



# EU CAP Network workshop 'Circular bioeconomy – valorisation of forest by-products'

Kouvola, Finland  
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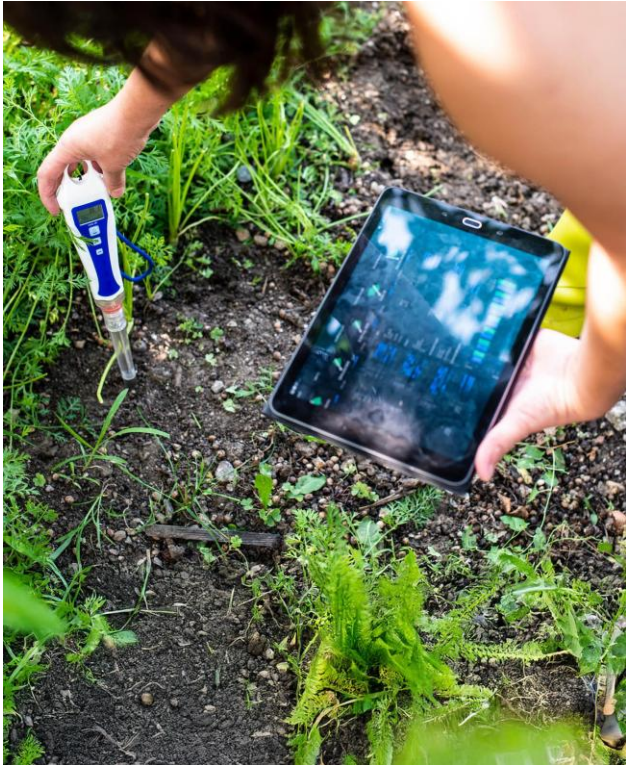
# EU research and innovation opportunities

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# Vision for Agriculture and Food

## Creating an enabling environment



### Main priorities:

- ❑ Further advancing the transition through **digitalization**
- ❑ Using **knowledge, research and innovation** as catalysts for change
- ❑ Strengthening **AKIS** and supporting **advisory services**

### Main actions:

- ✓ EU Digital Strategy for Agriculture
- ✓ **EU strategic approach to R&I to improve the competitiveness of agriculture**
- ✓ CAP supporting AKIS with EIP-AGRI as cornerstone
- ✓ Strengthening the role of independent advisors
- ✓ **Soil Mission**

