

## Supporting farmers in the bioeconomy transition: the second policy brief of the RELIEF project



The EU-funded RELIEF project has released its second Policy Brief, focusing on the need for training and capacity-building to support farmers in adopting bioeconomy principles. Titled *"Supporting farmers in the bioeconomy transition: developing a comprehensive bioeconomy learning platform for farmers,"* the brief highlights key challenges, strategies, and policy recommendations to enhance bioeconomy education in agriculture.

### Key challenges in agriculture

The EU agricultural sector still faces outdated practices, inefficient resource use, and climate change impacts such as soil degradation and water scarcity. While progress has been made, integrating bioeconomy principles remains a challenge.

### The RELIEF solution

To address these issues, the RELIEF project has developed a comprehensive training approach and an [e-learning platform](#) for students, farmers and consultants, offering specialized courses on sustainable farming, bio-based inputs, circular economy strategies, and digital innovations.

### Policy recommendations

The Policy Brief outlines several recommendations:

- Expand and develop bioeconomy training platforms.
- Invest in training programs for agricultural stakeholders.
- Establish regional bioeconomy hubs.
- Promote research and innovation in bioeconomy technologies.
- Provide financial incentives for sustainable agricultural practices.
- Enhance networking and knowledge-sharing initiatives.

### Expected impact

By implementing these strategies, the RELIEF project aims to:

- Strengthen cooperation and knowledge exchange in the EU agricultural sector.
- Boost the competitiveness and resilience of farmers.
- Contribute to the EU's sustainability goals for 2030 and 2050.

The full Policy Brief is available at: <https://relief.uop.gr/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Relief-policy-brief-n%C2%B02-EN-v2.pdf>.

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