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SYMBIOSIS IN ACTION: SCALING BIO-BASED BUSINESS MODELS ACROSS EUROPE

SYMBA & SYMBIO FINAL CONFERENCE

AGENDA

3 December 2026 9:00 • 14:00

Lombardy Region Offices, Place du Champ de Mars 3, B-1050 Bruxelles, Belgium

8:30 • 9:00 Registration & welcome coffee

9:00 • 9:15

Opening Session: Joint Perspectives on Advancing Industrial Symbiosis

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Motivation and expected impact of the joint SYMBIO–SYMBA Final Event
- Complementarity of the two projects and opportunities for joint exploitation

SYMBIO Coordinator (*Ilaria Re*, LGCA)

SYMBA Coordinator (*Antonietta Pizza*, ENCO)

9:15 • 9:40

Joint policy session

- Industrial Symbiosis Policy Overview
- SYMBA policy brief – applying the SYMBA methodology towards a full-scale and sustainable bio-based economy
- SYMBIO policy recommendations for scaling bio-based industrial symbiosis

Q&A session

Moderator: *Ilaria Re*, LGCA

Presenters: Policy Officer (*Mafalda Quintas*, EC – REA)

SYMBA (*Valentina Oquendo Di Cosola*, CKIC/ *Erica Locatelli*, ICLEI)

SYMBIO (*Antonia Zerobin*, ANRI)

9:40 • 11:10

Delivering industrial symbiosis: SYMBA and SYMBIO results and achievements

SYMBA results

- SYMBA approach: a structured framework for identifying and implementing symbiosis opportunities
- Consumer perceptions and acceptance of circular bio-based products
- SYMBA Evaluation Model
- Training materials

Q&A session

Moderator: *Antonietta Pizza*, ENCO

Presenters:
Lucía González-Monjardin, CETAQUA
Mirko Busto, ENCO
Antonio Ordovás Carreras, AIMPLAS
Hector Leiva, CIRCE

SYMBIO results

- Regional Data Hub across 12 EU regions
- Shaping value chains through VCG.AI Platform
- Industrial symbiosis business models from selection to co-creation
- The industrial symbiosis economic, environmental and social impacts

Q&A session

Presenters:
Maria Elena Saija, LGCA
Miha Skrokov, ANTEJA
Antonia Zerobin, ANRI
Carmen Ronchel, FCTA
Katie Beverley, CMU

11:10 • 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 • 12:10

Beyond the projects: Building impact through collaboration and Key Exploitable Results

- Collaboration with sister projects and EU initiatives
- Replicating or scaling up biobased Innovation in the European regions: the importance of synergies

Q&A session

Moderator:
Ellen Gale, Climate-KIC

Presenters:
Dr. Simone Wurster, Fraunhofer ISI / RISERS project
Ilaria Re, Vanguard Initiative
Maria Loloni, Hubs4Circularity Community of Practice project
Simone Maccaferri, Project Officer / Co-Call Coordinator CBE-JU

12:10 • 12:30

SYMBA & SYMBIO Awards

Recognition of the regions and stakeholders that supported the implementation of the two projects

SYMBA Coordinator:
Antonietta Pizza, ENCO

SYMBIO Coordinator:
Ilaria Re, LGCA

12:30 • 12:40

Closing remarks & call to action

EC Project Officer, REA/B/03

12:40 • 14:00 **Light lunch & networking**

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