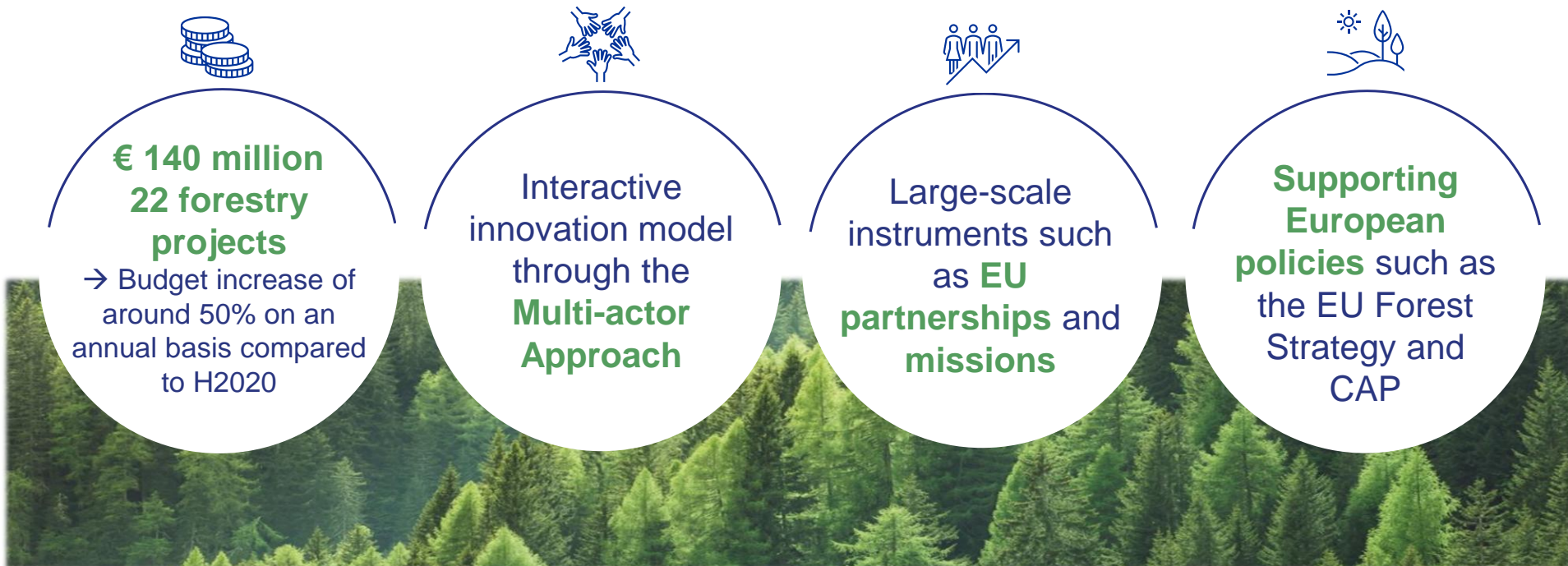


# Support for R&I under Horizon programmes so far

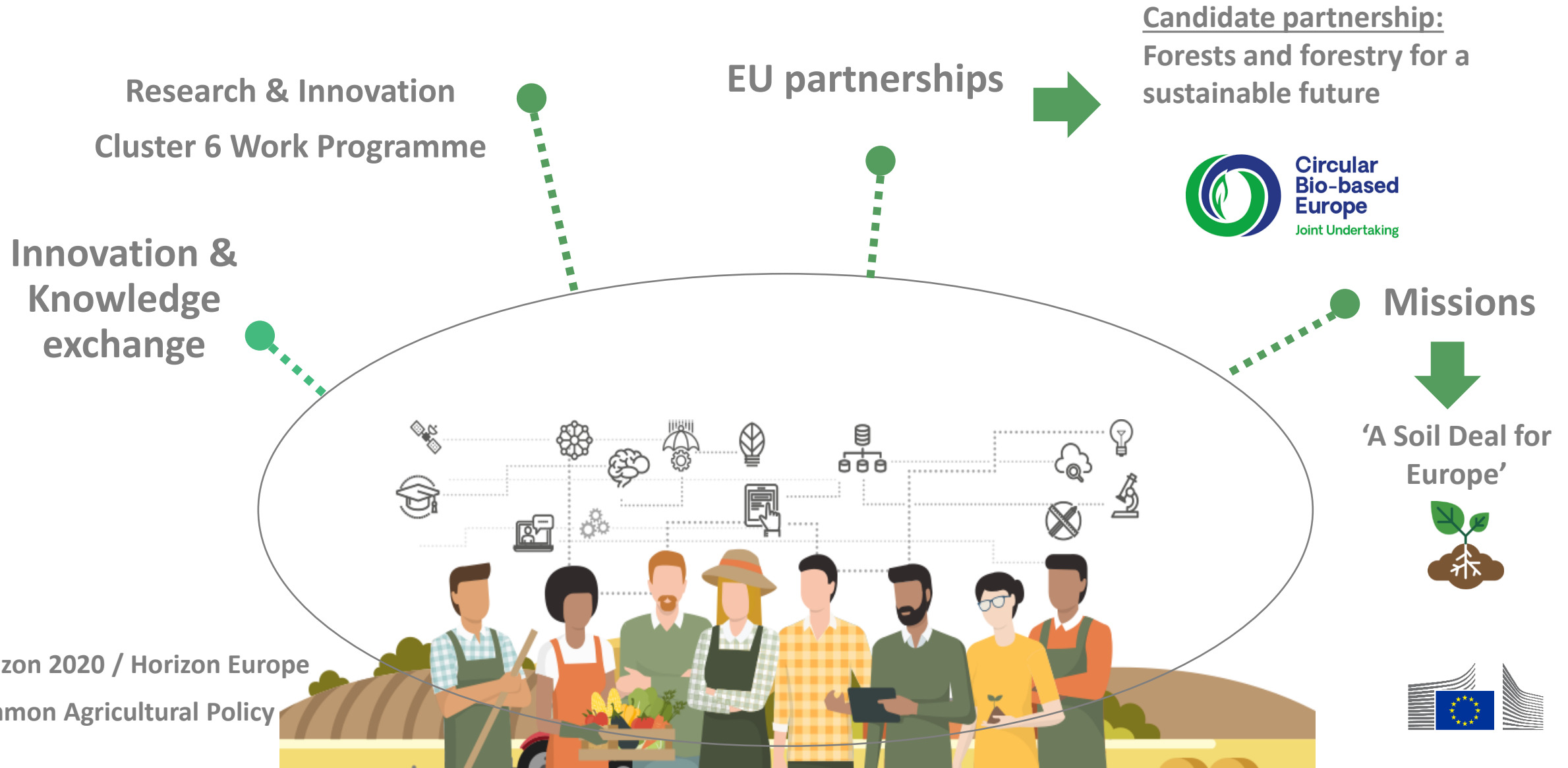
**550+\*** R&I projects funded under Horizon programmes 2014-2024 so far...

