



Scale-up Experience Day

for Start-ups, SMEs, Corporates and Investors

2 December 2026, 9 am – 3pm

PROGRAMME

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

By Wim Soetaert, CEO, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

9:10 – 9:40 am

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

By Speaker TBC, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

9:40 – 9:50 am

Q&A

9:50 – 10:35 am

Seeing is believing: Guided tour of the facilities

10:35 – 11:00

Networking coffee break

11:00 – 15:00

Scale-up workshop: Win the Scale-Up Challenge: Building Efficient, Scalable and Economically Viable Bioprocesses

11:00 – 11:05

Introduction: Framing the aim and content of the workshop

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

Part 1: Begin with the End in Mind

What do I want to achieve? 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? How do I align my fundraising?

11:05 – 11:15

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

By Alex Patist, COO Arzeda & Paebble

11:15 – 11:23

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

By Esthère Goure, SAN Responsible, BBEPP

11:23 – 11:32

Supercharge growth through strategic fundraising

By Katelijne Bekers, Co-Founder & CEO, MicroHarvest, TBC

11:32 – 11:40

The Investors POV

By Joy Faucher, Forbion Bioeconomy, TBC

11:40 – 12:10

Panel discussion / Q&A

Moderated by Hendrik Waegeman, Head of Business operations, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

Part 2: I Hate to Burst your Bubble, but the Economics Will Never Work

- 12:00 – 12:10 **Why you need to think of TEA early on**
By Koen Clymans, Owner & Director, UR Bright Side
- 12:10 – 12:18 **TEA across TRL scales, from early development to installation design choices: The R&D POV**
By Fernanda Thimoteo, PhD Candidate, Project Manager, BBEPP
- 12:18 – 12:26 **TEA across TRL scales, from early development to installation design choices: The Engineering POV**
By Iancu Avram, Project Manager, BBEPP
- 12:26 – 12:50 **Panel discussion / Q&A**
Moderated by Hendrik Waegeman, Head of Business operations, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant
- 12:50 – 13:30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

Part 3: Democratizing Biosolutions: from Niche to Commodity

- 13:30 – 13:38 **Cost advantaged fermentation with DAB.bio technology**
By Eric van der Meer, CEO, DAB.bio
- 13:38 – 13:46 **The future of AI in biomanufacturing**
By Diogo Pinto & Alexander Verschraegen, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant
- 13:46 – 13:54 **Smart sensors for autonomous and decentralized follow-up of fermentation processes: the first results!**
By Amir Atabaki, Co-Founder & CEO, Perceptra, TBC
- 13:54 – 14:02 **Ready-to-Use starter cultures for scalable and reliable biomanufacturing: the first results!**
By Troels Prahl, Co-Founder & CEO, Swan Neck Bio
- 14:02 – 14:10 **Sequential fed-batch method**
By Semiramis Yilmaz, Researcher, VIB, TBC
- 14:10 – 14:18 **From niche to commodity**
By Will Van den Tweel, COO/CTO, Those Vegan Cowboys
- 14:18 – 14:45 **Panel discussion / Q&A**
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CLOSING

- 14:45 – 14:50 *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