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The importance of adequate policies and governance mechanisms to build a Sustainable Bioeconomy Strategy

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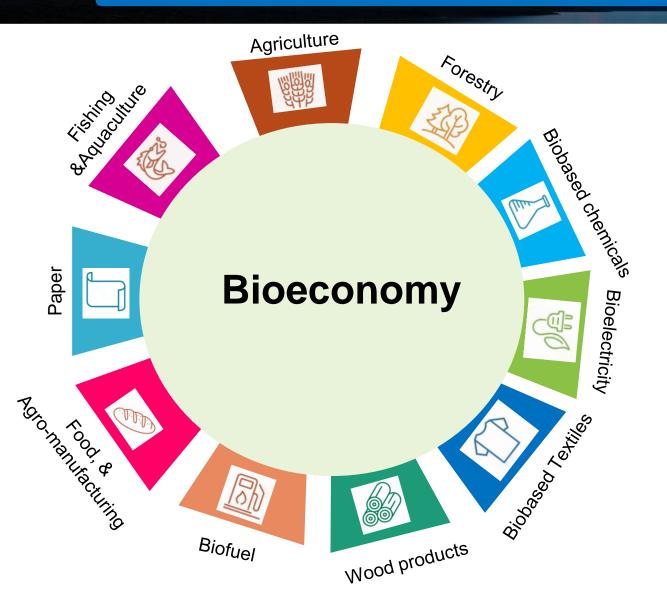
SUMMARY

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- BIOECONOMY STRATEGY: EUROPEAN AND PORTUGUESE CONTEXT
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- FUTURE APPROACHES SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY DEVELOPMENT





Definition



"Bioeconomy encompasses all sectors, associated services and investments that produce, use, process, distribute or consume biological resources, including ecosystem services"

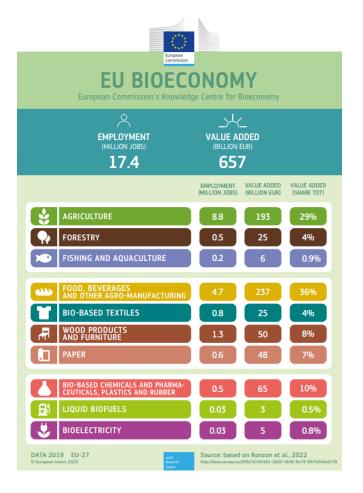
"Bioeconomy refers to the production of renewable biological resources and the conversion of these resources and waste streams into value-added products, such as food, feed, bio-based products and bioenergy."

"Bioeconomy means use of renewable biological resources from land and sea, like crops, forests, fish, animals and micro-organisms to produce food, materials and energy."



Relevance for Economic and Sustainable Development

The 2030 UN SDGs and the European Green Deal Strategy set the ambition for a climate neutral, resource-efficient, competitive and sustainable development







Bioeconomy activities are aligned and support the achievement of the **Green Deal Strategy**:

- assurance of food and nutrition security
- management of natural resources and ecosystem services
- reduction of non-renewable resources
- replacement of these by renewable, non-fossil based resources (wind, solar, bioenergy, etc)
- improvement of European competitiveness
- creation of sustainable business and additional jobs





European and Portuguese Strategy

European & Portuguese Bioeconomy Sustainability 2030 Strategies aligned and integrated into the 2030 Portuguese Strategic Agenda



Economy

Sustainable & Competitive Value Chain

Integrate and develop digitalization

Develop & Strengthen Innovation & technology

Ensure a sustainable and competitive economic development

Develop new business models



Environment

Natural Resources Management within Ecological Boundaries

Protection and Reinforcement of Biodiversity

Sustainable Management & Valorization of Natural Resources

Reduction of dependency from non-renewable resources

Mitigation & Adaptation to Climate Change

Achievement of Carbon Neutrality



Society

Social Fairness & Territorial Cohesion

Assurance of Food and Nutrition Security

Promote & Develop Demographic Equilibrium

Promotion territorial cohesion & rural development

Creation of "green" jobs



Enablers for Implementation of 2030 Portuguese Strategy

Knowledge



Build up Fundamental knowledge multiple sectors and stakeholders

Development of specific online platforms/databases

Knowledge transfer and dissemination

Policies



Assessment of existent legislation

Identification of policy and governance roadblocks

Adaptation and development of policies and regulations

Networks



Intersectorial R&D Activities

Exploitation of regional/national/European funding

Projects involving agriculture, soil, water, resource valorization specialists, economists, etc

