



Overview of state of play on bioeconomy in Greece

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What is currently available for a bioeconomy strategy ?

- ▶ Greek Bioeconomy Forum – Platform of Actors/Stakeholders (2017-)
- ▶ 2 MSc Programmes running: Piraeus/Athens, Thessaloniki
- ▶ Circular Economy & Forestry Strategies launched (May 2018)
- ▶ Research & Innovation topics funded as part of the National Smart Specialisation Strategy – Other relevant research results
- ▶ Regional Strategies (Crete, Thessaly etc.) – W. Macedonia Cluster
- ▶ CASA SCAR Workshop Discussions/Conclusions (Athens, May 2018)
- ▶ Long and rich experiences from the biomass/bioenergy field
- ▶ Studies of various bodies including Greece 2021 Foresight project



What are our target sectors for bioeconomy?

- **AGRICULTURE:** Leading Sector providing 4% of GDP and 0.5 M jobs, and covering 30% of the national area, while affecting rural areas and Mediterranean ecosystems.
- **FOOD & AGRO-INDUSTRY:** A key (ca. 25%) sub-sector of industry, aiming at adding value to agricultural outputs.
- **BIOMASS & WASTE:** Very large potential (ca. 50 Mdryt/a) combined with limited use offer great possibilities, with emphasis to food and urban wastes, and energy vectors.
- The advantages of the agro-bio-eco orientation are based on the high biodiversity of Greek bioresources and the Mediterranean Diet value of the Greek foods.



What are the responsible public bodies and relevant stakeholders?

- ▶ **MAIN PUBLIC BODIES:** (I) General Secretariat of Research and Innovation; (II) Ministry of Rural Development and Food; (III) Ministry of Environment and Energy.
- ▶ **RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS** (1) Hellenic Agricultural Organization (DIMITER); (2) Centre for Research and Technology - Hellas (CERTH); (3) Hellenic Center for Marine Research; (4) Center for Renewable Energy (CRES); (5) Universities.
- ▶ **STAKEHOLDERS:** Suppliers; Downstream processors; Logistics agents; Marketing actors; Business and financial institutions; Citizens; Worker Unions; Societal groups and organisations.