



# Cross-border Pitching, Matchmaking and Networking Event

24-25 November 2025

Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel

## SATELLITE EVENTS

### 21 October 2025: Coaching Webinar

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| 14:00 – 15:30 | Scaling your bio-innovation with the EU Innovation Fund by ZAZ Ventures – online webinar<br>Participation: for all registered “Pitch Perfect and Boost the EU Bioeconomy” participants |
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### 4 November 2025: Webinar: Think big, pitch smart: Get investor-ready in one hour

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| 16:00 – 17:00 | Think big, pitch smart: Get investor-ready in one hour – online webinar<br>Participation: for all registered “Pitch Perfect and Boost the EU Bioeconomy” participants |
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### 24 November 2025: Satellite Events, Keynote, Investor Pitches, Informal Walking Dinner, Party

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| 10:00 – 13:00 | The Proteinn Club Industrial Sounding Board Meeting - Sheraton Brussels Airport – room Satellite 4<br>Participation: by invitation only                                                              |
| 11:00 – 13:30 | Bioaromatics on the Rise: Why you should get on board with this innovative biobased material - Sheraton Brussels Airport – room Satellite 6<br>Participation: access for all, registration mandatory |

### 26 November 2025: Open Day for Start-Ups, SMEs, Corporates, Private & Public Investors @ Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

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| 09:00 – 15:00 | Participation: access for all, registration mandatory |
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## 26 November 2025: Open Day for Start-Ups, SMEs and Investors @ Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Shuttle bus from Brussels Airport to Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant                                                                                                 |
| 09:00 – 10:35 | Seeing is Believing: Study Visit to the Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant - Ghent, Belgium; free shuttle bus Brussels – Ghent – Brussels<br>Participation: open to all |
| 10:35 – 10:55 | Networking coffee break                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:55 – 15:00 | Scale-Up Workshop: The art of scaling – How to design your cost-effective bioprocess in the most efficient way                                                   |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Scale-Up Workshop Part 1: Scale-Up Accelerator Network meets Due Diligence                                                                                       |
| 12:00 – 12:40 | Scale-Up Workshop Part 2: Does my scale-up plan make sense and how can I implement Techno-Economic Assessment (TEA) across TRL scales?                           |
| 12:40 – 13:20 | Networking lunch                                                                                                                                                 |
| 13:20 – 14:30 | Scale-Up Workshop Part 3: Breaking the cost barrier in biomanufacturing                                                                                          |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Scale-Up Workshop Part 4: Roundtable: Reflections on what Pitch Perfect brought us this year                                                                     |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Shuttle bus from Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant to Brussels Airport                                                                                                 |

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## 24 November 2025: Keynote, Investor Pitches, Informal Walking Dinner

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| 13:00 | Registration and Coffee                                                                         |
| 13:30 | Opening of the Event and Presentation of the Co-Organisers                                      |
| 14:00 | Inspirational Keynote Session                                                                   |
| 15:30 | Coffee Break                                                                                    |
| 16:00 | Reverse Pitching by Investors – Session 1                                                       |
| 17:30 | Investor Appetite Drink – <i>kindly supported by Brabantse Ontwikkelings Maatschappij</i>       |
| 18:00 | Reverse Pitching by Investors – Session 2                                                       |
| 19:00 | Informal Networking Walking Dinner – <i>kindly supported by Bio-based Industries Consortium</i> |

## 25 November 2025: Pitching, Matchmaking and Networking Event

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| Matchmaking Satellite 4, 6<br>and 7 | 08:00                            | Registration and Coffee                             |                  |                  |
|                                     | Parallel Sessions                |                                                     |                  |                  |
|                                     | 09:00                            | Pitch Session 1                                     | Pitch Session 2  | Pitch Session 3  |
|                                     | 10:30                            | Coffee and Networking Break                         |                  |                  |
|                                     | 11:00                            | Pitch Session 4                                     | Pitch Session 5  | Pitch Session 6  |
|                                     | 12:30                            | Lunch and Networking Break                          |                  |                  |
|                                     | 14:00                            | Pitch Session 7                                     | Pitch Session 8  | Pitch Session 9  |
|                                     | 15:30                            | Coffee and Networking Break                         |                  |                  |
|                                     | 16:00                            | Pitch Session 10                                    | Pitch Session 11 | Pitch Session 12 |
|                                     | Plenary Closing Session (Atrium) |                                                     |                  |                  |
|                                     | 17:00                            | Summary of the Day <i>by Stef Denayer, Pilots4U</i> |                  |                  |
|                                     | 17:10                            | Networking Drink                                    |                  |                  |

