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Industrial biotechnology (known also as white biotechnology) is the application of biotechnology for industrial purposes.



- fine and bulk chemicals
- pharmaceuticals
- · bio-colorants
- solvents
- bio-plastics
- vitamins
- food additives
- bio-pesticides
- bio-fuels: bio-ethanol and bio-diesel

Towards a bio-based society



Eco-efficient use of resources

New bio-based products and polymers

Using enzymes and microorganisms

Europe strengths



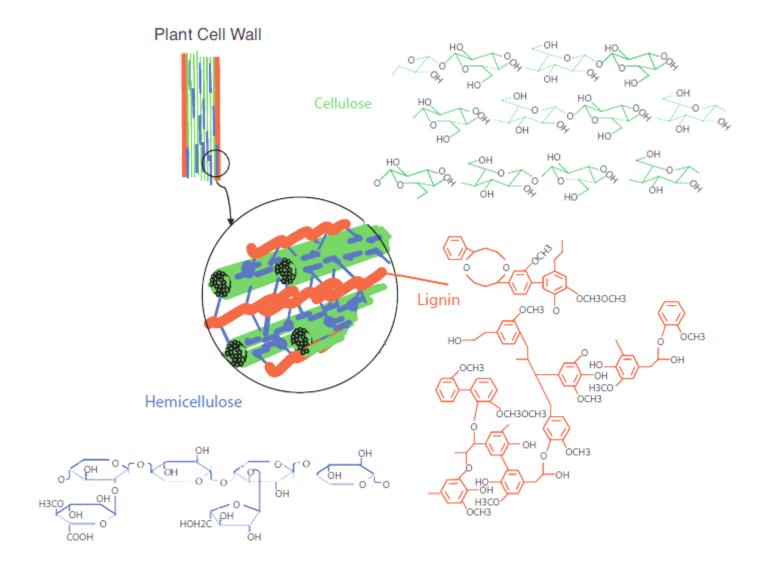
- Europe has the world's largest chemical industry
- European scientists and industries (e.g. enzymes) are world leaders
- The concept of Sustainable Development is well advanced in Europe
- Established white biotechnology products such as detergent enzymes have been generally accepted by society
- The recent expansion of the EU provide a large increase in agricultural biomass suitable as an industrial raw material
- EU Directives were implemented for the promotion of biofuels or other renewable fuels



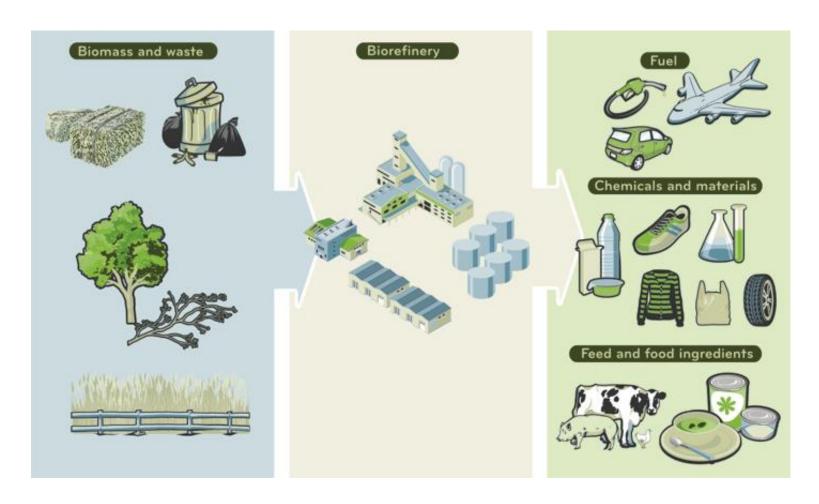
Lead the transition towards a post-petroleum society

Places sustainability, smart & efficient use of resources at the heart of industrial, business & social activities.

Ligninocellulosic material



Bio-based economy concept



What's in it for Europe?



