

Co-creation workshop 'Future skills for Bioeconomy'

Blue Bioeconomy

Identify the future skills and related educational needs



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Transition2BIO Co-creation workshop

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27th of September 2022, 2:00 pm CEST

Platform: Microsoft Teams

The University of Bologna, the EurOcean Foundation and the Horizon 2020 funded project Transition2BIO organise the **co-creation workshop ‘Future skills for Bioeconomy’ – Blue Bioeconomy**, which aims to identify the future skills and related educational needs in the European bioeconomy.

The workshop will focus on the **Blue Bioeconomy** sector and is the third of five co-creation workshops ‘Future skills for Bioeconomy’ focusing on different bioeconomy sectors. These workshops will be organised by Transition2BIO and the University of Bologna, together with external institutions leading each sector.

Providing the needed skills and meeting the educational needs in the European bioeconomy are key challenges for a change in our economy. The European Commission stated in its Updated Bioeconomy Strategy that *“The systemic and cross-cutting nature of new and emerging bioeconomy approaches and new value chains will need new education and skills.”*

Among its objectives, Transition2BIO will facilitate the identification of the educational and training needs towards the creation of an innovation ecosystem for the bioeconomy. The results of the co-creation workshops will be summarised in a public report and will be used for the delivery of a policy brief aimed to **inform policymakers and other stakeholders** about the issues and possible solutions to meet the identified skills and educational needs.

'Future skills for Bioeconomy' activities will use a **bottom-up approach** to identify and define the skills for the development of the new workforce in the bioeconomy, involving all the key stakeholders.

The participants will have the opportunity to provide their opinions and points of view on this topic, contributing to the research of the University of Bologna within the H2020 project Transition 2BIO.

During the event, the main objectives and outputs of the project will be presented, as well as the results from previous projects and initiatives on bioeconomy education. Inputs from participants will be collected through an **online survey** and a **moderated discussion using an online interactive platform**.

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Transition2BIO

Building on the most relevant communication and education EU funded projects and initiatives, Transition2BIO aims to promote the transition towards more sustainable production, consumption and lifestyle by implementing an integrated package of activities addressing a wide range of target stakeholders.

EurOcean Foundation

EurOcean is an independent, non-profit, scientific organization with the mission to support advances in European marine science and technology, by fostering information exchange, interaction and innovation among its network members, the ocean community and broader society.

Founded in 2002, through the collaboration of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), and the French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER), EurOcean has a Europe-wide network of 19 organisations, accounting for 12 full members and seven cooperating members.

Target audience

The organisers encourage the participation of EU funded projects in bioeconomy education, EU and local institutions, universities, policymakers, private companies, associations, teachers, students, and whoever may be interested in or have something to say about the future skills and related educational needs to build the future workforce of the European bioeconomy.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Registration

Please register online for the workshop at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/yUh5a81him>

Participants will receive the link for the virtual meeting by email.

The deadline for the registration is 23rd September 2022.

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Agenda – 27th of September, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm CEST

Title	Speaker
Welcome and introduction	Moderator – Margherita Zorgno, EurOcean
Transition2BIO overview, objectives and outputs	Chiara Pocaterra, APRE (Coordinator of Transition2BIO)
Blue Bioeconomy Panorama	Agustí Turull, Secretary General IVEAEMPA ; Federation of maritime companies
Scope of the workshop and results from previous projects and initiatives on bioeconomy education	Marco Maria Grande, University of Bologna
Break and online survey – 15 min.	
The future of blue bioeconomy and needed skills	Zacharias Siokouros, CMMI CEO
Gaps on education, training, scientific development or capacity for creating a blue biobusiness	Guillermo del Barco Aldaz, Mediterranean Algae Co-Founder
Brief presentation of the results of the survey and feedback from participants	Marco Maria Grande, University of Bologna
Discussion through interactive platform – 30 min.	
Q&A and feedback from participants	
Conclusions and final remarks	Transition2BIO and EurOcean

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