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**Hungarian EU Presidency Priority
in the Context of BIOEAST Initiative**



MOMENTUM

TO BUILD UP A R&I DRIVEN JOINT PROGRAMMING STRUCTURE

1. There is an increased attention on Eastern Europe
2. WB, UA and MD integration need to be facilitated
3. Central and Eastern Europe (public and private sectors) need knowledge transfer for sustainable transition



1. New European Parliament - June 2024
2. New Commission – new objectives and priorities Dec 2024 - Feb 2025
3. Hungarian EU Presidency July-Dec 2024
4. Polish EU Presidency Jan-July 2025
5. Starting the preparation of Multiannual Financial Framework 2025



CRISES AND CHALLENGES

- COVID-19 pandemic, war in Ukraine and in the Middle-East, unprecedented heatwaves, extreme weather conditions.
- The global agri-food and non-food supply chains are disrupted.
- The European food system security, supply chain security, and income security of producers and processors are endangered.
- The European natural resources, e.g. soil, freshwater and other ecosystem services are in bad conditions.
- The European society is scattered and confused about the future pathways.



BUY-INS IN LINE WITH THE EU PRIORITIES

- European Strategic Autonomy
- Rethinking the role of Europe in the context global supply chains
- European Food System security and policy
- Strong sustainability context for natural resources: soil, water, ecosystem services
- Stronger climate targets
- Bioeconomy, bio-manufacturing initiative: „from invented in Europe to produced in Europe”
- Digitalization



Rethinking the role of Central and Eastern Europe including Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership Countries (specifically Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia) on contributing to:

1. the EU Food System Security
2. the Strategic Autonomy of the EU
3. the SDGs, EU Green Deal targets and strategies



PARADIGM SHIFT IS NEEDED IN EUROPE FROM IMPORT ORIENTED APPROACH TO SELF-SUSTAINABILITY

The biomass produced and processed locally in Central Eastern Europe, along with the available soil and freshwater resources and ecosystem services, can be key elements for

- ensuring the security of a sustainable European food system,
- Europe's autonomy in a multipolar world.

For a successful shift the Central and Eastern region needs to have:

1. Improved conditions for knowledge creation and transfer
2. Increased investment in research and innovation
3. More efficient research funding structure
4. Human resource mobilization



1. To position the role of the macro-region (BIOEAST, WB, UA, MD) in the context of European Open Strategic Autonomy
2. To prioritise thematic focuses making an added value for both parts of Europe in the context of scarcity of natural resources, sustainability, food and energy security, and solution for societal impasse:
The nexus of sustainable soil-water-biomass supply chains could represent a valid thematic scope for R&I.
3. To bridge between different parts of Europe should be built
 - to create added value at local level increase research, knowledge transfer and adaptation at EU level.



BIOEAST AS A VALID PLATFORM FOR PREPARATION

1. It is well known at EU level and acknowledged by the Commission
2. The objectives are in line with the EU and the global context, including SDGs, Green Deal, etc.
3. There is already a well-functioning coordination mechanism, structure and resources for further actions in place



To agree on

1. the **necessity of a large-scale regional R&I-driven partnership**, aiming to make this partnership a priority for the new Commission;
2. the **involvement of neighbouring countries** along the BIOEAST, Western-Balkan, Eastern Partnership;
3. the **four thematic priorities** related to soil, freshwater, food system, and biomass valorisation at local level.



MILESTONES DURING THE HU EU PRESIDENCY

1. **4. July 2024 (12:00-18:00):** Conference in Brussels including the presentation of the BIOEAST ministerial level declaration on the commitment
2. **29 November 2024:** Competitiveness Council: Conclusions asking the Commission to assess the feasibility and create a strategic roadmap for the partnership.
3. **4-6 December 2024:** high-level conference in Budapest on thematic pathways, marking the needs





Thank you for your attention!

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