



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 Sam Nejame, CEO Promotum

11:15 – 11:23

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

By Esthèle Goure, SAN Responsible, BBEPP

11:23 – 11:32

Supercharge growth through strategic fundraising

By Isabel Vercauteren, TBC, CEO, Aphea.Bio

11:32 – 11:40

The Investors POV

By Arne Hautekiet, Investment Associate @ Astanor Ventures

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 <i>By Koen Clymans</i> , Owner & Director, UR Bright Side
12:10 – 12:18	TEA across TRL scales, from early development to installation design choices: The R&D POV <i>By Fernanda Thimoteo</i> , PhD Candidate, Project Manager, BBEPP
12:18 – 12:26	TEA across TRL scales, from early development to installation design choices: The Engineering POV <i>By Iancu Avram</i> , Project Manager, BBEPP
12:26 – 12:50	Panel discussion / Q&A <i>Moderated by Hendrik Waegeman</i> , 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 <i>By Eric van der Meer</i> , CEO, DAB.bio
13:38 – 13:46	The future of AI in biomanufacturing <i>By Diogo Pinto & Alexander Verschraegen</i> , Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant
13:46 – 13:54	Smart sensors for autonomous and decentralized follow-up of fermentation processes: the first results! <i>By Amir Atabaki</i> , Co-Founder & CEO, Perceptra
13:54 – 14:02	Ready-to-Use starter cultures for scalable and reliable biomanufacturing: the first results! <i>By Troels Prahl</i> , Co-Founder & CEO, Swan Neck Bio
14:02 – 14:10	Title TBC <i>By Katrien Claes</i> , TBC , Team Lead Biopharmaceutical R&D, VIB
14:10 – 14:18	From niche to commodity <i>By Will Van den Tweel</i> , COO/CTO, Those Vegan Cowboys
14:18 – 14:45	Panel discussion / Q&A <i>Moderated by Hendrik Waegeman</i> , Head of Business operations, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant

CLOSING

14:45 – 14:50	<i>By Hendrik Waegeman</i> , Head of Business Operations, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant.
15:00	DEPARTURE shuttle bus for Brussels Airport
16:00	ARRIVAL at Brussels Airport