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|               | Pitch Room GALAXY I                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pitch Room GALAXY II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Pitch Room GALAXY III                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 09:00 – 10:30 | <b>Pitch Session 1: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – PRESEED/ANGEL/SEED FUNDING: CHEMICALS AND AG TECH</b><br><br><i>Moderator: tba<br/>Timekeeper: tba</i>                                                                         | <b>Pitch Session 2: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – SERIES A AND SERIES B/C FUNDING: PROTEINS AND FOOD INGREDIENTS</b><br><br><i>Moderator: tba<br/>Timekeeper: tba</i>                                                                          | <b>Pitch Session 3: EMERGING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES: NOVEL FERMENTATION AND NOVEL DOWNSTREAM PROCESSING INNOVATIONS</b><br><br><i>Moderator: tba<br/>Timekeeper: tba</i>                                                    |
| 09:00         | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| TBC           | <b>Make chemical manufacturing more efficient with biocatalysis</b><br><b>Stefan Steinberger, Enzyan Biocatalysis, AT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) various feedstocks; (EP) small molecules; (T) biocatalysis, cascades</i>                  | <b>Making the promise of dairy protein from precision fermentation a commercial reality</b><br><b>Stephan van Sint Fiet, Vivici, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) sugar, C1 feedstock; (EP) beta-lactoglobulin, lactoferrin; (T) precision fermentation</i> | <b>Omega-3 and protein rich microalgae from food waste</b><br><b>Ingmar Hoegoey, Greentech Innovators, NO</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) food waste; (EP) fermentation media; (T) biotechnology</i>                                 |
| TBC           | <b>Next-generation catalysts to unlock a profitable and resilient chemical industry</b><br><b>Seadna Quigley, Level Nine, DE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) lignin; (EP) polyols; (T) nanozymes</i>                                            | <b>PFx Biotech: Scaling bioactive proteins for healthier future, smarter investment</b><br><b>Ali Osman, PFX Biotech, PT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glycerol; (EP) lactoferrin, other bioactive proteins; (T) precision fermentation</i>                 | <b>Local transformation of by-products into valued-products to buy</b><br><b>Tony Callaghan, SomaTech, IE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) fibrous by-products; (EP) supplement ingredients; (T) solid-state fermentation</i>         |
| TBC           | <b>Linium Biochemicals: Creating more value from biomass with 2 aromatic monomers</b><br><b>Ludovic Sinet, Linium Biochemicals, FR</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) biomass, lignin; (EP) aromatics, cellulose; (T) continuous fractionation</i> | <b>myPichia: Novel platform for protein production</b><br><b>Claudia Rinnofer, myBIOS, AT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glucose, glycerol, methanol-free, proteins; (EP) enzymes; (T) precision fermentation</i>                                            | <b>Cell-free synthesis of bioactive glycans</b><br><b>Thomas Rexer, eversyn GmbH, DE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) various feedstocks; (EP) complex glycans; (T) cell-free synthesis</i>                                           |
| TBC           | <b>Biobased dyes solving water &amp; toxicity challenges to enable circular textile production</b><br><b>Ida Näslund, MOUNID AB, SE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) algae pigment; (EP) biobased dye; (T) biobased dyeing</i>                   | <b>Meet Margaret: the stainless steel cow revolutionizing dairy!</b><br><b>Robert van den Breemer, Those Vegan Cowboys, BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glucose; (EP) recombinant casein; (T) precision fermentation</i>                                   | <b>Beyond protein: How Nourish Ingredients is scaling the missing piece of sustainable food – fats</b><br><b>Anna El Tahchy, Nourish Ingredients, AU</b><br><i>Keywords: (EP) specialty fats; (T) precision fermentation</i> |
| TBC           | <b>Microbial colours: An alternative to synthetic colours</b><br><b>Karin Fleck, Vienna Textile Lab, AT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) peptone; (EP) textile pigments; (T) microbial fermentation</i>                                          | <b>Revolutionising our food system through novel fungal fermentation</b><br><b>Pierre Dupuis, Adamo Foods, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glucose, BSG; (EP) mycelium; (T) fungal fermentation</i>                                                        | <b>Next-gen heparin: scaling a safer, more sustainable heparin</b><br><b>Ilaria Poledri, ExCulture BV, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) acetate; (EP) non-animal heparin; (T) microbial bioprocess</i>                             |

