

## Welcome to our second Newsletter: Highlights from RuralBioUp's journey!

### NEW YEAR'S 2025 RESOLUTIONS ✨

Dear All, as coordinators of the RuralBioUp project, we look back on 2024 with a sense of pride and gratitude. Over the past year, we've witnessed the incredible progress made by the Regional Hubs, the successful launch and refinement of RuralSpot, and the active participation of over 1400 stakeholders in networking events, study visits, and trainings. These milestones reflect the commitment and collaboration of all partners involved.

Looking ahead to 2025, the final year of the project, we are committed to ensuring the sustainability and replicability of the RuralBioUp approach. Our goals include completing the implementation of the Regional Action Plans, finalizing updates to RuralSpot to make it an indispensable tool for bioeconomy stakeholders, and consolidating the project's impact through the sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

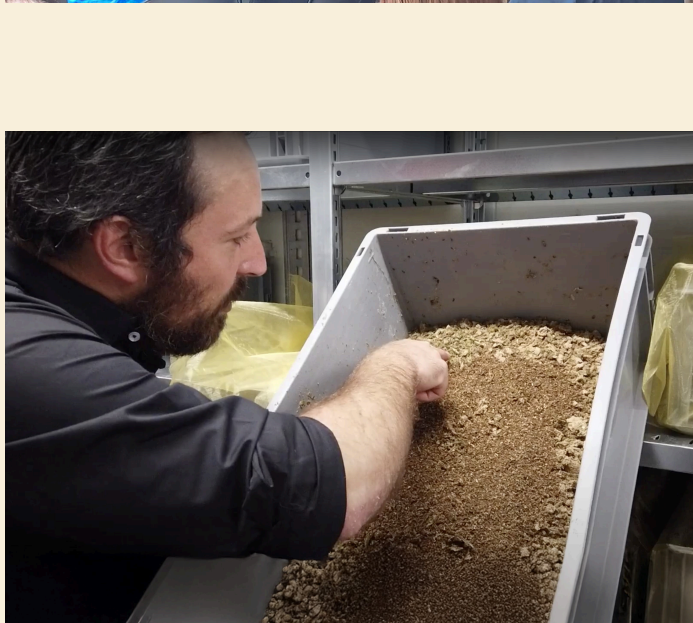
A key highlight of 2025 will be a major event in Brussels in mid-May, where RuralBioUp will join forces with five other bioeconomy projects to present results and foster further synergies. This event will serve as a platform to showcase the collective achievements of the bioeconomy community and explore opportunities for continued collaboration.

Our New Year's resolution for RuralBioUp is to strengthen the bonds between local and EU-level stakeholders, empowering communities to continue scaling bioeconomy solutions even beyond the project's conclusion. We are confident that the partnerships and tools developed through RuralBioUp will leave a lasting legacy for rural development and bioeconomy innovation.

Warm regards,  
**Karolina Jurkiewicz** and **Maurizia Castellari**,  
APRE – Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea

## Events 2024

### Study visits and networking events Regional Hubs



#### Charles Spa Regional Hub Networking Event, on April 8

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#### Workshop by partners ITABIA and Cluster Spring, in collaboration with Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro, on May 28

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#### Workshop and Study Visit to SGR Osimo 2 Biogas Plant in the Marche Region, Italy, on June 21

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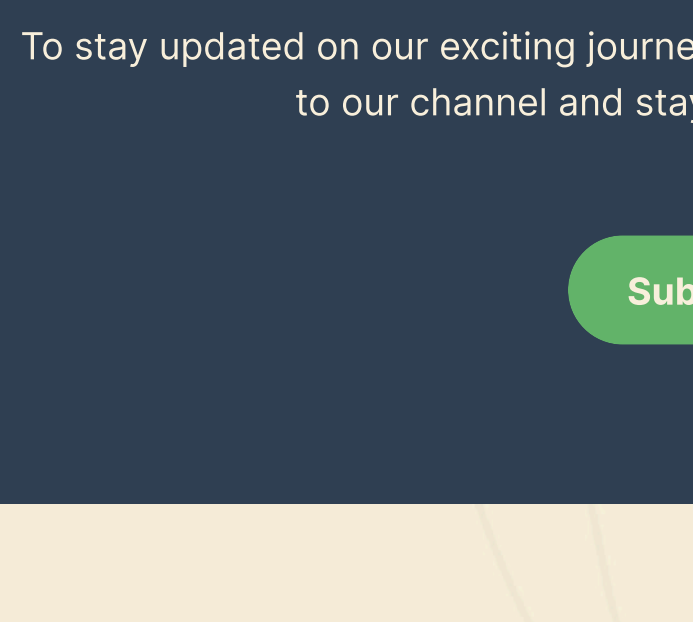
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#### Farm Innovation Visit in Tipperary Council, Ireland, on June 28