Economy & Business



Cross sectorial activities leading to Business development

Market driven initiatives

Projects boosting startup development, technology transfer and development of commercial products



Type of Public Policies, Instruments and Governance Mechanisms

Direct regulations:

- Waste management, separation, classification
- 1º and 2º Industries Category Subproducts (waste to secondary by-product)
- Implementation of restricted areas (ecological zoning)
- Chemical fertilizer restrictions
- Regulations for manure, wastewater and agro-industry effluents management

Economic instruments:

- Financial incentives supporting associate/collaborative groups
- Rural development incentives for sustainable farming
- Systems/technologies/practices leading to decarbonization, waste fees, etc
- Specific loans, grants, subsidies, feed-in tariffs, tax incentives, premiums and general R&D funds

Voluntary Instruments:

- Voluntary certification schemes, labelling (e.g. organic farming)
- Development of platforms for info-sharing and communication
- Capacity building and knowledge build-up initiatives



Relevant Specific Public Policies, Instruments and Governance Mechanisms



National Plan for Carbon Neutrality 2050 (RNC2050)



ENEAPAI 2030 Estratégia Nacional para os Efluentes Agropecuários e Agroindustriais

National Strategy for Farm and Agroindustrial effluents (ENEAPAI) 2030

Strategic Plan for the Common Agriculture Policy (PEPAC 2021-2027)

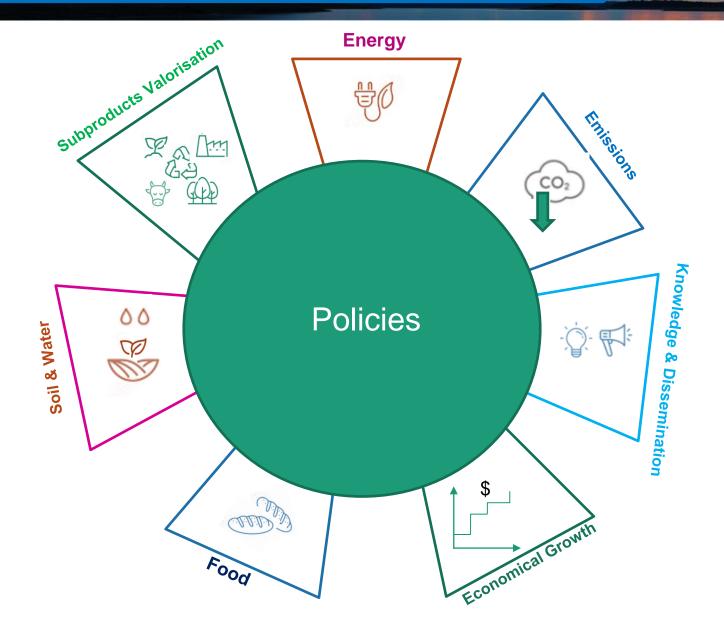




National Plan for Energy and Climate 2021-2030 (PNEC2030)

- European Strategy for Reduction of Methane emissions
- National Plan for the promotion of Biorefineries
- Fertilizer Regulations (Regulamento (CE) nº. 2019/1009 de 25 de Junho de 2019)









Specific Measures within Public Policies supporting Bioeconomy



Food

- Target 20% increase of Mediterranean diet
- Initiatives leading to a more sustainable, efficient and economically balanced agriculture
- Enhancement of use of Precision agriculture, Digitalisation, Biotechnology
- Improvement of soil quality and overall crop yield by the application of organic matter as soil fertilizer





Energy & Emissions

- Increase energetic efficiency and increase annual agriculture renewable energy consumption by 47% till 2030
- Reduce Greenhouse gas emissions by 85% (in comparison with 2005)
- Overall reduction of emissions in the agriculture sector
- · Reduce emissions associated with farming and fertilizer usage
- Apply agriculture management practices promoting carbon capture (e.g. biodiverse pasture and regenerative agriculture)
- Capture of 13 million tons of carbon within the agriculture and forestry sectors





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Sub-product valorisation & Effluents Management