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| TBC | <b>Future-proofing our colourful world</b><br><b>Sarah Graham, Lite-1, CA</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) organic waste-streams; (EP) sustainable colourants; (T) microbial biomanufacturing</i>                                                                | <b>BioSolutions for decarbonization</b><br><b>Elena De Vecchi, Algicel, DK</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) captured CO<sub>2</sub>; (EP) algae-based ingredients; (T) photobioreactors</i>                                                    | <b>From waste to resource: Valorizing precision fermentation biomass for the circular bioeconomy</b><br><b>Jana Wittmer, Revyve, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) yeast, bacteria; (EP) protein, fibre; (T) mild micronization</i>                                |
| TBC | <b>Brilliant Dyes: Sustainable circular bioprocessing for CO<sub>2</sub>-negative, biodegradable natural dye</b> <b>Md Tabish Noori, Brilliant Dyes, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) microalgae biomass; (EP) natural dyes; (T) continuous bioprocessing</i> | <b>Greencover: The fast lane to upcycled ingredients</b><br><b>Carlos Cabrera, Greencover B.V., NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) o(at)kara, nut skins; (EP) protein antioxidants; (T) upcycling separation</i>                              | <b>Fermentation production of feed stock additives using synthetic biology</b><br><b>Anthony Swain, Fermelanta, JP</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) additives; (EP) carotenoids, vitamins; (T) synbio, fermentation</i>                                              |
| TBC | <b>Preventive &amp; biological antifreeze sprays for frost protection</b><br><b>Laure Craeye, W'Ice, BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glucose; (EP) antifreeze biostimulant; (T) freeze inhibitors</i>                                                        | <b>Harnessing fermentation for the production of affordable natural algal astaxanthin</b><br><b>Claude Kaplan, Kuehnle AgroSystems, IE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) acetic acid; (EP) natural astaxanthin; (T) enzymatic bioconversion</i> | <b>A bananas way to increase biomass, reduce run times and reduce culture media use</b><br><b>Andrew Lee, Lytegro, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) waste bananas; (EP) growth enhancers; (T) microbial boosters</i>                                              |
| TBC | <b>B-COS we care about resilient plant production</b><br><b>Chiara Guidi, B-COS, BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glucose; (EP) defined chito-oligosaccharides; (T) precision fermentation</i>                                                                | <b>Inbiose: Industrial biotechnology for the production of complex specialty carbohydrates</b><br><b>Wim Soetaert, Inbiose, BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i>                                                     | <b>Novel platform technology to purify industrial organic acids</b><br><b>Sinah Tönjes, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant; BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) various feedstocks; (EP) organic acids; (T) purification, extraction</i>                                    |
| TBC | <b>New kind of pheromones to control agricultural pests in the soil</b><br><b>Fatma Kaplan, Pheronym, Inc., US</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) plant-based; (EP) nematode pheromones; (T) biomanufacturing, fermentation</i>                                    | <b>TBC</b><br><b>TBC</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Ready-to-use starter cultures for scalable and reliable biomanufacturing</b><br><b>Troels Prahl, Swan Neck Bio, DK</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) outsourcing seedtrain; (EP) starter-culture &amp; inoculum; (T) direct inoculation</i>                        |
| TBC | <b>Mycoverse: New bioactives for agriculture's green transition</b><br><b>Niels Bjerg Jensen, Mycoverse, DK</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) grains; (EP) biofungicide; (T) fungal fermentation</i>                                                              | <b>TBC</b><br><b>TBC</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Advancing fermentation monitoring through online Raman Spectroscopy and advanced data modelling</b><br><b>Martijn Bekker, Wageningen Food &amp; Biobased Research, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) sugars, methanol; (EP) protein; (T) Raman spectroscopy</i> |

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| TBC | <b>PeptoFarm: Biotechnological solutions for plant protection</b><br><b>Andrea Tagliani, PeptoFarm, spin-off of the University of Milan, IT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glycerol, glucose; (EP) antimicrobial peptides; (T) biomanufacturing pharmacology</i> |  |  |
| TBC | <b>Biologicals revolutionizing the control of bacterial crop diseases</b><br><b>Oliver Thimm, Landman.Bio, BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) fermentation; (EP) crop protection; (T) bacteriophages</i>                                                          |  |  |

