

**Deputy Regional Ministry of Environment**  
**BIOREGIO Project – INTERREG EUROPE**



The Deputy Regional Ministry of Environment takes part as a partner in the international project BIOREGIO. It is framed in the **Interreg Europe program**, which helps local institution and European regional governments to develop better policies thanks to creating opportunity spaces and exchanges of ideas.

**BIOREGIO Project** was approved in the second call of the Interreg Europe program, which is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The objective of BIOREGIO project is to influence regional policy by promoting the circular economy of biological streams, according to the objectives of the EU Circular Economy Package. In addition, BIOREGIO tries to enhance the regional bioeconomy, improve the recycling rates of biological materials, and also share expertise about the best available technologies and cooperation models.

This Project is led by Lahti University of Applied Sciences (Finland), with the participation of eight partners from six different countries:

- Lahti University of Applied Sciences (Finland),
- Regional Council of Päijät-Häme (Finland),
- Deputy Regional Ministry of Environment (Spain),
- Slovak University of Agriculture (Slovakia),
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece),
- Region of Central Macedonia (Greece),
- National Research and Development Institute for Chemistry and Petrochemistry (Romania),
- Association of the Chambers of Agriculture of the Atlantic Area (France).

The policy instruments addressed are:

- Sustainable growth and Jobs 2014-2020. Finland's Structural Fund programme.
- ERDF Regional Operational Programme Castilla-La Mancha.
- Central Macedonia Operational Programme.
- Programme of economic and social development of Nitra Self-governing region.
- Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 for Romania.
- Operational Programme Pays de la Loire ERDF-ESF 2014-2020.

The period of execution of this project is 5 years, from January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2021 and is structured in two phases:

- Phase I – interregional learning: 3 years to exchange of experience among partners and develop a common methodology for drawing up the action plans in all regions (1.1.2017-31.12.2019).
- Phase II – monitoring the implementation of the action plan: 2 years to monitor the implementation of the action plan. (1.1.2020-31.12.2021).

During both phases, activities such as round tables, workshops and seminars, as well as regional and international events will regularly be carried out. The first international event will take place in Lahti, Finland, during the month of April this year.

The estimated budget to realization this project is 1.5 million, with a funding rate of 85% by EDRF.

More specifically, the Deputy Regional Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with IRIAF, focuses this project on research and technological innovation based on the efficiency of waste as resources, developed in the demonstration biorefinery in Puertollano (Ciudad Real), thanks to the Clamber Project.

In this project, at the regional level, the following institutions are participating as stakeholders:

- General Directorate for Institutional Relations and European Affairs
- General Directorate for Coordination and Planning
- General Directorate for Financial Policy, Regional Treasury and Community Funds
- General Directorate for Industry, Energy and Mining
- General Directorate for Land Planning and Sustainability
- Forest and Agriculture Research Institute (IRIAF) Project Clamber
- Regional Entrepreneurial Confederation of Castilla-La Mancha (CECAM)
- University of Alcalá de Henares, UAH, autonomous region of Madrid
- UCLM, University of Castilla-La Mancha
- Ci3, Centre for the Innovation of Smart Infrastructures
- ITECAM, Technologic Center for R&D&I on metals.