



Navigating bioeconomy challenges and opportunities in the rural sector.

Latest updates from the RELIEF project

**Advancing practical and interdisciplinary bioeconomy training:
RELIEF's inaugural Policy Brief**

Reaching the EU sustainability goals for 2030 and 2050 requires a substantial transformation of the agricultural sector. In this context, empowering the agricultural workforce with the right skills becomes crucial to strengthen food security and reduce the environmental impact of agriculture. The 1° RELIEF Policy Brief is based on an analysis of the current bioeconomy educational offerings and a deep dive into the training needs of agricultural operators, outlining key strategies for the future of training in the sector. Additionally, it underscores the necessity for the education and training system, as well as policies, to develop practical and interdisciplinary training programs, such as the one developed by the RELIEF project.

Find out how we can build a stronger and more sustainable European agricultural sector, access the full policy brief.

[Read the Policy Brief](#)

Tailored toolkits for agricultural actors: unlocking bioeconomy education with RELIEF

RELIEF has developed 5 specialized toolkits aimed at various stakeholders in the agricultural sector. These tools provide detailed guidance on the training offered by RELIEF and the educational methodologies used. The toolkits cover a wide range of topics, including research results summarizing advancements in bioeconomy education, present RELIEF's educational materials, and describe modules and learning units in detail. Additionally, they offer insights into methodologies and assessment approaches, along with guidance on effective toolkit utilization and recommendations for maximizing curriculum benefits.

Download the toolkits for

Students

Farmers

Agronomists

VET providers

Universities

Exploring bioeconomy prospects for agriculture: spotlight on RELIEF workshops across Europe

In an effort to promote collaboration and knowledge sharing among agriculture stakeholders, workshops organized as part of the EU project RELIEF will be held in four European countries. These workshops have two main goals: firstly, to highlight sustainable agricultural practices and their significance within the project's objectives, and secondly, to introduce the training opportunities available through RELIEF. They provide crucial opportunities for stakeholders to connect, gain insights, and actively participate in the progress of sustainable agriculture in their local areas.

Upcoming workshops:

PORTUGAL – May 15th

"Bioeconomy in Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities" is the title of the workshop organized by [TERINOV – Science and Technology Park of Terceira Island](#) in collaboration with the University of the Azores. This event will be an opportunity to explore the challenges and opportunities of the bioeconomy in the agricultural sector, featuring contributions from farmers, agronomists, agricultural consultants, policymakers in farming, and policymakers in agricultural training.

Where? TERINOV – Science and Technology Park of Terceira Island

For further details, contact: geral@terinovazores.pt

SWEDEN – May 15th

SwIdeas is happy to announce two upcoming events where our team will be sharing more about the RELIEF project and the interesting learning opportunities offered in Sweden this Autumn! The first workshop will be held on the 25th of April in collaboration with [Folkuniversitetet](#), when the team will present the RELIEF learning units to VET teachers. On the 15th of May, SwIdeas will participate on the agroecology day organized at the campus of the [Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences](#) (SLU) in Alnarp, Sweden, where RELIEF will be presented to the university's students.

Where? Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in Alnarp

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GREECE – May 21st

“Bioeconomy in agriculture: the next big deal” is the event to find out about the new free educational programs that are being developed in the context of RELIEF project.

The workshop is organized by the [University of the Peloponnese](#), in collaboration with [Olympic Training and Consulting](#), [ReadLab](#) and [IBO-CERTH](#). At the event, we are pleased to announce the attendance of Athanasios (Nasos) Makios, European Climate Pact Ambassador, as a distinguished guest.

Where? University of the Peloponnese, Kalamata, Antikalamos campus and online

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ITALY – May 23rd

“Bioeconomy in agriculture: understanding the concrete opportunities offered by bioeconomy for rural actors” is the title of the workshop organized by [Dream Italia](#) in collaboration with the [University of Florence](#) and [CESIE](#). The event will be included within the Sixth edition of the Italian Bioeconomy Day organized by the [Cluster Spring](#) and will be an opportunity for knowledge exchange among agricultural operators focusing on agrivoltaics, biochar, and other sustainable practices.

Where? Officine Capodarno, Via V. Veneto 12, Stia (Arezzo) and online

Register here to attend the workshop: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMh8XKU3xr79OQtMBLeyEeFJdB-Cze-H6CsOfxz4jreae2_Q/viewform.

For further details, contact: galfre@dream-italia.it

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