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| 11:00<br>–<br>12:30 | <p>Pitch Session 4: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – PRESEED/ANGEL/SEED FUNDING: PROTEINS AND FOOD INGREDIENTS</p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>                                                                                  | <p>Pitch Session 5: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – SERIES A AND SERIES B/C FUNDING: CHEMICALS, POLYMERS, MATERIALS</p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>                                   | <p>Pitch Session 6: TO-BE-START-UPS LOOKING FOR EARLY FINANCE – PRESEED/ANGEL/SEED AND/OR PARTNERS</p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11:00               | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                      | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| TBC                 | <p><b>NoA Biosciences: Wood to food</b><br/><b>Koen Wentink, NoA Biosciences, NL</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) woody biomass; (EP) fungal alt-protein foods; (T) solid-state fermentation</i></p>                                                                    | <p><b>AmphiStar: Making biosurfactants mainstream</b><br/><b>Sophie Roelants, AmphiStar, BE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) agri-food, waste-side-streams; (EP) microbial biosurfactants; (T) synbio, fermentation</i></p>    | <p><b>New application fields and routes of novel bioprotective cultures for sustainable public health</b><br/><b>Gurhan Ciftcioglu, Innovative Biotechnology, Spin-off of University Mah. Sarigul Sok</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) bioprocessing substrates; (EP) bioprotective cultures; (T) bioprocessing, fermentation</i></p> |
| TBC                 | <p><b>Sustainable source of protein from fungal fermentation of industrial side streams</b><br/><b>Tomas Byčkovas, Biohifas, LT</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) BSG, breadcrumbs; (EP) proteins, meat alternatives; (T) fungal fermentation</i></p>                    | <p><b>Reimagining colour with biology: The science behind PurePalette(TM) by Octarine Bio</b><br/><b>Nick Milne, Octarine Bio, DK</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) dextrose; (EP) pigments; (T) precision fermentation</i></p> | <p><b>FibraSolase: Enzymatic solubilisation of fibres</b><br/><b>Bas Raats &amp; Wim de Laat, The Protein Express, spin-off of BioscienZ, NL</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) wheat bran; (EP) enzymes, pre-digested fibres; (T) fermentation, enzyme-hydrolysis</i></p>                                                              |
| TBC                 | <p><b>The only plant-based collagen bio-identical to human skin</b><br/><b>Ejaz Hussain, Leafycoll, GB</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) plants; (EP) collagen protein; (T) synthetic biology</i></p>                                                                    | <p><b>Bioengineered dyes: the scalable, non-toxic future of colour</b><br/><b>Sophie Vaud, Colorifix, GB</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) glucose; (EP) dyes; (T) bioengineering, fermentation</i></p>                         | <p><b>From infant formula to the future of human nutrition</b><br/><b>Christina Rode, Hulk Bio, GB</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) human cells; (EP) milk bioactives; (T) cell culture</i></p>                                                                                                                                       |
| TBC                 | <p><b>From turf to global agriculture: Precision biocontrol powered by proteins</b><br/><b>Kenneth Veland Halberg and Eva Maria Rebrova, Yngvi Bio, DK</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) microbial proteins; (EP) bio-pesticides, biocontrol; (T) smart proteins</i></p> | <p><b>Fuel from sunlight and CO2 for hydrocarbon addicted transportation</b><br/><b>Brittany Hook, HutanBio Ltd, IE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) microalgae; (EP) HBx bio-oil; (T) HBx technology</i></p>                  | <p><b>Dahlia Biotech: Organic acids from renewable feedstock as price-competitive raw materials</b><br/><b>Zora Rerop, Dahlia Biotech, DE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) gases, biomass; (EP) organic acids; (T) fermentation</i></p>                                                                                               |