Growth



Jobs



Energy and Products



Climate

- A global bio-based market estimated at €200 billion by 2020
- 1 million jobs between 2010 and 2030 mainly in rural areas
- To produce food, feed, chemicals, materials and fuels locally
- GHG emissions reduction of ~50% compared to fossil alternatives

A Public-Private Partnership on Bio-Based Industries

Realising the European Bio-economy Potential







Joint Technology Initiative on Bio-based Industries

Feedstock

 Fostering a sustainable biomass supply and building new value chains

Biorefineries

 Optimising efficient processing through R&D and upscaling in large-scale demo/flagship biorefineries

Markets, products and policies

Developing markets for bio-based products and optimising policy frameworks

WP2014: Five Value Chains



Strategic Innovation & Research Agenda

- Value Chain 1: From lignocellulosic feedstock to advanced biofuels, biobased chemicals & biomaterials
 feedstock and technology base for the next generation of fuels, chemicals and materials
- Value Chain 2: Next generation forest-based value chains
 utilisation of the full potential of forestry biomass by improved mobilisation for new added
 value products and markets
- Value Chain 3: Next generation agro-based value chains
 highest sustainability and added value by improved agricultural production for new added
 value products and markets
- Value Chain 4: New value chains from (organic) waste from waste problems to economic opportunities by realising sustainable technologies to convert waste into valuable products
- Value Chain 5: Integrated energy, pulp and chemicals biorefineries sustainable bio-energy production, by backwards integration with biorefinery operations isolating higher added value components

- Partners: European Commission and Biobased Industries Consortium (BIC);
- > Budget: € 3.705 billion (about 75% from industry)
- Implementation:
 - Principles of openness, transparency and excellence;
 - Horizon 2020 rules for participation
- Objectives: New bio-based value chains for Europe based on 2nd generation biorefineries.



Welcome to the BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES INITIATIVE



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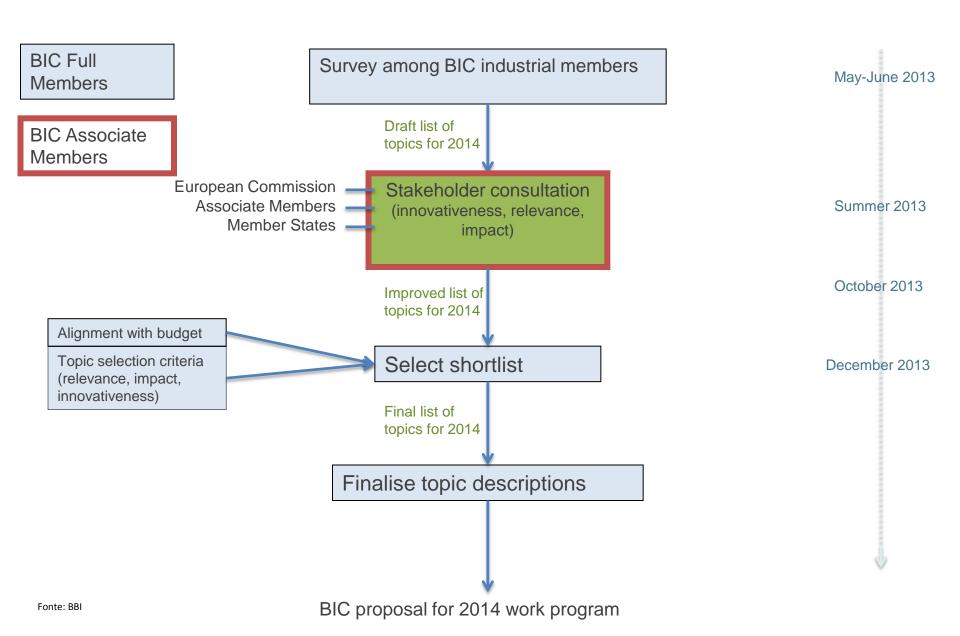




