



UrBIOfuture, an innovative bio-based Project, presents its final results

- *The outcomes of the project will be presented on a webinar expected to stimulate the discussion on the main challenges and best practices for shaping the innovation ecosystem in the Bioeconomy field.*
- *The session is part of a series of four thematic webinars organised by LIFT, UrBIOfuture and CELEBIO, three Bio Based Industries Joint Undertaking (JU) funded projects.*

Madrid, Spain, March 19th, 2020. – The UrBIOfuture project will present its results and outcomes during a webinar to be held on March 25th. The session is part of a series of four thematic webinars across March and April, jointly organized by the Bio Based Industries Joint Undertaking (JU) funded projects [LIFT](#), [UrBIOfuture](#), and [CELEBIO](#), in collaboration with [BIOVOICES](#), [Biobridges](#), and the [European Bioeconomy Network](#), to provide recommendations and actionable knowledge for the main actors in the innovation system: science, policy, industry, and society.

Webinars will take place every Wednesday from March 25th and are expected to stimulate the discussion on the main challenges and best practices for shaping the innovation ecosystem in the Bioeconomy field. Attendees can find more information here <https://www.lift-bbi.eu/webinars/> and register for free in the following link bit.ly/UrBIOfutureWebinar3.

According to the most recent estimates of the European Commission, the European Bioeconomy employs over 18 million people and generates 2.3 billion euros of turnover. The bio-based sector is in full growth and it requires a high number of experts with a new profile that involves several academic disciplines and business skills. However, one of the challenges for its development is the educational gap between the professional profiles demanded by the sector and the existing educational offer. To bridge this gap is one of the main purposes of UrBIOfuture, which started on May 1st, 2019, with the goal of boosting careers, new educational programmes and research activities. Since then, this initiative has carried out research to map European educational programmes involving bio-based activities and to identify the skills mismatch between them and the bioindustry needs. In addition, it has involved stakeholders from the education sector, academia and industry, it has organised a series of events, and it has elaborated a set of materials, all with the aim of setting the path for the industry to attract qualified talent.

The UrBIOfuture project, led by the [Autonomous University of Barcelona \(UAB\)](#), is formed by a consortium made up of four research and technology organizations: [Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche](#), [VTT](#), [VITO](#) and [IHE Delft Institute for Water Education](#); three clusters: [Agro Business Park](#), [Technological Corporation of Andalusia \(CTA\)](#) and [Poznan Science and Technology Park](#); and a Spanish SME: [Sustainable Innovations](#).

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