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| TBC | <b>Production Platform for using CO2 for the production of protein</b><br><b>Verena Schwab, Econutri GmbH /Atmos, AT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) CO2, energy; (EP) protein ingredients; (T) gas fermentation</i>                                                                  | <b>Production of FDCA with biotechnology (for biopolymers)</b><br><b>Marc Lankveld, Tasseikan B.V., NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) sugar; (EP) FDCA; (T) biotechnology</i>                                                                                       | <b>MycoSafe: Natural biocontrol</b><br><b>Tobias Schilling, MycoSafe, spin-off of the University of Groningen, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) yeast, grain; (EP) natural biopreservative; (T) precision fermentation</i>                                                                           |
| TBC | <b>Algemy: Unlocking the power of microalgae for sustainable and healthy food, cosmetics and agriculture</b><br><b>Derek Latil de Ros, Algemy Ingredients, ES</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) CO2, microalgae; (EP) protein &amp; bioactive ingredients; (T) techno-functionality</i> | <b>Shifting the paradigm: making lactic acid using ecology and residuals to reduce fossil based needs</b><br><b>Jules Rombouts, Nature's Principles B.V., NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) non-food residuals; (EP) lactic acid; (T) fermentation, biorefinery</i> | <b>Building key supply chains for the bioeconomy: JunkemBio</b><br><b>Rodolfo Garcia Cortes, JunkemBio, Spin-off of Tecnológico de Monterrey, MX</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) food waste; (EP) glucose; (T) solid fermentation</i>                                                                  |
| TBC | <b>Alcolase: Promoting healthier choices in global drinking culture</b><br><b>Mikkel Precht, Alcolase, DK</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) amino acids, soy; (EP) liposomes, dietary supplement; (T) lipid encapsulation</i>                                                           | <b>Boreal Bioproducts: Natural biopolymers for industrial scale solutions</b><br><b>Jaakko Pajunen, Boreal Bioproducts, FI</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) sawdust, bark; (EP) biopolymers, feed; (T) water fractionation</i>                                        | <b>Grain to gain: Decentralized lactic acid from brewers' grains</b><br><b>Brian Freeland, Serkel.bio, to-be-spin-off DCU School of Biotechnology</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) spent grain; (EP) lactic acid; (T) fermentation process</i>                                                          |
| TBC | <b>Slim.bio: Specialty lipids with enhanced functionality through precision fermentation</b><br><b>Dimitri Verweire, Slim.Bio, BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) molasses, side-streams; (EP) specialty lipids; (T) precision fermentation</i>                                       | <b>From wastewaters to PHA-rich biomass: B-Plas embraces the industrial challenge!</b><br><b>Davide Collini – B-Plas, IT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) waste waters, sludges; (EP) PHA-rich biomass; (T) MMC</i>                                                   | <b>Leave them snails be: A friendly approach to the production of complex mucin proteins</b><br><b>Paul Spelt, Mucin Impossible, spin-off of OPE Group (Delft technical University), NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) simple sugars; (EP) mucin proteins; (T) directed evolution</i>                 |
| TBC | <b>Cell-Cultured Saffron: Sustainable biomanufacturing of high-value botanicals</b><br><b>Emma Skoog, Krokos Bio, US</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) sucrose; (EP) saffron; (T) plant cell</i>                                                                                        | <b>B'ZEOS: The future of packaging</b><br><b>Guy Maurice, B'ZEOS, CH</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) seaweed; (EP) sustainable packaging; (T) extrusion</i>                                                                                                          | <b>Predicting bioprocess scalability and microbial robustness with microfluidic single-cell cultivation</b><br><b>Julian Schmitz, BiProMicro, spin-off of Bielefeld University, DE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) bioprocess-dependent; (EP) scalability prediction; (T) microfluidic cultivation</i> |
| TBC | <b>NOIET: from by-products to clean-label functional ingredients</b><br><b>Marcello Brugnoli, NOIET Foods, IT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) food by-products; (EP) functional ingredient; (T) fermentation</i>                                                                      | <b>Iroony®: Scaling agri-based cellulose for the textile industry</b><br><b>Anne Reboux, Iroony, FR</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) agri-feedstock, hemp; (EP) cellulose, pulp; (T) pulping, agri-cellulose</i>                                                      | <b>Enabling circularity for rubber: Let's start with tires</b><br><b>Ieva Palubeckaite, Akin Solutions, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) rubber tires; (EP) recovered rubber; (T) enzymes</i>                                                                                                        |