THE WORK PROGRAMME 2014



WP2014: Procedure



Strategic Innovation & Research Agenda

Biomass and organic waste

- Industrial side-streams:
 - Residues from the wood industry / saw mills and other <u>biobased</u> processes
 - OBy-streams from biorefineries
 - o Agro-industrial side-streams, partly now utilised as feed, other pre-consumer side-streams and waste streams
- Wood, recovered paper and side-streams from forestry, landscape, nature
- Agricultural residues, partly now being left on the land or burned
- Agricultural crops
- Dedicated ligno-cellulosic / fibre crops
- New promising biomass sources (e.g. aquatic biomass, such as algae)
- Process and waste water
- Municipal organic waste
- Agricultural surplus produced by the EU member states
- Animal manure

Biobased products & markets

Biorefineries

- Biobased chemicals
- Bioplastics / biomaterials / packaging
- Advanced biofuels (incl. aviation)
- Specialties (eg. Biosurfactants, lubricants, pharmaceuticals)
- Food ingredients and feed
- Bioenergy

WP2014: 3 Priority areas

Fostering high potential initiatives

Demonstration and Flagship initiatives, aimed in the short- and medium-term

- doubling the fraction of bio-based chemicals produced in Europe
- increasing by 5 the market share of bio-based polymers and composites
- increasing by 3 the value of products from agro-food residues

E.g. activities that foster valorisation of lignocellulosic materials, streams and by-streams from existing biorefineries; large scale centralised conversion of manure demonstrating the cost-efficient isolation of added-value biochemicals

Ensuring medium- and long-term sustainable biorefinery approaches

R&I activities focused on

- increasing biomass mobilisation by 10%,
- reducing imports of protein for feed and fertilizers components by 15% and 10% by 2020

E.g. activities focusing on the valorisation of nutrients and proteins, and the mobilisation and valorisation of readily accessible, yet underutilised resources. This includes developing new added-value products from available cellulose and lignin, and isolating sugars from side streams from pulp mills.

WP2014: 3 Priority areas

Addressing high impact / complex long-term issues:

R&I activities focused on

- achieving a secure and sustainable supply of lignocellulosic biomass
- meeting the 15% target increase in waste and by-product utilization by 2020

E.g. R&I activities that develop technologies for valorisation of heterogeneous waste streams, and cost and energy-efficient technologies for separation of lignocellulose into its individual components. These issues specifically tackle the challenge of organic waste valorisation.

WP2014: 2 Types of Actions

• 2 types of Actions are foreseen:

Research and Innovation actions

 R&D projects, focussed on solving specific technological bottlenecks acting as a barrier on a value chain

Innovation Actions

- Value Chain Demonstration projects, addressing a full value chain from growth/procurement of feedstock to end product(s), establishing a new production process and demonstrating its viability for full scale replication
- Flagship projects, developing a first-of-its-kind industrial facility by addressing the complete value chain from feedstock to end product(s)

WP2014: Technology readiness level (TRLs)

TRL 9	System ready for full scale deployment		
TRL 8	System incorporated in commercial design		
TRL 7	Integrated pilot system demonstrated		
TRL 6	Prototype system verified		
TRL 5	Laboratory testing of integrated system		
TRL 4	Laboratory testing of prototype component or process		
TRL 3	Critical function: proof of concept established		
TRL 2	Technology concept and/or application formulated		
TRL 1	Basic principles observed and reported		

Flagship project TRL 8

Demo projects TRL 6-7

R&I projects up to TRL 5

WP2014: TRLs

Technology Readiness Levels		PPP funding category	Scale*
9	Actual system proven (successful operation, production of final product/service)	Commercial - no funding	Commercial scale (After flagship project or 'replication' of existing plant)
8	Whole process demonstration completed at scale and product qualified through test	Innovation action - Flagship	*Comparable to commercial scale/ 1st-of-a-kind in Europe
7	Process demonstration in operational environment (integration) at demo scale	Innovation action - Demo	*Small production unit/ demo scale
6	Sub-system or process step demonstration in relevant environment		
5	Pilot - Process step validation in relevant environment (separate process steps)	R&I action	"On the ground" equipments
4	Process validation in laboratory environment	R&I actions	"On the bench" equipments

^{*} Scale varies strongly with the sector, process or product, and thus scale of project must be compared with existing production of same product (with e.g. different feedstock) or comparable product or production system.

