



8th International Summer School on Circular **Bio-economy** and Sustainable Development



The 8th Summer School meets EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassadors

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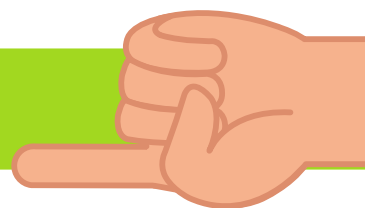
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June 26-28, 2026



PERROTIS College – American Farm School
Thessaloniki, Greece

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Day 1: Friday 26 June 2026

SESSION 1

Time	Speaker	Title of presentation
10:00–10:15	Konstantinos Vorgias BioINSouth/PelopoNext Hub	Welcome & Opening Remarks
10:15–10:40	Christian Patermann	Bioeconomy in times of uncertainties
10:40–11:00	Sam Hout Ledo European Commission	The EU Bioeconomy Strategy
11:00–11:30	Coffe Break	
11:30–12:00	Manfred Kircher KADIB	How to develop and implement a regional bioeconomy strategy
12:00–12:30	Nelo Emerencia Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)	Young entrepreneurs in bio-based fields reach out for partnerships through BISC-E
12:30–13:00	Johannes Kisser	Growing Buildings – Biogenic Materials and the Circular Construction Frontier
13:00–13:30	Light Lunch & Networking	

SESSION 2

13:30–14:00	Prof. Giovanni Sannia	A Bio–Circular Future for the Traditional Leather Industry
14:00–14:30	Marco Trifuoggi Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II	Emerging contaminants and sustainability in water, food, environment
14:30–14:45	Panagiotis Koronaios EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador, PhD@ Panteion University	Bioeconomy as a Catalyst for the Green Transition: Historical Perspectives, Global Status, and Transition Dynamics
14:45–15:00	João Cambotas de Medeiros EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador	The importance of the Blue Bioeconomy – Blue Carbon Ecosystems Restoration as a way of developing sustainable business models
15:00–15:15	Henrique Rasera Raniro EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador, Postdoc University of Copenhagen	Bio-based fertilizers for efficient nutrient recycling in agroecosystems
15:15–15:30	Kati Merruntaus EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador	Grassroots bioeconomy – how closeness to nature and bioeconomy create wellbeing/ The role of forests in bioeconomy

SOCIAL EVENT

Day 2: Saturday 27 June

SESSION 3

Time	Speaker	Title of presentation
10:00-10:15	Katharina Wunder Former EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador	TBA
10:15-10:30	Vlad Andrei Ungureanu EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador	Synthetic Biology - the Interface of Innovation and Impact in Bioeconomy Applications (Online)
10:30-10:45	Elena Del Pup EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador, PhD(c) at Wageningen	Accelerating the Bioeconomy with Computational Biology: Building Bioinformatics Software Tools for Plant Natural Product Discovery (Online)
10:45-11:00	Lucie de Seguins Pazzis EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador	Soils, biodiversity and agroecology, the future of European agricultural systems? (Online)
11:00-11:15	Niamh Donnelly PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin	Centering Community Voices in Biogas Development: Just Transition case studies from the West of Ireland
11:15-11:45	Coffee Break	

SESSION 4

11:45-12:15	Nikos Damatis Hellenic Biomass Association (HellaBiom)	The Importance of Being Earnest: Building Robust Biomass Value Chains for Bio-based Materials in Fashion - A Case Study from the EU-funded PROMOFER Project
12:15-12:45	Christiana Gardikioti The Meraki People & Thyrea Living Lab Ambassador	Thyrea Living Lab's Bio Economy Hub
12:45-13:15	Light Lunch & Networking	
13:15-13:30	Ilaria Re Consorzio Italbiotec (ITB)	DRIVE-Driving Rural Innovation through Startup Villages across Europe
13:30-14:00	George Sakellaris BIOEAST HUB CR	Universities as Regional Engines of Bioeconomy Transformation: Aligning Education with the EU Bioeconomy Strategy
14:00-14:20	Denise Gider BioökonomieREVIER at Forschungszentrum Jülich	Advancing Europe's Bioeconomy: From Regional Transformation to Scalable Bioeconomy Model Regions
14:20-14:45	Inese Skapste Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies	Algal Biostimulants as a Tool for Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Crop Production/ <i>Furcellaria lumbriicalis</i> Digestate as a Biostimulant Under Reduced Mineral Fertilization

Closing Remarks

Day 3: Sunday 28 June

SESSION 5

Time	Speaker	Title of presentation
10:00-10:20	Valentina Galantari BIOEAST HUB CR	TERRIFIC – Next generation circular biobased flagship packaging: a catalyst for the green transition
10:20-10:40	Anastasia Perouli BIOEAST HUB CR	ENABLS – Enabling society to bend the curve for biodiversity. Myths and Truths
10:40-11:10	Christos Vasilikiotis Perrotis College, American Farm School	Regenerative agriculture: a bioeconomy strategy for sustainable and resilient food systems
11:10-11:40	Sofia Laiou American Farm School	Beyond Nutrition: How Traditional Mediterranean Diet Supports Sustainability and the Circular Economy Through Traditional Foods and Practices.
11:40-12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00-12:30	Open Discussion	
12:30-12:45	Concluding Remarks	



CALL FOR ON SITE PARTICIPATION

Dear European Bioeconomy stakeholders,

From June 26th to 28th 2026, we will organize on site the 8th International Summer School on Circular Bioeconomy and Sustainable Development in Thessaloniki, Greece.

We consider as a great opportunity to bring together as many as possible Bioeconomy Stakeholders, young students and early carrier scientist of this field.

- In Partnership with EU Bioeconomy Youth Ambassadors!
- Currently the registration fee is 150€ covering participation, coffee breaks, light lunches, and social event.
Extended payment deadline: 10 June
- Please register as early as possible and book your accommodation and transportation.

On behalf of the organizing committee,

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REGISTRATION FEE & PROCEDURES

REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE 150€

(INCLUDES: COFFEE BREAKS - LIGHT LUNCHES - SOCIAL EVENTS)

*Accommodation arrangement is not included.

Payment deadline extended to 10 June

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