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| TBC | <b>Natural and true alternatives for the masses</b><br><b>Hendrik Kaye, Esencia Foods UG (haftungsbeschränkt), DE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) legumes side-streams; (EP) meat alternatives; (T) mycelium, solid state fermentation</i> | <b>GuaTecs: The new natural latex, good for the planet &amp; the people</b><br><b>Michel Dorget – GuaTecs, FR</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) guayule; (EP) latex, rubber; (T) eco-extraction, biorefinery</i> | <b>TBC</b><br><b>TBC</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i> |
| TBC | <b>Bioactive ingredients from agri-food by-products</b><br><b>Graham Bonwick, AgriFoodX, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) food waste; (EP) food ingredients; (T) fermentation</i>                                                        | <b>Compostable protective packaging, bio-made</b><br><b>Arthur Moree – Grown bio, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) agri-waste; (EP) protective packaging; (T) mycelium composite</i>                         | <b>TBC</b><br><b>TBC</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i> |
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| 14:00<br>–<br>15:30 | <p>Pitch Session 7: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – <b>PRESEED/ANGEL/SEED FUNDING: POLYMERS AND MATERIALS</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Pitch Session 8a: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – <b>PRESEED/ANGEL/SEED FUNDING: COSMETICS</b></p> <p>Pitch Session 8b: <b>MICROBIAL PROTEIN &amp; MICROBIAL OILS</b> TRANSITION PLAYERS</p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>  | <p>Pitch Session 9: <b>LEADING PILOT FACILITIES FOR THE BIOECONOMY</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 14:00               | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| TBC                 | <p><b>Disrupting the \$9B super absorbent polymer (SAP) market: Sustainable absorbents to replace partially banned synthetic polymers in the EU</b><br/><b>Amaury van Trappen de Buggenoms, A&amp;B Smart Materials, GB</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) cellulose, starch; (EP) diapers, soils; (T) biodegradable superabsorbent</i></p> | <p><b>Fungal Biocompounds: The future of personal care</b><br/><b>Britta Winterberg, Mycolever, DE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) plant oils; (EP) cosmetic ingredients; (T) fungal fermentation</i></p>                                                            | TBC                                                                                                                                | <p><b>Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant: Take your bio-innovation from grams to tonnes</b><br/><b>Hendrik Waegeman, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant, BE</b></p>                                   |
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| TBC                 | <p><b>The BioHalogenation Company: Forever chemicals disrupted by biology</b><br/><b>Nicolas Krink, BioHalo, DK</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) acetate, waste; (EP) BioF-polymer, BioF-monomer; (T) biohalogenation, biofluorination</i></p>                                                                                            | <p><b>Sun Bear Biofuture: The future of fats and oils</b><br/><b>Ben Wilding, Sun Bear Biofuture, GB</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) alternative feedstocks; (EP) fats, oils; (T) synthetic biology</i></p>                                                          | TBC                                                                                                                                | <p><b>VTT Bioruukki Pilot Centre for scale-up of biobased materials and chemicals</b><br/><b>Mika Härkönen, VTT Bioruukki, FI</b></p>                                                   |
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| TBC                 | <p><b>Leveraging food waste to eradicate plastic waste</b><br/><b>Francois Schockaert, Outlander Materials, NL</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) food waste; (EP) bacterial cellulose; (T) fermentation, bioreactors</i></p>                                                                                                               | <p><b>Eat Beer – Modular fermentation meets rebellion: hijacking brewers' spent grain for sustainable mycoproteins</b><br/><b>Dr. Mark Schneeberger, Eat Beer Biotech GmbH, DE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) BSG; (EP) Mycoprotein; (T) Fungi Fermentation</i></p> | TBC                                                                                                                                | <p><b>Boost your scale-up with Extractis!</b><br/><b>Julienne Allemon, Extractis, FR</b></p>                                                                                            |
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| TBC | <b>Plastic-free polymers to replace PVOH for packaging applications: low cost, functional and plastic-free soluble films</b><br><b>Alex Newnes, PlantSea, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) seaweed, plants; (EP) polymer, soluble films; (T) biorefining, natural polymers</i> | <b>From sidestreams to mycoproteins: Harnessing filamentous fungi in AI-driven fermentation systems</b><br><b>Jorge Ferreira, Norwegian Mycelium (NoMy), NO</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) liquid side-streams; (EP) feed, food; (T) biomass fermentation</i>                                                | TBC | <b>Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry your partner in biomass valorization in Baltics</b><br><b>Ugis Cabulis, Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry, LV</b> |
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | TBC | <b>From launch to land: de-risking investment decisions by centralizing the costly validation phase</b><br><b>Marcel Oogink, BFF Ede, NL</b>                           |
