



Enhance New Approaches in BioBased Local
Innovation Networks for Growth

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ENABLING project ends after 36 months of active engagement in the bioeconomy

Final Conference

The ENABLING Final Conference was held at **EIMA Digital Preview** on November 13, 2020. The EIMA Digital Preview -was the virtual fair organised by Federunacoma as a pre-event to the EIMA International Fair 2020, which was to be held in November. EIMA will now be held in February 2021, due to COVID-19 related impediments.

The conference was a **3-hour online event**, structured in three different sessions, with a plethora of speakers and representatives, both partners and invited ones. The 1st session was an introduction to the EU strategies for the bioeconomy and the circular economy by representatives of the European Commission and national associations. The 2nd session was dedicated to the ENABLING project and the tools developed over the three project years: Best Practice Atlas, Coaching Activities, Process Flows Platform and BiomassTrade Platform. A special presentation series was organised with invited speakers, to discuss their best practices stories on biomass and innovation. During the 3rd session, the project's legacy was discussed further, with speakers from EU projects and networking initiatives highlighting the importance of synergies creation and collaboration to enhance the impact of the bioeconomy.

The event brought together around 80 actively involved participants from all over Europe and formed a creative space for networking opportunities.

Watch it here.



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Three project years at a glance

ENABLING is a Communication and Support Action (CSA) project funded by Horizon 2020 to develop the great potential of the bio-based industry and support the development of structured **biomass supply chains in Europe**. It has provided four main tools and services: the development of biomass feedstock and technologies process flows intelligence (Process Flows Platform); market insight on biomass best practices (Best Practice Atlas); innovation brokerage through advisory and consultancy services (Coaching Activities and Innovation Watch); and, a trading platform to connect buyers and sellers of biomass (BiomassTrade Platform).

Since the project's inception in late 2017, the consortium has successfully encouraged the creation of efficient and structured biomass supply chains for the production of bio-based products (BBP) at local, regional and European levels. ENABLING focused on connecting and building bridges among various stakeholders, farmers, biomass producers, bio-based companies and innovative projects. The project tested and implemented experimental, creative and interactive formats that foster community building in the bioeconomy.

Overall, ENABLING participated in **more than 178 events in more than 17 countries** – physically and online (online during the third year due to COVID-19 pandemic). More specifically, the consortium has held 66 ENABLING workshops and 5 webinars.

Secondly, **ENABLING has published 6 academic journal articles and over 45 Media articles**, 9 videos as well as 2 interim results brochures. Finally, project partners continuously got in contact for synergy creation and cross-dissemination over the three years and managed to achieve 64 synergies in total.

ENABLING Services and Tools



Best Practice Atlas



Process Flows Platform



Coaching Activities



BiomassTrade Platform



About the project

ENABLING project is a 3-year Horizon programme that intends to develop the great potential of the bio-based industry, encouraging the creation of efficient and structured biomass supply chains to produce bio-based products (BBP). To do so, ENABLING proposes tools and methodologies nurturing collaboration and knowledge transfer among actors in the agricultural and innovation sectors.

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