

GenB Bioeconomy Youth Forum



FAYI Bioeconomy ThinkTank



**Seeds of Change;
Launching the Bioeconomy Think
Tank at the Food and
Agricultural Youth Institute.**

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Introducing FAYI Bioeconomy ThinkTank

The FAYI Bioeconomy TT is a member body of the Food & Agriculture Youth Institute (FAYI), an independent committee affiliated with The International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences (IAAS), a distinguished international non-profit and non-governmental student society headquartered in Leuven, Belgium.

- Launched in June 2023, the thinktank raises awareness about the negative impacts of non-sustainable products and processes while promoting innovation in sustainable alternatives. Through training, workshops, and conferences, we collaborate with NGOs, government bodies, academic institutions, and other platforms to support bioeconomy policies, bio-based innovations, and sustainable systems.

Mission & Vision of the BIO TT

- **Interconnectedness of Humans and Nature**
- **Addressing environmental issues through awareness of bio-based products and sustainable resources (Youth-Centric).**
- **Promoting sustainable processes and innovations for global industrial sustainability.**



The Bioeconomy ThinkTank Executives



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- MBA, Food & Agribusiness Management, Audencia Business School (France) and FECAP university (Brasil)



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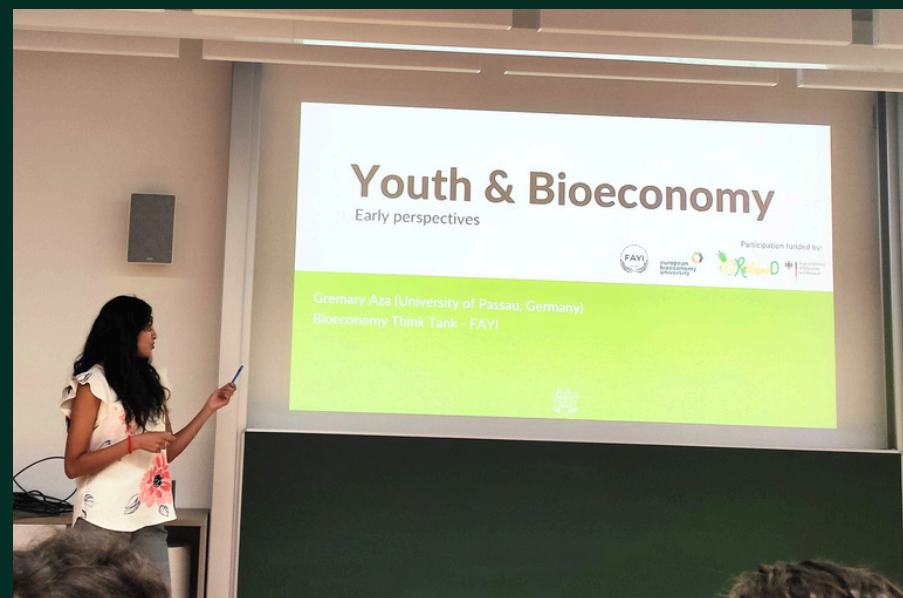
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The BioTT Activities thus far;



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August, 2023

At the European Bioeconomy Conference in Vienna, August 2023, Gremary Aza, Co-head BioTT, presented on "Youth and Bioeconomy," highlighting the perspectives of young actors in the bioeconomy sector.



November, 2023

Webinar workshop : "Exploring Bioeconomy: Origin, Purpose and Future Perspectives"

Facilitated by Maria Lourdes Ordonez, Director of Research & Development of Bioeconomy TT



December, 2023

BIO TT was represented at the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) stakeholder Conference. Etieno, Head of the TT, represented BioTT and made submissions on how to dive youth engagements in Bioeconomy globally.



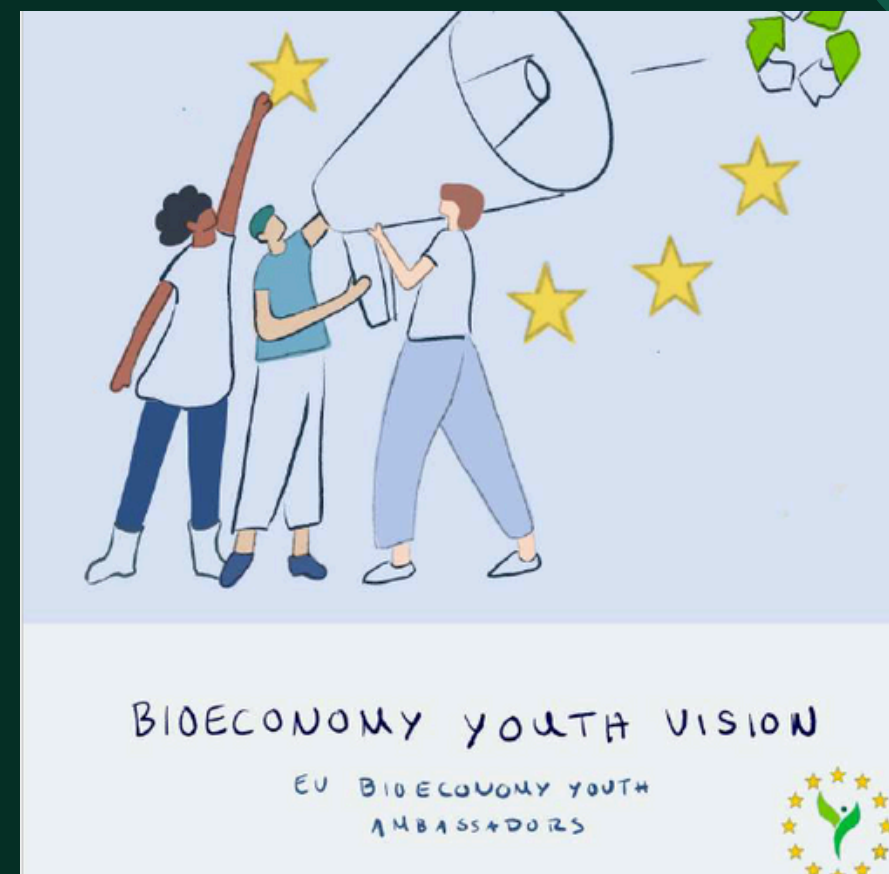
December, 2023

EFI and SISEF Winter School Santa Sofia (Forlì-Cesena) Zebulun, Director of Communications, BioTT, attendd the event which explored key themes like Water and River Basins, Mitigation and Prevention of Land Degradation, Multiscalar Integrated Planning, and Parco Italia's Experience.

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February, 2024

Food Systems Innovation Conference.
Organized, in collaboration with **FECAP University and Audencia Business School.** The event focused on local food systems and innovations on circularity practices in **Brazil, France and Nigeria.**

March, 2024

Contribution to the “Bioeconomy Youth Vision” Manifesto on the content of the Bioeconomy Youth Vision Manifesto in partnership with the European Union Bioeconomy Youth Ambassadors.

We emphasized that EU bioeconomy development should consider that “..the transition is not confined to the EU alone, since it has far-reaching and interlinked impacts on other regions of the world..”.

August, 2024

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to **OUR PLANET** is the
belief that someone
else will save it."

~ Robert Swan ~

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