

Invitation to Roundtable:

Open discussion - how can we better connect R&I projects with industry to push the bioeconomy forward

The Roundtable is organized as part of the EU-BBI funded project FRACTION; www.fraction-project.eu. The aim of the project is to develop a catalytic pathway to valorize biomasses from forests and agriculture to produce compounds that can be used for construction materials, paper and cardboard, and fine chemicals including food ingredients. The project partners represent universities, industrial end-users, and SMEs. The partnership covers eight EU countries with Spain leading the project. During the three-year project period, we will organize six Roundtables with this event in Switzerland being the second one.

The purpose of the Roundtable is to encourage discussions and knowledge sharing between European research and innovation projects and, stakeholders in the Swiss bioeconomy to identify good practices and pathways for connecting research and industry. The outcomes of the Roundtable will support the exploitation work of research and innovation projects with an overall aim of underpinning the European bioeconomy.

Thought participants in the event are stakeholders from the Swiss bioeconomy (companies, biomass providers, technology providers, investors, innovation intermediaries, researchers, government, associations etc.) and project partners from biobased research and innovation projects including FRACTION. The meeting is also a forum for strengthening cooperation between projects. We aim to gather ca. 40 participants and to host the Roundtable as a face-to-face meeting. Online participation is possible.

Details:

Venue: **June 10, from 10.00-13.00 at Hotel Sorrel, Oberstadt 20, 8200 Schaffhausen, Switzerland.**

<https://sorellhotels.com/de/rueden/schaffhausen>

Nearest airport is Zürich. Train connection: Zürich Airport- Schaffhausen: S24 (direct line, approx. 49 min)

The Roundtable will be conducted in English.

Participants and presenters may attend in person or online.

Please register before May 31 by sending an email with name, affiliation, and email address to karen@ifau.dk Participation is free of charge but delegates must pay own travel and stay.

For questions: please contact Karen Hamann, IFAU, karen@ifau.dk or Tel +45 40840582



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The Roundtable will feature keynote presentations and facilitated discussions. We aim to have 4-5 keynote speakers, each giving short presentations of their project, and especially the challenges and opportunities for connecting with industry. The speakers will represent different European countries and various sectors and value chains in the bioeconomy. This diversity of viewpoints should encourage discussions and spur interest from many different stakeholders in the Swiss bioeconomy.

Preliminary agenda

Welcome to the Roundtable (by our hosts, AVA Biochemicals and IFAU)

Short presentation of FRACTION project, scope and expected outcome (CSIC, project coordinator)

Keynote 1: Challenges and opportunities for connecting with industry

Q&A and comments from participants (IFAU and CLIC)

Key-note 2: Why is it so difficult to go from research and demonstrations to industry

Q&A and comments from participants (IFAU and CLIC)

Key-note 3: How can experiences from one value chain or sector in the bioeconomy be useful for another sector – Have can we better exploit learnings across value chains?

Q&A and comments from participants (IFAU and CLIC)

Lunch

Key-note 4: How could projects be better shaped to facilitate industry's uptake of results

Q&A and comments from local invitees (IFAU and CLIC)

Key-note 5: What makes a connection between research and industry successful? The best practices and most important learnings.

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Plenary discussion: How can we better connect R&I projects with industry to push the European bioeconomy forward? What needs to be done in a European perspective, national initiatives, or in specific value chains?

Wrap-up (IFAU and CLIC)

We are looking forward to seeing you in Switzerland.

Kind regards

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