...including **385** with **multi-actor approach**

*\*currently ongoing 313 projects*

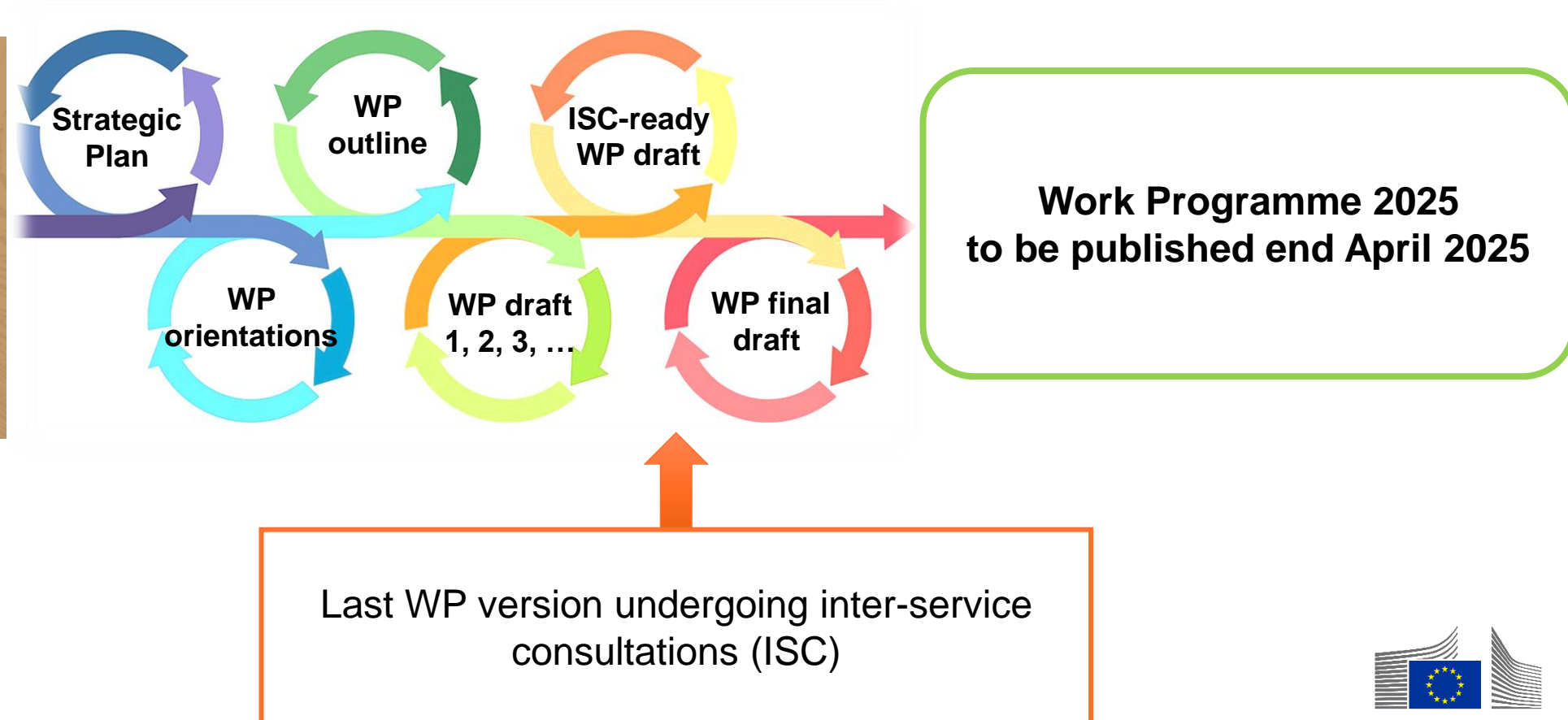


# Toolbox for promoting R&I in forests and bioeconomy



# Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Work Programme 2025

## Horizon Europe WP 2025 preparation: finishing stages







## Candidate European Partnership Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future

- **Implementation mode:** Co-funded European Partnership
- **Cluster:** 6 (Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment)
- **Call for proposals:** Draft Cluster 6 Work Programme 2025
- **Envisioned duration:** 2025-2031 (7 years)
- **Tentative EU contribution:** 70 M€ (30%) + MS/AC contribution 163 M€ (70%) = 233 M€
- **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA):** being developed by EUFORE project

