and methodologies developed during the project will continue to serve as essential resources for policymakers and industry leaders working to advance bioeconomy sector. Final reports summarizing the project's findings will be made available on the project's website in July 2025.



ABOUT BIOTRANSFORM

BIOTRANSFORM, a **HORIZON Coordination and Support Action** funded by the European Union (**Grant Agreement No. 101081833**) with a **€2 million** budget, was launched in **October 2022** and ran for **30 months**. Coordinated by **Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTI)**, the project brings together **9 partners from 8 European countries**, fostering cross-sector collaboration to bridge science and real-world applications for a greener, more sustainable Europe.

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