



	<p><b>13:30 – 13:40: OPENING</b>  <i>by Organiser <b>Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant</b> supported by “<a href="#">The ProteInn Club</a>” and “<a href="#">Pilots4U powered by CoPilot</a>”</i></p>
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**13:40 – 15:45 KEYNOTE SESSION: The European Bioeconomy in 2026: Sink or Swim?**

**13:40 – 14:45: PART 1: Successful Deployment of Industrial Biotechnology Business Cases.**

In this part of the keynote, we want to inspire our ecosystem by showcasing successes based on reality, not on pipe dreams. Both a start-up and a corporate will share details on their scale-up journey and production plans with focus on the success factors, the hurdles and how to overcome them, and how to handle the shift from “Green is the Dream” to “Techno-Economics is the Name of the Game”.

This part will be concluded by a panel discussion adding contributions by an investor and a pilot facility to the discussion.

**13:40 – 13:45 Introduction**

*by moderator Melina Gerdts, bioCircular Loop*

**13:45 – 14:00 Keynote Presentation by a Start-up**


*Company and speaker will be announced ASAP*

**14:00 – 14:15 Keynote Presentation by a Corporate**

*Company and speaker will be announced ASAP*

**14:15 – 14:45 Panel Discussion 1: “Feet on the ground” proves to be a key driver for successful commercialisation of industrial biotechnology innovations**

*Moderated by Melina Gerdts, bioCircular Loop*

	<p>14:45 – 14:55  <b>Short Engaging Reflections &amp; Q&amp;A with co-organiser DI Biosolutions</b>  <i>Mikael Wraae Valsted, Head of DI Biosolutions</i></p>
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**14:55 – 15:55: PART 2: Panel Discussion 2: The 2026 Toolbox: Will it Turn the Tide for the Bioeconomy Sector?**

With the launch of the new bioeconomy strategy late last year, the European Commission has shifted its focus towards industrial deployment, market scale-up, competitiveness, and resilience. Various support mechanisms have since been established to bridge the innovation gap between the laboratory and commercial-scale production, improve the appetite of private investors and stimulate market demand for bio-based products. The key question, however, is whether these instruments will be capable of delivering tangible results in the near term?

14:55 – 15:05 **Introduction and Presentation of the Panel Members**



*by moderator Melina Gerdts, bioCircular Loop*

15:05 – 15:45 **Panel Discussion**

*Panel Members TBC, Moderated by Melina Gerdts, bioCircular Loop*


**15:45 – 16:15 Investor High Tea**

*kindly offered by Flanders Investment and Trade*

	16:15 – 16:25 <b>Short Engaging Reflections &amp; Q&amp;A with co-organiser: Flanders Investment &amp; Trade - Speaker, TBC Stad Gent - Invest in Ghent – Dieter De Smedt, Manager of Economic Development</b>	
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**16:25 – 17:15 Investor Reverse Pitch Session 1**

*Several pitches by investors, exact content TBA & TBC*

	17:15 – 17:25 <b>Short Engaging Reflections &amp; Q&amp;A with co-organiser Brabantse Ontwikkelingsmaatschappij - Speaker, TBC</b>
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**17:25 – 18:00 Investor Appetite Drink** with drinks and bites

*kindly offered by Brabantse Ontwikkelingsmaatschappij*

**18:00 – 18:50 Investor Reverse Pitch Session 2**

*Several pitches by investors, exact content TBA & TBC*

	16:15 – 16:25 <b>Short Engaging Reflections &amp; Q&amp;A with co-organiser Planet b.io - Speaker, TBC</b>
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**19:00 – 19:10 Surprise Act**

**19:45 – 20:15 Informal Walking Dinner**

*kindly supported by [Bio-based Industries Consortium](#)*

*Enjoy a tasty and copious informal walking dinner, included in the registration day of Day 1.*

**19:45 – 20:15 Speed Dating Session 1**

**20:30 – 21:00 Speed Dating Session 2**

Expand your network rapidly by enjoying five surprise one-on-one conversations in just 30 minutes. Max. 60p. per session, register via registration form.

**21:00 – 23:00 Cosy Pitch Perfect Networking Lounge**