



Who we are

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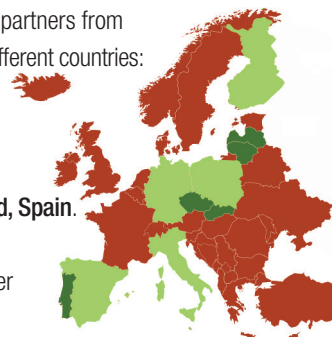
Coordination and Support Action (CSA) Project that brings together

12 partners from
5 different countries:

■ **Finland, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain.**

In addition, 5 other countries have also been designated for the transfer of the "practical knowledge":

■ **Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal and Slovakia.**



Expected results

- Produce over **50** Practice Abstracts, guidelines and factsheets tailored for practitioners from the result of more than **30** EU and national projects, bringing to fruition valuable knowledge often inaccessible to the intended users.
- Boost the implementation of technologies for bioeconomy solutions in farms through **5** national seminars, **10** show case days, **10** videos and **28** workshops for the practitioners.
- Organize and manage **5** National Thematic Networks (NTN) focusing on biomass supply, bioenergy and bioeconomy solutions, each including more than **500** practitioners, scientists and national players.
- Launch a new multi-actor partnership to boost development of bioenergy and circular bioeconomy in rural areas of Europe.
- Promote cross-border interaction in the EU countries by involving more than **25** players from at least **10** Countries into a working group that will work in close contact with the EIP-AGRI staff and other focus groups.
- Foster cross-border exchange through partner countries "ambassadors" that will be visiting neighboring countries and transfer the acquired knowledge to umbrella bodies/associations.



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PARTECIPANT ORGANIZATIONS

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GmbH (DBFZ)
Fundacion Circe Centro de Investigación de Recursos
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Itabia - Italian Biomass Association
Maa-ja metsäloustuottajan keskusliitto (MTK)
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BRANCHES

BOOSTING RURAL BIOECONOMY NETWORKS

Knowledge transfer for
circular bioeconomy and sustainable
management of rural areas

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The Project

BRANCHES aims at increasing the implementation of new cost-efficient technologies; mobilizes more biomass and **creates innovative business opportunities in rural areas** by improving and strengthening connections among practice and science of bio-based economy. The project will ensure communication through the two-way flow of information to allow transfer of **ideas and technologies between scientists and agriculture and forestry practitioners, in rural areas**. Valuable knowledge produced by research and development should always be shared well beyond the scientific community.

BRANCHES will integrate selected knowledge on forest and agricultural biomass supply chains with available innovative technologies and best-practice cases for bioeconomy solutions with bioenergy conversion systems in a wider bioeconomy context. **Across EU Countries, existing policies and best available technologies will be presented** in easily understandable formats (Practice abstracts and factsheets) through National Thematic Networks launched by **BRANCHES**. Outcomes from cooperation among National Thematic Networks are expected to lead toward a **widespread impact** on practitioners across European rural environments.



Branches will

- Summarize, share and deliver existing best practices and research results.
- Increase implementation of new cost-efficient technologies.
- Mobilize more biomass and generate new business opportunities in rural areas by improving and strengthening connection between practice and science of bio-based economy.
- Trigger flows of information on new opportunities and technologies to farmers and forestry practitioners.
- Highlight needs and entrepreneurial elements relevant for practitioners by collecting experiences from research and development as well as gathering implemented practices from practitioners.
- Promote bioeconomy and rural development through new bio-based initiatives by means of networking and participatory research methods to showcase best practices and cost-efficient technology solutions.

Strengthening dissemination
of technological **innovations and good practices** in the biomass supply chains



Key tools

- Selected knowledge on forest and agricultural biomass supply chains will be integrated with best practice cases and novel technologies available for bioenergy conversion in a wider bioeconomy context.
- Demands and needs of practitioners will be collected through series of workshops and meetings.
- Across EU countries, existing policies and the best available technologies will be summarized and shared through five project



- countries (FI, P, DE, IT, ES).
- Thematic Networks will be launched by **BRANCHES** and 5 others collaborating networks established in Portugal, Lithuania, Latvia, Czech Republic, Slovakia.

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THE PARTNERSHIP

