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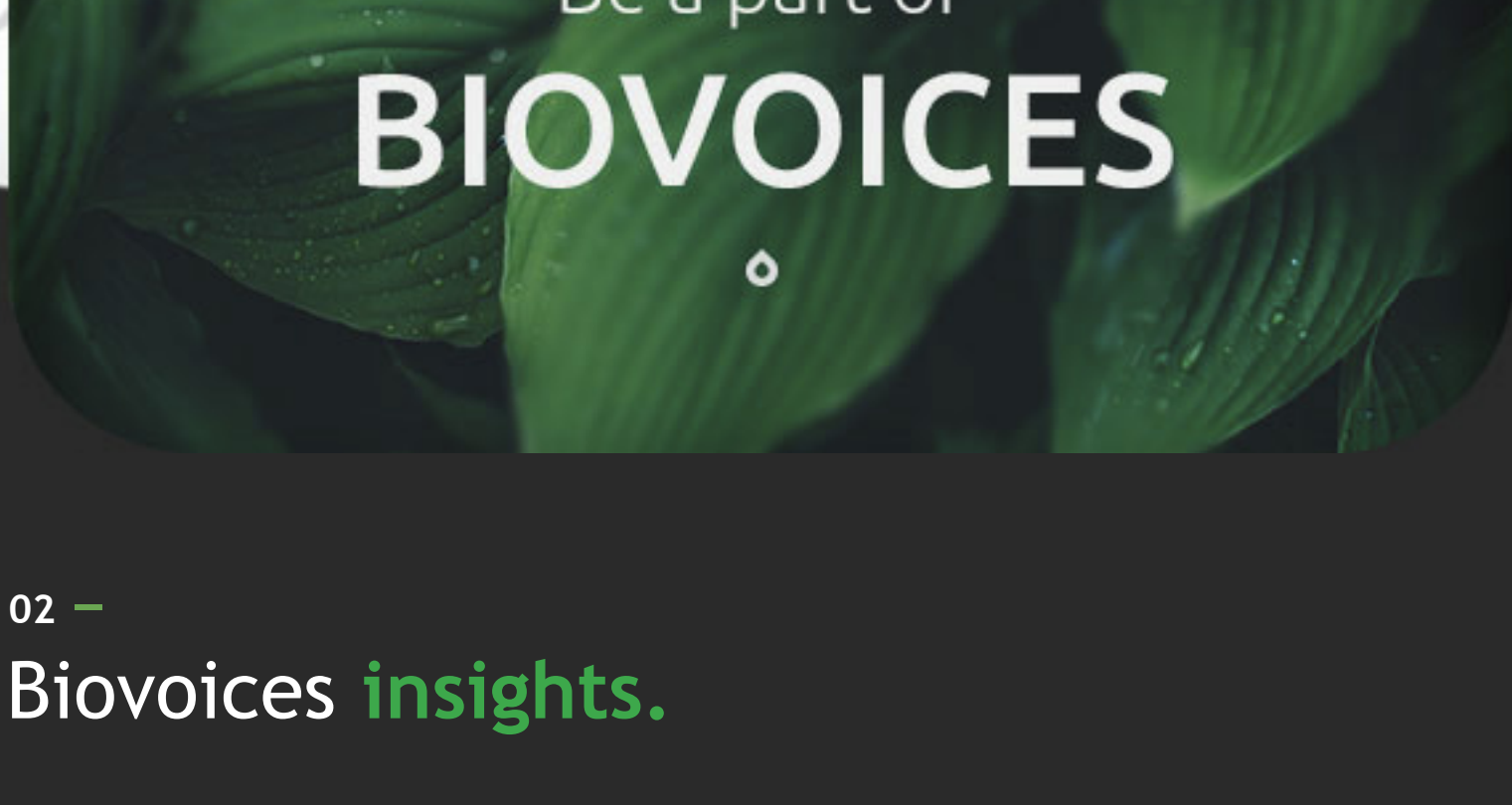
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Nowadays everybody speaks about climate change, land and ecosystem degradation, and consumption without respect to the ecological boundaries of our planet. At the same time, the need to achieve sustainability constitutes a strong incentive to reach the Sustainable and Consumption Development Goals and to reinforce Europe's position in a highly competitive global economy. Bio-based products provide an opportunity to contribute to sustainable solutions.



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Biovoices insights.

Challenges for the market uptake of bio-based products.

The use of renewable natural resources for bio-based products (BBP) such as packaging and furniture is proceeding slowly. Although a larger market size of BBP would contribute to a more sustainable society, the transition towards a European bio-based economy requires more attention. BIOVOICES has identified twelve challenges to contribute to the market uptake of bio-based applications.

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In the BIOVOICES newsletter we will pay some attention to national debates among the quadruple helix stakeholders to solve the challenges for market uptake of bio-based products. This time, we will start with Slovakia to define sustainable biomass feedstock (see also challenge D3). While biomass is globally perceived as one of the cornerstones of sustainable development, it earned a lot of negative publicity in the past years

Biomass under fire in Slovakia.

In Slovakia, after solar and hydro, biomass has the third ranking in the utilization of renewable sources for energy production. However, its potential is much higher. Biomass used in energy production in Slovakia can be divided into wood based (dendromass) and agricultural based. These have a bit different stories, but with common features, especially in terms of controversy.