# Consortium development



**First consortium  
development  
meetings: in autumn  
2024**

**Supported by the  
SCAR FOREST  
Strategic Working  
Group**



**The aim of the  
meetings:**

- provide an update on the latest developments in the preparation for the Partnership
- exchange ideas
- discuss the first draft of a work programme structure and participants possible contributions
- decide on the next steps



**Participants:**

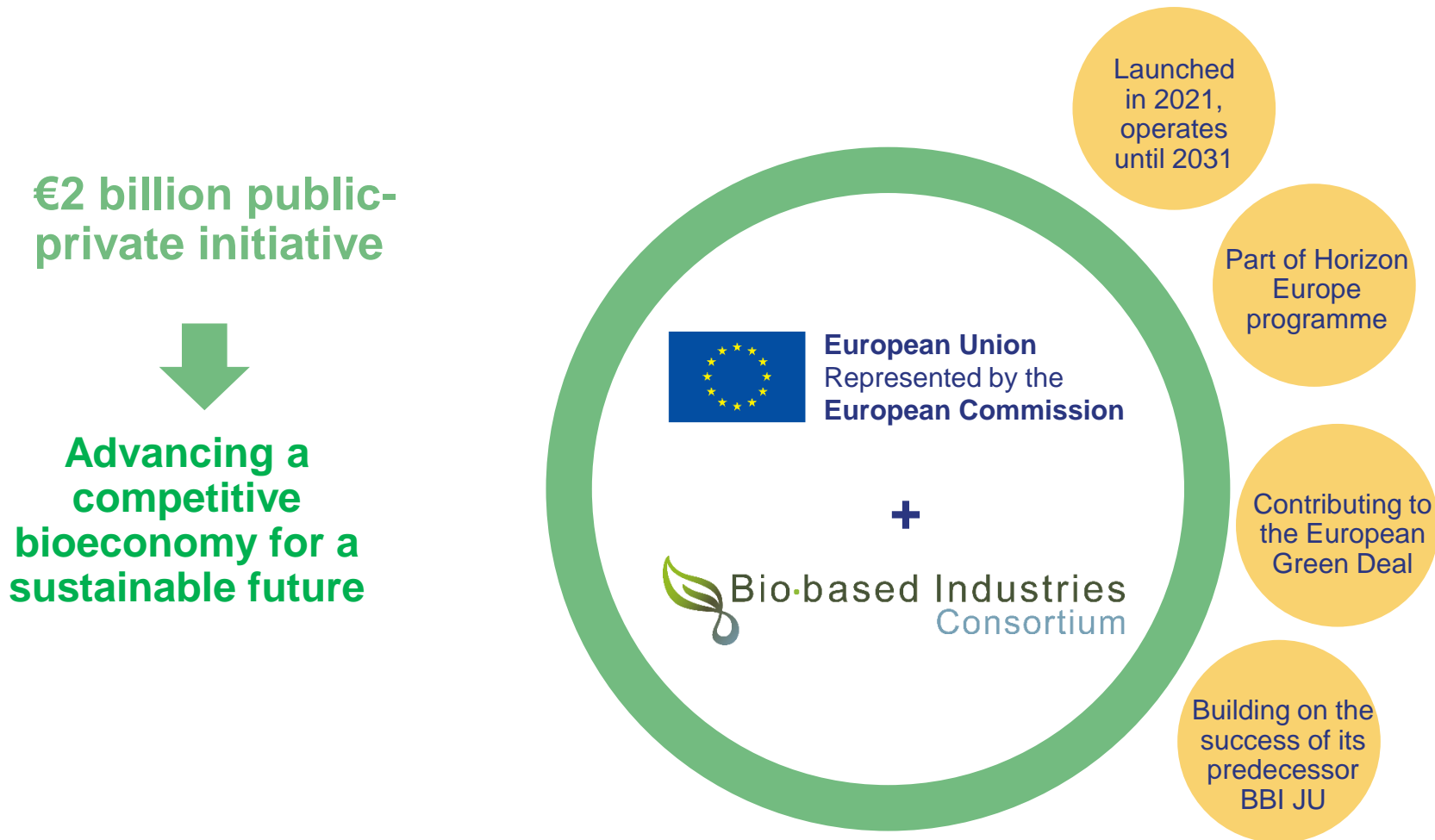
- representatives of ministries and agencies in charge of agriculture/forestry/climate/environment/R&I policy,
- research funders
- other public authorities, including environmental protection and biodiversity agencies