WP2014: 16 Topics

BBI VC1.R1 – 2014



Efficient pre-treatment of lignocellulosic residues to advanced bio-based chemicals and biomaterials

Development of mild, sustainable processes aimed at **fractionating** <u>lignocellulosic</u> feedstock into sugars and lignin fractions

total eligible budget between EUR 5 and 8 million

- ✓ pretreatment yield of at least 80% on biomass
- ✓ GHG emission reduction of at least 30% (over the whole value chain compared to conventional products)



BBI VC2.R2 – 2014

New sustainable pulping technologies

Development of new Deep Eutectic **Solvents**-based pulping technologies to isolate <u>cellulose</u>, <u>lignin and hemicellulose</u> from wood and other lignocellulosic sources

- √ 40% energy reduction compared to traditional pulping processes.
- ✓ reducing by 50% of investment costs as compared to current pulping installations



BBI VC2.R3 - 2014

New products from sustainable cellulose pulp exploitation

Development of innovative <u>cellulose</u> <u>dissolution</u> processes and concomitant technologies enabling the production of cellulose based products with innovative properties

total eligible budget of between EUR 5 and 8 million

✓ a reduction of at least 10% of investment and operating costs of newly developed cellulose dissolving processes as compared to conventional ones.

Fonte: BBI

BBI VC2.R4 – 2014



Fibres and polymers from lignin

Development of **separation**, **purification and conversion** processes for the production of fully bio-based added value products from <u>lignin</u>-based side streams of the pulp and paper industry

- ✓ at least 4 new bio-based materials (chemicals, resins and precursor materials for biopolymers)
- ✓ a 5 times cost decrease with respect to conventional carbon fibres
- ✓ GHG emission reduction by at least 20%

BBI VC2.R5 – 2014



Sugars from effluents of the pulping process and discharged fibres

Development of processes to **isolate** a stream of <u>sugars</u> from spent pulping liquors (from sulphite and Kraft pulping) or discharged fibers, for further conversion into carbohydrate derivatives via chemical or biochemical routes

- ✓ value increase by 2 to 3 times (when using discharged fibre streams)
- ✓ sugar separation rate of at least 50% (when processing liquor), + at least 4 times value increase compared to the energy value of liquor
- ✓ technological validation of at least 3 new biobased chemical building blocks

BBI VC3.R6 – 2014

Fermentation processes to obtain biosurfactants and specialty carbohydrates from agricultural and agro-industrial streams

Development of cost-efficient and sustainable **fermentation** processes to obtain tailor-made <u>biosurfactants</u> and specialty <u>carbohydrates</u> from agricultural and agro-industrial streams.

total eligible budget at least EUR 2 million

✓ 20-fold reduction in price range of speciality carbohydrates and increase of the supply from the kg scale to the hundreds of tons scale

BBI VC3.R7 – 2014

Protein products from plant residues

Development of industrially viable processing concepts for the valorisation of **protein** products from <u>plant residues</u> fulfilling market requirements in the food segment using animal proteins as benchmark.

- ✓ increasing the value of the protein fraction by at least 100%.
- ✓ conversion rate of at least 30 % of the protein fractions in processed streams to high-value products suitable for human consumption, with a protein content at least 40%.
- ✓ technological validation of at least 3 food products based on the recovered plant-based proteins, ready for demonstration.

BBI VC3.R8 – 2014



Bioactive compounds from meso-organism's bioconversion

Development of breakthrough approaches to obtain sustainable bioactive compounds from <u>agro-based residues</u> through **bioconversion** of meso-organisms, mild recovery, functionalization and activation. Research should focus on high value products, rather than commodities.

total eligible budget at least EUR 2 million

✓ bioactive compounds with a 10% increase in bioactivity with respect to similar products and a 25% reduction in environmental impact as compared to conventional fatty acid or chitosan production



BBI VC4.R9 - 2014

Valuable products from heterogeneous biowaste streams

Development of **pre-treatment**, **extraction**, **conversion** and separation technologies for the processing of full heterogeneous <u>biowaste</u> streams into valuable chemical building blocks and substrates suitable for biotechnological conversion into new bioproducts.