| TBC | <b>Demeter Bio: Bio-based materials that don't last</b><br><b>Rayan Osseiran, Demeter Bio, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) black soldier flies; (EP) chitosan-melanin; (T) proprietary extraction</i>                                                                         | <b>Industrial Tech x Food Tech: The leading advanced manufacturing fermentation platform for the bioeconomy</b><br><b>David Brandes, Planetary, CH</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) sucrose; (EP) mycoprotein; (T) BioBlocksTM platform</i>                                                                    | TBC | <b>SmartRoute to biomanufacturing: Flexible development and scale-up of biosolutions</b><br><b>Bor Klančnik, Acies Bio, SI</b>                                         |
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| TBC | <b>Phast: Revolutionizing medical plastic</b><br><b>Andrea Mele, Phast Ltd, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) fatty acids; (EP) polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs); (T) bacterial fermentation</i>                                                                                    | <b>Fermentation platform for high-value food and beverage ingredients</b><br><b>Ozan Selvi, MATRIA Biotechnology, TR</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) malted grains; (EP) microbial oil; (T) precision fermentation</i>                                                                                        | TBC | <b>Anticipating scaling up &amp; industrialization</b><br><b>Guillaume LAMY, ARD, FR</b>                                                                               |
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| TBC | <b>Growing the next generation of sustainable bio nano cellulose foams</b><br><b>Jeroen van Rotterdam, FoamLab, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) bio-waste; (EP) nano-cellulose foam; (T) fermentation</i>                                                                     | <b>Closing the protein gap with precision fermentation</b><br><b>Niels Banke, 21st BIO, DK</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) glucose, maltodextrin; (EP) dairy proteins; (T) precision fermentation</i>                                                                                                         | TBC | <b>Transforming waste streams into value with scalable bioprocessing</b><br><b>Jolanda ter Horst, Dansk Teknologisk Institute, DK</b>                                  |
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| TBC | <b>Using biotechnology to unlock true circularity in rubber</b><br><b>Barry van Bergen, Recircle, GB</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) rubber waste; (EP) rubber; (T) industrial biotechnology</i>                                                                                 | <b>GlycoTune: Next-generation glycosylation engineering in Pichia for consistent, safe, and scalable glycoprotein production</b><br><b>Katrien Claes, VIB-UGENT, BE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) Pichia-promoter compatible; (EP) homogeneous glycoproteins; (T) Pichia/Komagataella glyco-engineering</i> | TBC | <b>Biorenewables Development Centre: Scaling the bioeconomy</b><br><b>Darren Phillips, BDC, GB</b>                                                                     |
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| TBC | <b>Visibuilt: Reimagine road construction, inspired by nature</b><br><b>Line Kloster Pedersen, Visibuilt, DK</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) sugar, side-streams; (EP) mycelium binder; (T) LSF, SSF</i> | <b>Containerized on site fermentation</b><br><b>Vincent Farrelly, Niskus Biotech, IE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) liquid BSG; (EP) enzymes biomass; (T) fermentation, DSP</i> | TBC | <b>CLAMBER R&amp;D Biorefinery as a partner for bioprocess scale-up</b><br><b>Javier Mena Sanz, CLAMBER R&amp;D Biorefinery, ES</b>                                                               |
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| TBC | <b>MycoLutions: Circular and healthy materials using mycelium</b><br><b>Helge Schmitt, MycoLutions, DE</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) straw; (EP) acoustic, insulation; (T) mycelium composite</i>      | <b>TBC</b><br><b>TBC</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i>                                                                                                  | TBC | <b>Scaling cell-based products for food, cosmetics and materials</b><br><b>Nico Hutton, Extracellular, GB</b>                                                                                     |
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| TBC | <b>Corium Biotech: Commit to a new era of luxury</b><br><b>Margot Muller, Corium Biotech, PT</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) skin cell; (EP) bespoke leather; (T) lab-grown skin</i>                     | <b>TBC</b><br><b>TBC</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i>                                                                                                  | TBC | <b>Bioprotection at scale: e-nema's industrial fermentation for a chemical-free future</b><br><b>Stefan Hindersin, e-nema Gesellschaft für Biotechnologie und biologischen Pflanzenschutz, DE</b> |
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| 16:00 – 17:00 | <p>Pitch Session 10: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – PRESEED/ANGEL/SEED FUNDING: SENSORS, AI, AUTOMATION</p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Pitch Session 11: START-UPS/SMEs LOOKING FOR FINANCE – SERIES A AND SERIES B/C FUNDING: AG TECH AND COSMETICS</p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>                                                                     | <p>Pitch Session 12: EMERGING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES: ALTERNATIVE AND UNCONVENTIONAL FEEDSTOCKS</p> <p><i>Moderator: tba</i><br/><i>Timekeeper: tba</i></p>                                                                                                                                    |