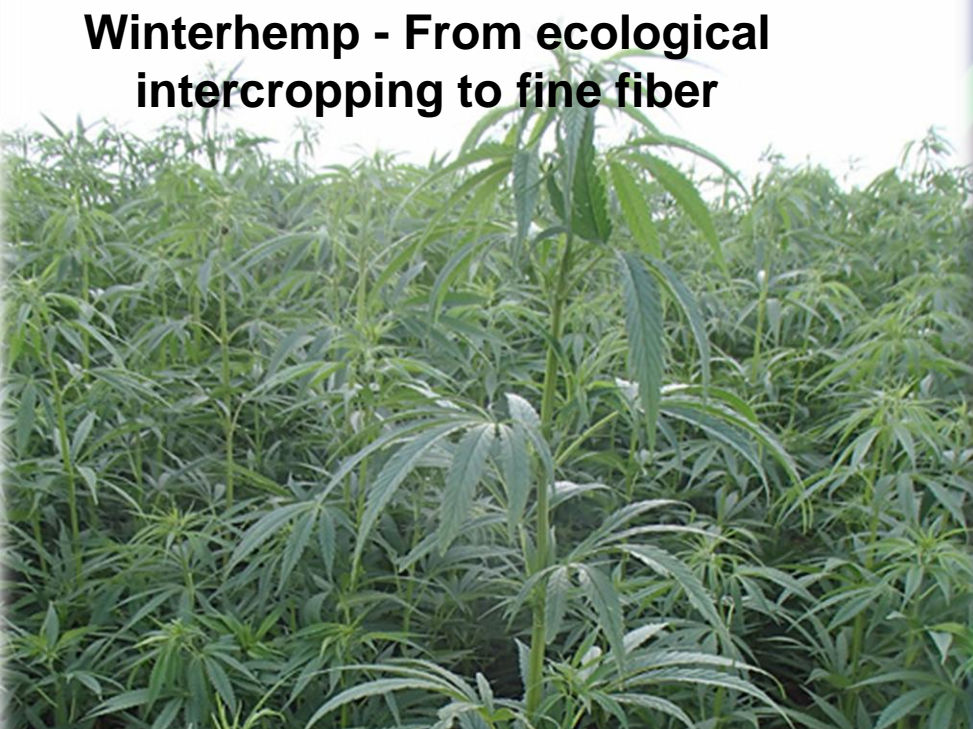
**If ministries/funding  
agencies are willing to  
join, please contact  
[partnership@forestvalue.org](mailto:partnership@forestvalue.org)**



