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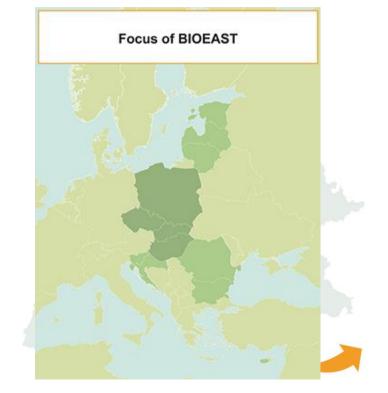
# The Initiative

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# Missing strategic thinking on Bioeconomy linked R&I





Source: GBC2018

# Vision 2030



Through the governmental initiative, the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries set the vision for 2030:

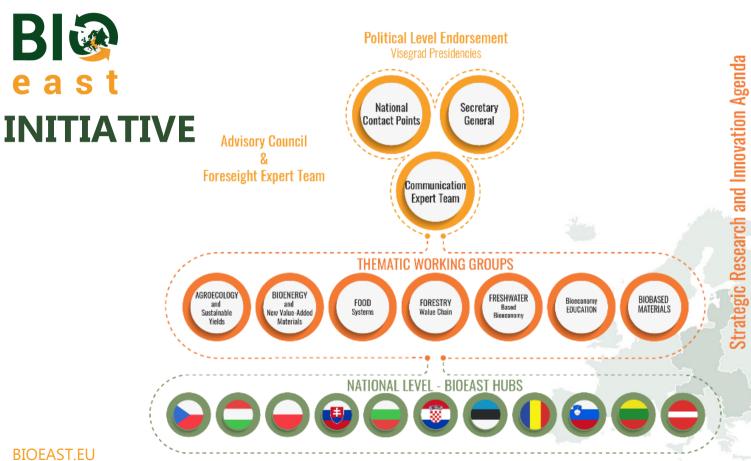
to develop knowledge and cooperation based circular bioeconomies, which helps to enhance their inclusive growth and to create new value-added jobs especially in rural areas, maintaining or even strengthening environmental sustainability.

#### **MISSION:**

to assist Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries to operationalize their Vision for 2030 drawing on their potential and offering opportunities for:

- Sustainable increase of biomass production;
- Circular (Ézero waste") processing of the available biomass;
- Viable rural areas;





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### WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE UNTIL NOW?



Mezőgazdasági é Halászati Tanács, EU-28

- 11 CEE countries' ministries are working together
- Serbia and Western Balkan countries requested accession (Observer: SWG RRD)
- Set-up of Governance:
  - Secretariat and Secretary
  - National Contact Points
  - More than 25 Board meetings
- 6 international conferences
- 2018 EU Bioeconomy Strategy reference
- 2019 and 2020 European Council Conclusion reference
- H2020 CSAs: BIOEASTsUP and Power4BIO
- H2020 Policy Support Facility
- 7 thematic working groups
- Several national events



# BIOEASTSUP THE SUPPORT ACTION

- 1. To support the bioeconomy strategic thinking:
  - Guidance on National Bioeconomy Strategy Development
  - Macro-regional Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- 2. To establish the stakeholders engagement at national level
- 3. To support the thematic working groups for SRIA development at macro regional level (organizational arrangements and studies)
- 4. To set-up and to run the Advisory Council for the Initiative
  - Subtask: helping in the development of the Foresight Exercise feeding into the SRIA
- 5. To rectify the visual identity for the BIOEAST initiative





# UNDERSTANDING POLITICS AND BUILDING POLICY PRIORITIES



**2021 Declaration**: on the fifth year anniversary of the Initiative, strong commitment behind

**2019 Declaration**: on the role of BIOEAST in the context of Horizon Europe (signed by 22 ministries)

**2018 Declaration**: on the Vision for BIOEAST

**2017 Declaration**: on broadening the remit of the

**BIOEAST** initiative beyond H2020

**2016 Declaration**: on stronger inclusion into H2020



# 21 PARTNERS















- 4 Ministries
- 14 Research Institutes
- 3 SMEs

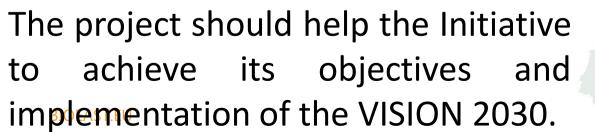






































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### **NEXT STEPS AT NATIONAL LEVEL**

- Concept paper development for National Bioeconomy Strategy Development
- 2. Upscaling the Policy Support Facility results for national bioeconomy strategies with the help of the European Commission
- 3. Establishing National BIOEAST HUBs for the stakeholders engagement at national level





## **NEXT STEPS AT MACRO REGIONAL LEVEL**

- 1. Macro-regional Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
- 2. Upscaling the results of Foresight exercise for defining the potential future scenarios and priorities
- 3. Enforcing cooperations and networks behind **Thematic Working Groups** for SRIA development and participation in European Partnerships:
  - Forestry value chain (coordinated by SK)
  - Sustainable yields and agro-ecological intensification (HU)
    - Bioenergy and new value-added products (HR)
      - Food Systems (PL)
      - Fresh water based bioeconomy (CZ)
        - Education and Skills (CZ)
      - Advanced Bio-based materials (HU)





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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

