



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 am

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, Inbiose, tbc

11:24 – 11:32

The Investors POV

By Sofinnova Partners, tbc

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 Nik Misailidis / 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, DAB.bio, tbc
- 13:28 – 13:36 Continuous fermentation: dream or reality?
By Katelijne Bekers, MicroHarvest, tbc
- 13:36 – 13:44 Solvent Impregnated Resins
By Sinah Tönjes, R&D Engineer, BBEPP
- 13:44 – 13:52 Autonomous and decentralized follow-up of fermentation processes thanks to smart sensors
By Amir Atabaki, Perceptra, tbc
- 13:52 – 14:00 Ready-to-Use starter cultures for scalable and reliable biomanufacturing
Troels Prahl, 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 most inspiring start-ups and the 2 most 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”



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