# Public-Private Partnership: Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking

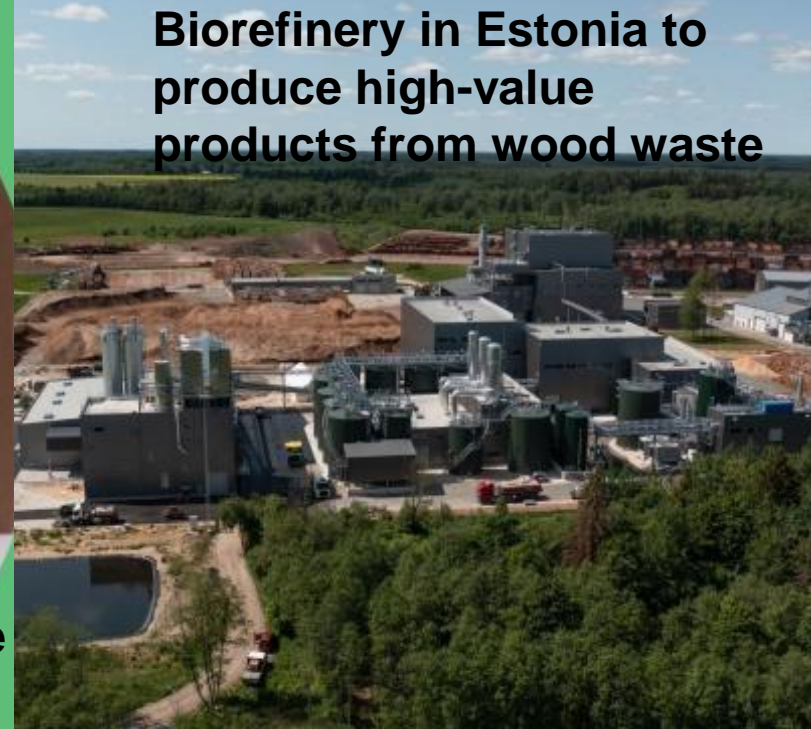


**Winterhemp - From ecological  
intercropping to fine fiber**



**Insulation foam made  
from eucalyptus tree  
waste**

**Biorefinery in Estonia to  
produce high-value  
products from wood waste**



**Small-scale biorefineries in  
grasslands**



**New bio-based  
materials from  
underutilised shrubs &  
trees grown on  
marginal lands**





# CBE call for proposals 2025



[Call for proposals 2025](#)



Foreseen call launch: **4 April 2025**



Foreseen call deadline: **17 September 2025 17:00**



Call budget: **€165 million**



13 R&I topics



E.g., RIA on *Valorisation of untapped forest biomass* - €7 million

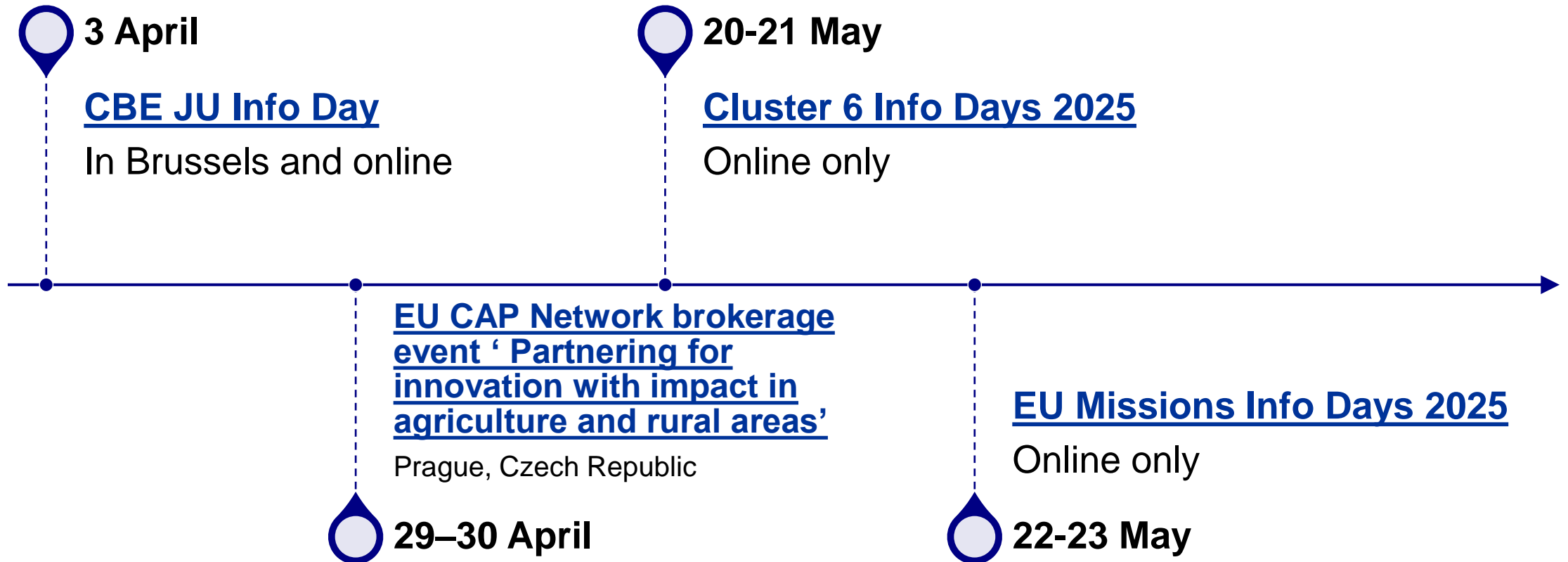


## CBE JU Working group on primary producers

- **Objectives of the working group:**
  - Enhance the role of primary producers in circular bio-based systems and value chains.
  - Ensure that primary sectors benefit from the economic, social, and environmental opportunities offered by circular and bio-based innovations.
- The **first cut-off date** of the call to become member was **on 28 February 2025**.
- The working group will be **officially established in June 2025**.
- The [call for expression of interest](#) remains open.



# Next events



# Thank you



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All information on the workshop is available on the event webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/eu-cap-network-workshop-circular-bioeconomy-valorisation-forest-products>

