PROJECT KICK OFF

The UrBIOFuture a BBI JU - H2020 Project has started with the Kick Off Meeting celebrated the last month in Barcelona city. In this meeting, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Coordinator of this project, explained the management on the first stage, the next actions and how all the partners can achieve the success on the development of their tasks. The consortium presented the Work Packages (WP) tasks description and objectives, the planning for the next months and, the first deliverables to be submitted to the European Commission. Moreover, they discussed about the strategy to have a good coordination in the development of each task and how this one year project will achieve its main objective and its positive impacts in the European bioeconomy field. UrBIOFuture project wants to inspire the bioeconomy education in Europe being the example to follow in this area.

COMMUNICATION & DISSEMINATION BEGINS

The UrBIOFuture team is proud to announce the creation of the website, building a bridge between project execution and end users. During the project, the website will be the primary tool for communication, thus allowing insights on achievements, reflections, and opportunities for our peers. From fellow academics to industrial partners and the curious environmentally engaged consumer — all are welcome. Conversations continue, too, on the social networks where the project will develop its communication: LinkedIn, Instagram & Twitter. Follow, react, and reach out! And do not forget to check out our website: urbiofuture.eu
THE CONSORTIUM

The consortium is composed by a University (UAB) coordinating the project, 4 Research and Technological Organizations (CNR, VTT, VITO and IHE) with direct link to prestigious European universities, 3 clusters (ABP, CTA and PSTP) working closely with innovative companies with a strong regional, national and international position in the field of biotechnology sector and 1 SME (SIE) with wide experience in preparation and communication of projects in the biotech, environment and circular economy field. Every member of the consortium, moreover, has close contact to either (or even both) the biotechnology or educational institutions in their respective countries and other European countries.

DYNAMIC WORKSHOP IN BRUSSELS

Technological Corporation of Andalusia (CTA) held a dynamic workshop dedicated to detect the educational needs of the European Bioeconomy in the Delegation of the Andalusian Government in Brussels (Belgium). More than 30 professionals linked to the European Bioeconomy participated in this workshop, which was also attended by representatives of the BBI JU and the European Commission, as well as the partners of the UrBIOfuture project. The participants worked in 4 round tables led by CTA to discuss the necessary skills for the digitisation of the sector; soft skills for innovation and entrepreneurship; and the basic skills in Circular Bioeconomy, both for technical profiles and for business development, marketing and communication profiles.

THE IMPACT

UrBIOfuture main goal is to bring Europe to the forefront of the bio-based sector by boosting careers, new educational programmes and research activities. First, a map of completed and ongoing programs addressing curricula that involve bio-based activities will be developed in a wide range of educational levels and covering a wide geographical scope in the EU, in a first stage, followed by the identification of current education and professional gaps and skills mismatch in the bio-based field. These results will ensure the cooperation and alignment among educational and research institutions and industry and will set the basis for new educational programmes.

“Education in the bio-based field is the key for the future of Europe.”

The focus group document that was analysed in this Workshop is available on the website: https://www.urbiofuture.eu/documents/#project-documents