



Cross-border Pitching, Matchmaking and Networking Event

24-25 November 2025

Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel

24 November 2025: OVERVIEW of the DAY: Keynote, Investor Pitches, Informal Walking Dinner

13:00	Registration and Coffee	Exhibition in Catering Area
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	
18:50	Surprise Act	
19:00	Informal Networking Walking Dinner – <i>kindly supported by Bio-based Industries Consortium</i>	

24 November 2025: Keynote Session

13:30 – 13:45	Opening of the event by Organiser Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant, The ProteInn Club and “Pilots4U powered by CoPilot”
13:45 – 14:00	Presentation of the Co-Organisers: DI Biosolutions, Planet-B.io and Brabantse Ontwikkelingsmaatschappij
14:00 – 14:20	Keynote: From innovation to industry - bridging the gap <i>by Martin Tangney, Celtic Renewables</i>
14:20 – 14:40	Keynote: Transformation of the Specialty Chemicals Industry; Case studies on Rhamnolipids and Rheticus® <i>by David Voigtlaender, Evonik Care Solutions</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Panel Discussion <i>moderated by Melina Gerds</i> : Key drivers for successful commercialisation of industrial biotechnology innovations. Panellists: Martin Tangney (Celtic Renewables), David Voigtlaender (Evonik Care Solutions), Hendrik Waegeman (Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant), Rob van der Meij (Capricorn Partners)
15:00 – 15:30	Panel Discussion <i>moderated by Melina Gerds</i> : Is current EU policy hampering or facilitating the journey from Lab to Fab? Panellists: Agata Kotkowska (DG ENV, Unit B.1 Bioeconomy & Sustainable Materials), Szilvia Nemeth (DG RTD, Unit E.2 Knowledge Valorisation & Technology Infrastructures), Dirk Carrez (Bio-based Industries Consortium), Nicolo Giacomuzzi-Moore (Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking), Victoria Frej Brohus (DI Biosolutions) and Patrick Rose (SPRIND)

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24 November 2025: Investor Pitch Session 1

16:00 – 16:03	Introduction by session moderator – <i>Stef Denayer, Stakeholder Relations Manager Pilots4U</i>
16:04 – 16:09	Green Assist: the EU advisory support for sustainable investments, maximizing project outcomes and credibility - <i>Gauthier Clar, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ("CINEA")</i>
16:10 – 16:15	CMPC Ventures: From Forest to Future - <i>Anna Niittylä, CMPC Ventures</i>
16:16 – 16:21	Transforming the agrifood system from Soil & Sea to Gut - <i>Laure Peronnin, Astanor</i>
16:22 – 16:27	Ingredients for a Sustainable Future - <i>Claire Smith, Beyond Impact VC</i>
16:28 – 16:33	Unlocking the Potential of Industrial Biotechnology: The Capricorn Industrial Biotech Fund - <i>Daniela Arruda Costa, Capricorn Partners</i>
16:34 – 16:39	Backing Visionary Entrepreneurs - <i>Diana Rucinski, European Innovation Council</i>
16:40 – 16:45	Investing for impact: a family office's commitment to biodiversity, climate and social equality across five investment domains - <i>Jobien Laurijssen & Erica van eeghen, VP Capital</i>
16:46 – 16:51	It's time to rethink what we build – and what we build with - <i>Johan van Heusden, Value Factory</i>
16:52 – 16:57	Investing in a Sustainable Future: Equity capital exclusively dedicated to the Circular Bioeconomy - <i>Michael Nettersheim, European Circular Bioeconomy Fund, ECBF</i>
16:58 – 17:03	Fueling the Bioeconomy: InnovationQuarter Capital's Strategic Investment in Scalable Bio-Based Innovations - <i>Fleur Rooker, InnovationQuarter</i>
17:04 – 17:09	Brabant, scale up plant of Europe - <i>Daan van Lange, BOM Brabant Ventures</i>

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24 November 2025: Investor Pitch Session 2

17:45 – 17:48	Introduction by session moderator – <i>Stef Denayer, Stakeholder Relations Manager Pilots4U</i>
17:49 – 17:54	Biotope Ventures: Investing in early-stage biotech start-ups impacting planetary health - <i>Annick Verween, biotope by VIB</i>
17:55 – 18:00	From Lab to Factory: Patient capital for the Bioeconomy - <i>Ingrid Rombouts, Oost NL</i>
18:01 – 18:06	The Power of Focus - <i>Theis Malmberg, NOON Ventures</i>
18:07 – 18:12	Circular debt: project finance for first-of-a-kind circular production innovations - <i>Ward Hei, Polestar Capital</i>
18:13 – 18:18	Scaling the industry, opportunities in the bioeconomy - <i>Xandra Weinbeck, Invest-NL</i>
18:19 – 18:24	Scaling up through blended finance with Biobased Circular Subsidy Fund – <i>Tijs Lammens, Biobased Circular</i>
18:25 – 18:30	Partners in ambition – financing for start-ups and scale-ups - <i>Cato Vanleusen, PMV</i>
18:31 – 18:36	Leveraging biotech to decarbonise industry; Food, Chemicals, Materials, Agriculture - <i>Mariam Cherifi & Gabriela Sachet Fernandez, Sofinnova Partners</i>
18:37 – 18:42	Biotech Booster: Investing in the Future of Dutch Biotechnology - <i>Nettie Buitelaar, Biotech Booster</i>

24 November 2025: SURPRISE ACT

18:42 – 19:00	License to Ferment <i>by The ProteInn Club</i>
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