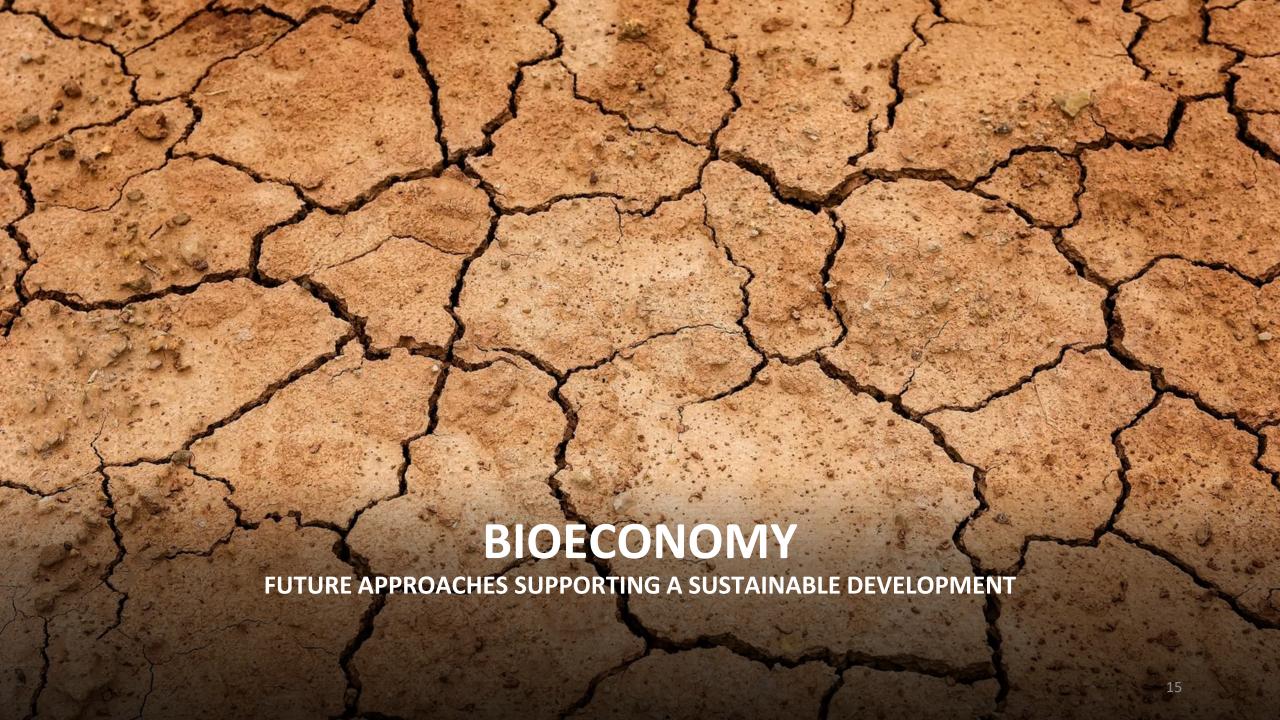
- Valorisation and new business models for residual agro-industry, forestry and agriculture biomass
- Establish valorization schemes for agropecuary and agro-industrial waste
- Develop suitable management schemes agroindustry effluents (recovery, treatment, reuse and valorization)



Research and Development, Knowledge Build-up and transfer

- Increase R&D investments by 60% and general reinforcement from R&D on the areas of relevance for Bioeconomy
- Promote initiatives to boost training, literacy and overall communication to civil society and other relevant stakeholders (sustainable agroindustry practices, bioeconomy, resource valorization, decarbonization and other relevant topics)





Gaps to be addressed

Climate change and further reduction of water availability

reevaluate, adapt and optimize current legislation, considering a multisectorial approach (agriculture, tourism, industry, etc.)

Soil quality restoration

define adequate European and National procedures to monitor soil quality define appropriate measures, policies and instruments to ensure soil quality improvement and restoration

Biomass

develop and implement solutions to regulate competition between the use of biomass in different sectors (food, energy)

Land & Water Management

develop mechanisms to regulate land and water management across different value chains (agriculture, industry, etc)

Cooperation

Fostering interministerial cooperation, policy coherence and coordination at different levels (local, regional, national, EU, international)

Knowledge

Create, make available and disseminate knowledge supporting Bioeconomy development (Academia, Industry, Civil Society, other)

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R&D Centers, Mission and Vision



Ecosystem services
Eco-Evolutionary responses
Long-term Ecol. Research
Impact assessment
Health & Wellbeing



Climate Change
Agro-forestry-systems
Food safety & security
Governance & Territorial Cohesion



Ecological-Economics
Carbon Neutrality
Circular Economy
Resource management
Policy instruments





SOCIETY

Needs & aspirations Tensions & conflicts Public & private stakeholders





MISSION

Deliver realistic policy solutions contributing to environmentally-friendly, resource-efficient and competitive economies under current and future global changes.

VISION

Become the go-to R&I hub for developing, evaluating and operationalizing innovative and improved public policies with impacts on Global Change and Sustainability.