

## Annex 3: Vision for 2035. Milestones and recommendations

### Some Milestones for 2030: Laying the Foundations for Systemic Change

To achieve this 2035 vision, key transformations must be accomplished by 2030. Among the top priorities identified are:

- The development of well-integrated, localised value chains that reduce transportation needs and foster regional economies.
- Improved integration of research infrastructures across EU Member States, facilitating cross-border knowledge exchange and the effective use of shared data.
- Enhanced food and resource security through profitable and sustainable primary production, including the optimal use of forestry residues and by-products.
- Support for both social and ecological innovation, allowing communities and businesses to co-create context-specific bioeconomy solutions.
- A Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), adapted to be aligned with circular bioeconomy objectives, particularly in its rural development and forestry components.

### Some milestones for 2028: Strategic Alignment and Capacity Building

By 2028, enabling conditions must be well in place. Participants emphasised the need for:

- Tax and regulatory systems that are coherently aligned with circular bioeconomy strategies. Fiscal instruments and laws should actively support sustainability goals rather than hinder them.
- Strong, long-term policy commitments at both the EU and national levels, providing security and direction for private and public investments.
- Foster education, training, and knowledge transfer to empower actors at all levels of the bioeconomy value chain.
- Measures to make the forest-based bioeconomy more attractive to diverse stakeholders including youth, landowners, and SMEs ensuring engagement across the entire value chain.
- Connect the different stakeholders, to make the value chain more efficient and to share experiences.



### **Some milestones for 2026: Immediate Actions for Transition Readiness**

The most urgent actions are required by 2026, setting the groundwork for long-term transformation. These include:

- Ensuring stable and predictable framework conditions for forest producers and landowners, with special emphasis on fair market access and investment security.
- Launching targeted awareness-raising campaigns to highlight the benefits and opportunities of forest by-product valorisation and bioeconomy practices.
- Actively involving producers and local communities in policy design and innovation agendas to ensure relevance and legitimacy.
- Reforming funding instruments to support innovation and reduce administrative burdens, replacing outdated mechanisms with agile, outcome-oriented models.
- Strengthening initiatives that support bioeconomy infrastructure, diversification, and local entrepreneurship.

