



**Bio Base Europe**  
Pilot Plant



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## **Programme OPEN DAY @ BBEPP**

**26 November 2025, from 9 am – 3 pm**

**8:00**

**DEPARTURE** shuttle bus at Brussels Airport

**9:00 – 10:35**

**Study Visit to the Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant**

9:00 – 9:10 am

Welcome

9:10 – 9:50 am

Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant: Scale-up and so much more!

9:50 – 10:35 am

Seeing is believing: Guided tour of the facilities

**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.**

10:55 – 11:00

Introduction: Framing the aim and content of the workshop

*By Hendrik Waegeman, Head of Business operations, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant*

### **Part 1: Scale-Up Accelerator Network meets Due Diligence**

When is the right time to scale-up? How should I set my priorities? What should I be prepared for when starting to talk to investors?

11:00 – 11:08

Help, where do I start? Introduction to the Scale-Up Accelerator Network (SAN)

*By Esthère Goure, SAN Responsible, BBEPP*

11:08 – 11:16

Why do I need an external expert view on my process?

*By Michael Helmut Kopf, formerly BASF and SAN Expert, tbc*

11:16 – 11:24

Taking the Due Diligence hurdle with grace

*By Joeri Beauprez, Founder and CSO, Inbiose, tbc*

11:24 – 11:32

The Investors POV

*By Mariam Cherifi, Associate at Sofinnova Partners*

11:32 – 12:00

Panel discussion / Q&A

*Moderated by Sam Nejame, CEO, Presence-Promotum*

## Part 2: Does my scale-up plan make sense and how can I implement Techno-Economic Assessment (TEA) across TRL scales?

- 12:00 – 12:08 Why you need to think of TEA early on - TEAs and process modeling with SuperPro Designer  
*By Vassilis Parisis, Application & Consulting Engineer, Intelligen*
- 12:08 – 12:16 TEA across TRL scales, from early development to installation design choices -  
*By Iancu Avram, Project Manager, BBEPP*
- 12:16 – 12:40 Panel discussion / Q&A  
*Moderated by Sam Nejame, CEO, Presence-Promotum*
- 12:40 – 13:20 NETWORKING LUNCH**

## Part 3: Breaking the cost barrier in biomanufacturing

- 13:20 – 13:28 Cost advantaged fermentation with DAB.bio technology  
*By Eric van der Meer, CEO, DAB.bio*
- 13:36 – 13:44 Solvent Impregnated Resins  
*By Sinah Tönjes, R&D Platform Manager Innovative DSP, BBEPP*
- 13:44 – 13:52 Autonomous and decentralized follow-up of fermentation processes thanks to smart sensors  
*By Amir Atabaki, Co-Founder & CEO, Perceptra, tbc*
- 13:52 – 14:00 Ready-to-Use starter cultures for scalable and reliable biomanufacturing  
*Troels Prahl, Co-Founder & CEO, Swan Neck Bio, tbc*
- 14:00 – 14:30 Panel discussion / Q&A  
*Moderated by Sam Nejame, CEO, Presence-Promotum*

## Part 4: Roundtable: Reflections on what Pitch Perfect brought us this year.

- 14:30 – 15:00 The 2 inspiring start-ups and the 2 inspiring investors, *tbc*  
*Moderated by Hendrik Waegeman, Head of Business Operations, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant.*

**15:00 DEPARTURE shuttle bus for Brussels Airport**

**16:00 ARRIVAL at Brussels Airport**

The study visit and workshop for Start-ups, SMEs and Corporates looking for scale-up and for Public, Corporate & Private Investors are supported by “Pilots4U powered by COPILOT”

