

Press Release

RELIEF: Training for bioeconomy in agriculture across Europe

The EU-funded project [RELIEF](#) – **euRopean bio-Economy aLIancE in Farming** has developed and tested new training pathways to support the green transition in agriculture. Over the past three years, more than **450 learners**—including farmers, students, trainers and educators—took part in pilot activities in **Italy, Greece, Portugal and Sweden**, strengthening their skills and knowledge in sustainable farming practices. [RELIEF's training offer](#) combines classroom sessions, digital modules, and work-based learning. The topics include:



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- Agricultural sustainability
- Digital technologies and AI in farming
- Circular and bio-based economy
- Controlled environment agriculture
- Green and transversal skills

An interactive [e-learning platform](#) supported inclusive access to knowledge through gamified activities, case studies, and multimedia content. This approach proved particularly effective for younger learners and those with limited exposure to bioeconomy topics.

Local pilot activities were adapted to country-specific challenges—such as regenerative agriculture in Portugal, smart farming in Italy, composting in Greece, and green skills in Sweden. These experiences allowed participants to apply what they learned in real-life contexts and build stronger links between training and practice.

In addition to the training tools, RELIEF promoted structural change by:

- Developing [policy recommendations](#) for embedding bioeconomy in VET systems
- Encouraging cross-sector collaboration between education, research, and business
- Creating [National Rural Bioeconomy Hubs](#) to support long-term knowledge sharing and cooperation

All RELIEF materials remain freely accessible on the project website and are designed to be reused and adapted by educators, institutions, and rural stakeholders.

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