

Join the Bio-based Innovation Student Challenge – Europe 2026!



The challenge

Help to resolve technological, environmental or societal challenges by developing an innovative bio-based product or process that could become part of the bio-based industry and the bioeconomy. Build your business case in a multidisciplinary student team. Present your case and benefits of the proposed solution, showing your entrepreneurship to experts from industry and academia.

The experts will judge your solution and presentation on novelty and originality (innovation), technological and technical excellence, sustainability impact and environmental performance, economic and business potential, and communication quality.

Who can take part?

BISC-E is open to all students at universities of Applied Sciences and research universities. PhD students can be part of a student team, but not form the majority. While STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) disciplines must be represented in the teams, it is highly advisable to include students from different disciplines, including non-technical disciplines. Team members can be enrolled at different universities within the country.

Who is the winner?

Participating in BISC-E makes you a winner thanks to the valuable experience you gain through collectively creating solutions for a sustainable future, in a multidisciplinary team. And above all, the climate, the environment, and the society will be the ultimate winners! If your team wins the national BISC-E, you and team members will represent your country in the European final.

Overall timeline



15 July 2026 latest

Submit national winners and final dossiers (business cases and proposed solutions) to the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)



September-October 2026

BISC-E 2026 European final rounds
(dates to be confirmed)

! Detailed national timelines will be communicated by the National Coordinators.