- ✓ Reducing of the CO₂ footprint of at least 20% with respect to currently available technologies.
- ✓ Achieving technological validation of at least 2 new bio-based products.

BBI VC4.R10 - 2014



Nutrient recovery from biobased waste streams and residues

Development of dedicated recovery processes for nutrients from **biowaste** streams and bioresidues rich in plant nutrients. Upgrading of recovered nutrients to new sustainable <u>fertilisers</u> by a cost-effective combination of specific organic and mineral components.

- ✓ CO₂ footprint reduction of at least 20% with respect to currently available technologies
- ✓ technological validation of fertilisers with at least 15% concentration of the overall volume when using recycled nutrients and at least 70% availability to plants
- ✓ Substitution of at least 10% of nitrogen and phosphorus with recycled components in commercial fertilisers.

BBI VC1.D1 - 2014



Lignocellulosic residues to (di)carboxylic acids, diols and

Demonstration of the integration of biotechnological, biochemical and chemical processes for the conversion of lignocelullosic residues into fermentable sugars, then into (di)carboxylic acids, diols (e.g. butanediol) and polyols and further into bio-based materials as final products.

- ✓ Improved conversion and yield compared to currently available production processes
- ✓ A least 3 bio-based materials, with favourable competition with oil-based counterparts price-, environmental- and performance-wise, and with at least 70 % bio-based content, and less than 2.3 kg CO2eq/kg emission.

BBI VC1.D2 - 2014



Chemical building blocks and value-added materials through integrated processing of wood

Demonstration of efficient and sustainable processes for disintegration of wood into sugars and lignin and to further conversion of both fractions into high added value products, building where relevant on existing infrastructure.

- ✓ cellulosic/hemi-cellulosic-based products with and at least 2 -3 times higher value than current products
- ✓ Lignin-based products with a value which is at least 3 4 times higher than current lignin energy value
- ✓ at least a 75% conversion rate into value added products

BBI VC2.D3 - 2014



Advanced products from lignin and cellulose streams of the pulp and paper industry

Demonstration of the production of at least two product ranges: one based on isolation and application of light nand one based on the production and application of light weight foam-formed cellulose.

- ✓ cellulose based light weight structures exhibiting high strength, matching the performance of competing conventional products, with at least a 20% reduction in energy and raw material consumption
- ✓ elimination of Na₂SO₄ emissions during lignin isolation
- ✓ Lignin based bioproducts with a value of at least 10 times the current value of black liquor when burned for energy





Functional additives from residues from the agro-food industry

Demonstrate the production of high added value functional additives from a side stream of the agro food industry, building where possible on existing infrastructure.

- ✓ Integrated process with more than 40% of the agro-food side stream to be valorized to high added value additives
- ✓ Products with a 5 times higher value than the current applications of the side stream

BBI VC4.D5 - 2014



Cost efficient manure valorisation on large scale

Demonstration of the techno-economic feasibility of a manure valorisation process, by centralised cascading processing into added-value biochemicals, including biogas.

- ✓ reducing GHG emissions of manure by 30% as compared to conventional processes.
- ✓ turning negative value of manure into positive one, thus creating extra revenues for livestock industry currently coping with the manure as a costly problem.

BBI VC3.F1 - 2014



Added value products from underutilised agricultural

Demonstration of the sustainable conversion of currently underutilised agricultural streams from a local integrated supply chain into bio-chemical intermediates, and their subsequent processing into end-products at industrial scale.

- ✓ new products with more than 70% bio-based content and less than 2.3 kg CO₂ eq/kg emission
- ✓ products with a 3 times higher value than the current application of feedstock side streams