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Interesting articles:

Stakeholders Collaborating for a More Sustainable Bioeconomy [>](#)

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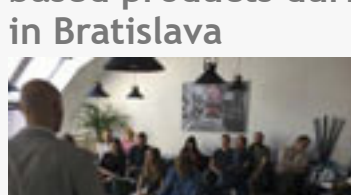
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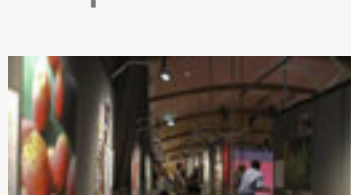
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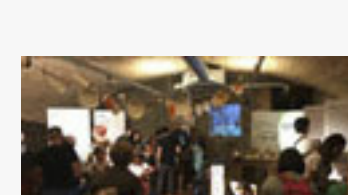
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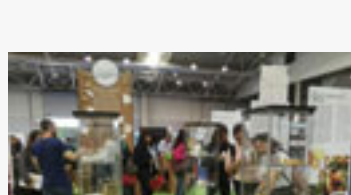
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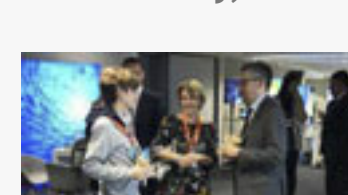
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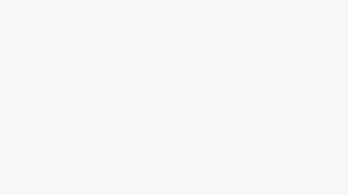
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BIOVOICES Mobilisation and Mutual Learning events.

To facilitate the market uptake of bio-based products and the bioeconomy in general, it is critical to engage all relevant stakeholders with different perspectives, knowledge and experiences to tackle research and innovation related challenges. To promote the mobilisation and collaboration among stakeholders representing different interests and motivation, a large number of events at European, national and regional/local level will be organised within the next 2 years.

The aim is to share ideas and suggest actions to address the challenges for the market uptake of bio-based products, taking into consideration the requirements, expectations and concerns of all the stakeholders and target audiences: citizens and CSOs; policy makers at all levels within the field of bio-based economy; researchers; educators (formal and informal); and businesses and industry. Keep up to date with information regarding the Mobilisation and Mutual Learning events **here**

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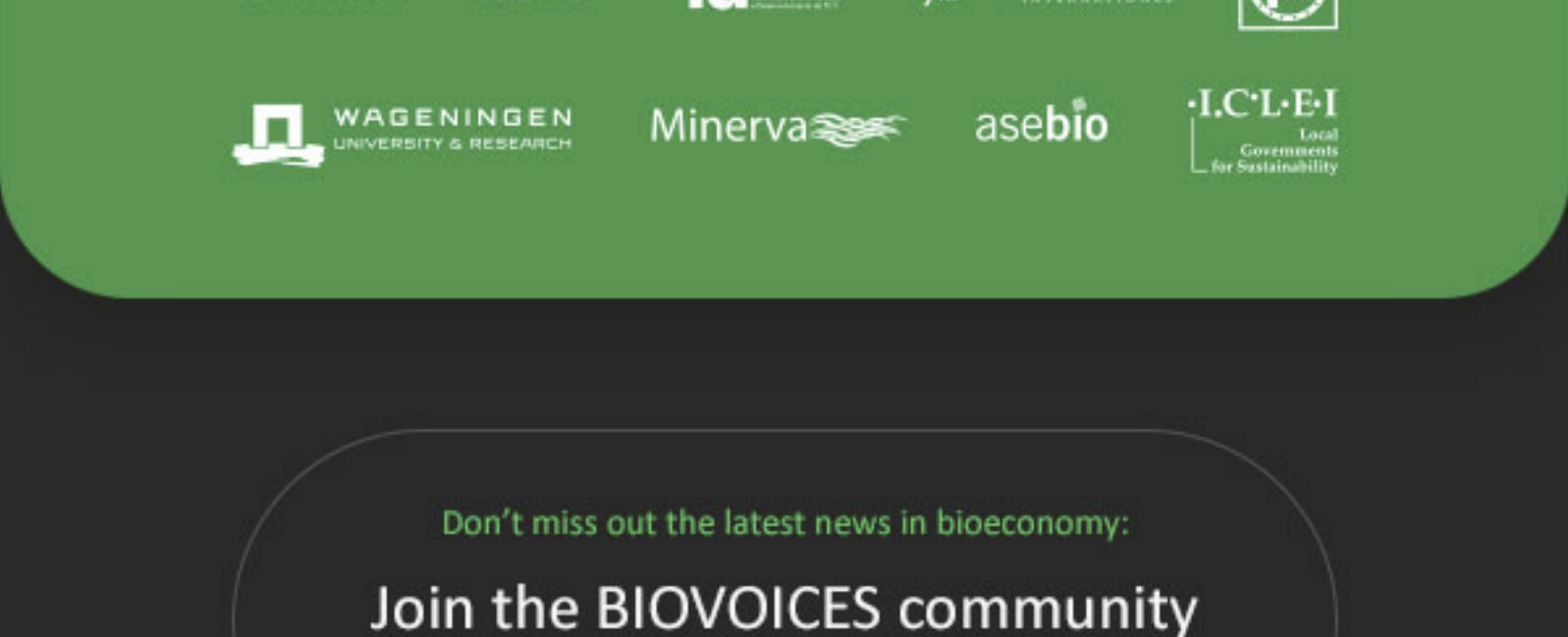
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