| 16:00         | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Introduction by session moderator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| TBC           | <p>Real-time bioprocess monitoring and control with chip-scale Raman sensors<br/><b>Amir Atabaki, Perceptra Technologies, US</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) feedstocks; (EP) all products; (T) Raman spectroscopy</i></p>                                                                                                                              | <p>Innovative antimicrobial enzymes for plant and animal health in sustainable agriculture<br/><b>David Daudé, Gene&amp;GreenTK, FR</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) fermentation medium; (EP) antimicrobial enzymes; (T) microbial fermentation</i></p> | <p>Let's take bioplastic beyond the bin!<br/><b>Merel Witteman &amp; David Strik, Beyond Bioplastic, NL</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) biodegradable plastic waste; (EP) volatile fatty acids; (T) microbial fermentation</i></p>                                                                     |
| TBC           | <p>Powering your sourcing and product innovation with new &amp; alternative feedstocks - VCG.AI for data-driven decision making<br/><b>Jon Goriup, VCG.AI, DE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) any; (EP) any; (T) AI</i></p>                                                                                                                             | <p>Fermenting the future of circular bioeconomy<br/><b>Moji Karimi, Cemvita, US</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) crude glycerin, CO<sub>2</sub>; (EP) bio-oil, bio-fertilizer; (T) fermentation</i></p>                                                  | <p>Waste to value: Transform mixed waste into monomers using mixed microbes<br/><b>Patricia Parlevliet, 17Cicada, GB</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) mixed plastics; (EP) renewable chemicals; (T) microbial platform</i></p>                                                                          |
| TBC           | <p>Accelerating alternative proteins production with AI bioprocess optimisation software for scalable and sustainable bioprocessing<br/><b>Mariana Gentilhomem, New Wave Biotech, GB</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) na; (EP) alternative proteins; (T) AI software</i></p>                                                                             | <p>Replacing harmful chemicals in viticulture by highly effective biofungicides<br/><b>Alex Schmeets, BioMosae BV, NL</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) sugar; (EP) biofungicides; (T) fermentation</i></p>                                               | <p>Upcycling industrial waste into specialty chemicals using engineered bacteria<br/><b>Diego Alba, C1 Bio, US</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) industrial waste; (EP) specialty chemicals; (T) engineered bacteria</i></p>                                                                             |
| TBC           | <p>Building the data foundation for bioprocesses to unlock digital twins and AI<br/><b>Pjotr Sillekens, Formical, NL</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) customer data; (EP) digital twin; (T) cloud-based data platform</i></p>                                                                                                                            | <p>Micro-organisms, Macro Solutions<br/><b>Emile Redan, Zymofix, BE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) biowaste, manure; (EP) living micro-organisms; (T) pretreatment, SSF</i></p>                                                                        | <p>Your bacterial ally against fire<br/><b>Ali Elahinik, BioFire, NL</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) organic waste; (EP) flame retardant; (T) biopolymer extraction</i></p>                                                                                                                            |
| TBC           | <p>MiBioLab: Rapid and cost-effective bioprocess development with automation, digitalization and miniaturization<br/><b>Vanessa Schmitt – MiBioLab, Spin-off project of Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, DE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) sugars, methanol; (EP) diverse e.g. proteins, organic acids (PHAs); (T) automation, micro-cultivation</i></p> | <p>From green chemical research services to inhouse bio-based products<br/><b>Yves Boonen, Plinius Labs, BE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) 1-year crops; (EP) cosmetic component; (T) inhouse biotechnology</i></p>                                    | <p>BioWachs: From agricultural sidestreams to functional waxes via enzymatic esterification<br/><b>Katrin Süring – Institute of Technical Biocatalysis (TUHH) x Traceless Materials GmbH, DE</b><br/><i>Keywords: (F) grain residues; (EP) biobased waxes; (T) enzymatic esterification</i></p> |

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| TBC | <b>Finally: Fast and actionable metagenomics for complex bioproduction systems</b><br><b>Dave Morris, Symbiotic Biosystems, US</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) variable; (EP) variable; (T) actionable metagenomics</i> | <b>TBC</b><br><b>TBC</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) TBC; (EP) TBC; (T) TBC</i> | <b>ChainCraft fatty acids, upcycling agrifood residues to valuable chemicals via fermentation</b><br><b>Asiman Dash, ChainCraft, NL</b><br><i>Keywords: (F) agri-food residues; (EP) biobased fatty-acids; (T) open-culture fermentation</i> |
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