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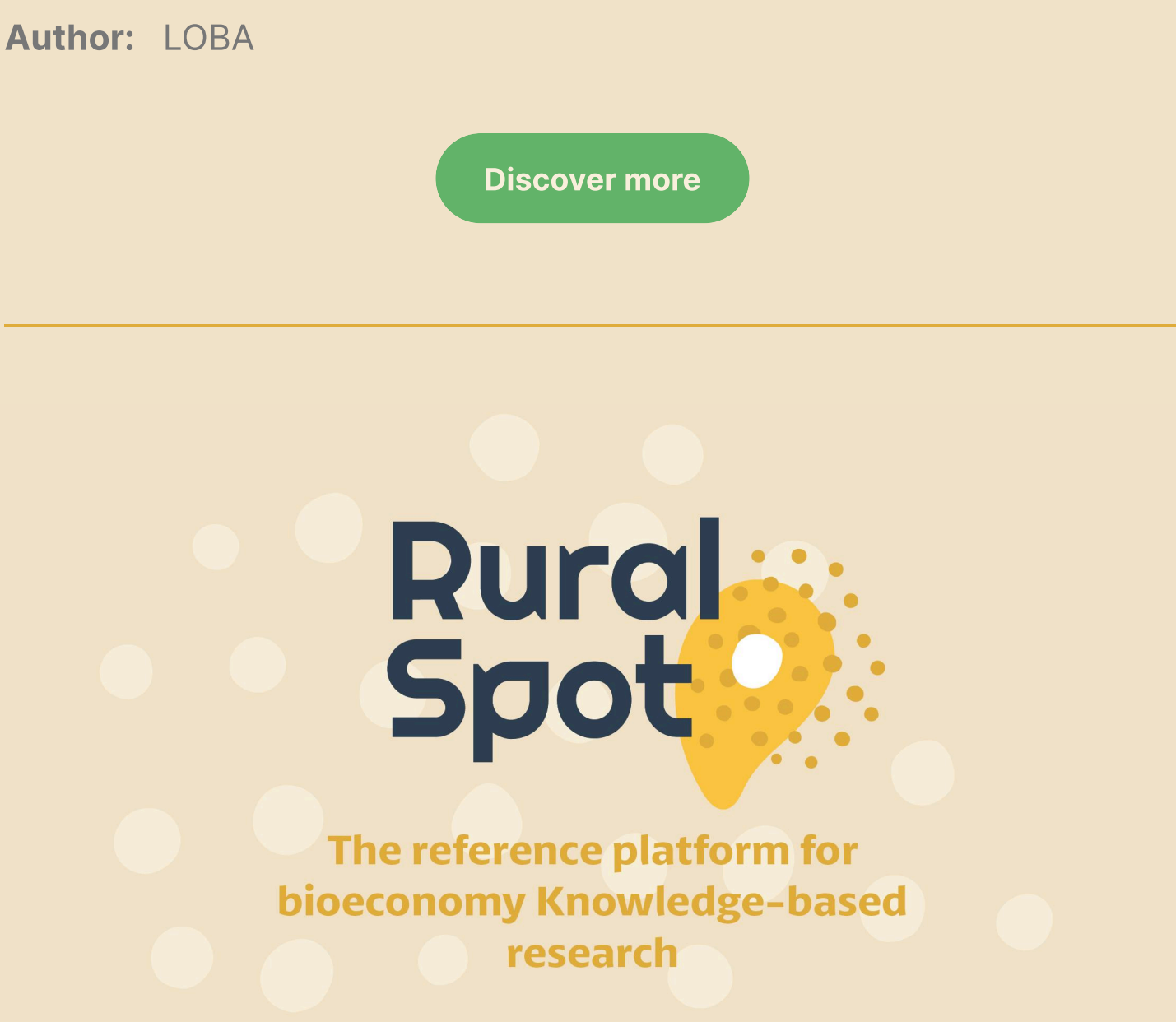
### Bologna MML workshop



#### RuralBioUp Partners meet in Bologna for the consortium meeting to discuss the ongoing status of the project, on October 3

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## Centru Region Hub Romania



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In the video, we highlight best practices, share valuable insights, and discuss the lessons learned along the way to improve our approach.

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## Two years of RuralBioUp

In October 2024, RuralBioUp celebrated a second year of the project implementation. Those two years were filled with exciting activities and events that took place both at a local level in the **nine Regional Hubs across Europe** as well as at the EU- level, giving wide visibility to the project results and allowing local bioeconomy stakeholders to meet and explore collaboration opportunities. Further, the **RuralSpot** – a reference platform for bioeconomy knowledge-based research – was developed and launched to support regional actors in boosting rural development.

Author: APRE

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## RuralSpot: Discover the platform empowering rural innovation

The RuralSpot platform is an innovative platform developed under the EU-funded project RuralBioUp. It is crucial as RuralBioUp's online platform and a good resource tool for developing effective Action Plans. RuralSpot is committed to ongoing refinement and enhancement, with input and feedback from stakeholders, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness in promoting rural bioeconomy endeavours. RuralSpot is your one-stop platform for unlocking the potential of rural bioeconomy on biomass, business models, available technologies, soil best practices, practical knowledge, training resources and financial support opportunities. This online Resources Library provides successful biobased projects at regional, national, and European levels . It has all the features needed to get the most out of RuralBioUp's comprehensive resources.

Author: LOBA

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## Rural Spot

The reference platform for bioeconomy Knowledge-based research

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## Exploring Bioeconomy Innovations: Insights from the Mutual Learning Workshop

On October 2, 2024, ZSI facilitated a workshop, an interactive Mutual Learning Workshop bringing together projects RuralBioUp and BIOMODEL4REGIONS, in Bologna. This dynamic event aimed to foster knowledge sharing and reflection, showcase innovative practices, and highlight the projects' contributions to the bioeconomy and regional development. Participants engaged in lively discussions blending professional insights with cultural and regional flair.

Author: ZSI

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## In case you've missed it

### International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy 2023

28 September | Florence, Tuscany

'Exploring Italy's Bioeconomy Together' was a pilot study visit to Italy promoted by the RuralBioUp project. Project partners IBF and SPRING organised the pilot study visit that will feed a replication manual of guidelines for the next study visits to be organised by RuralBioUp partners in their Regional Hubs.

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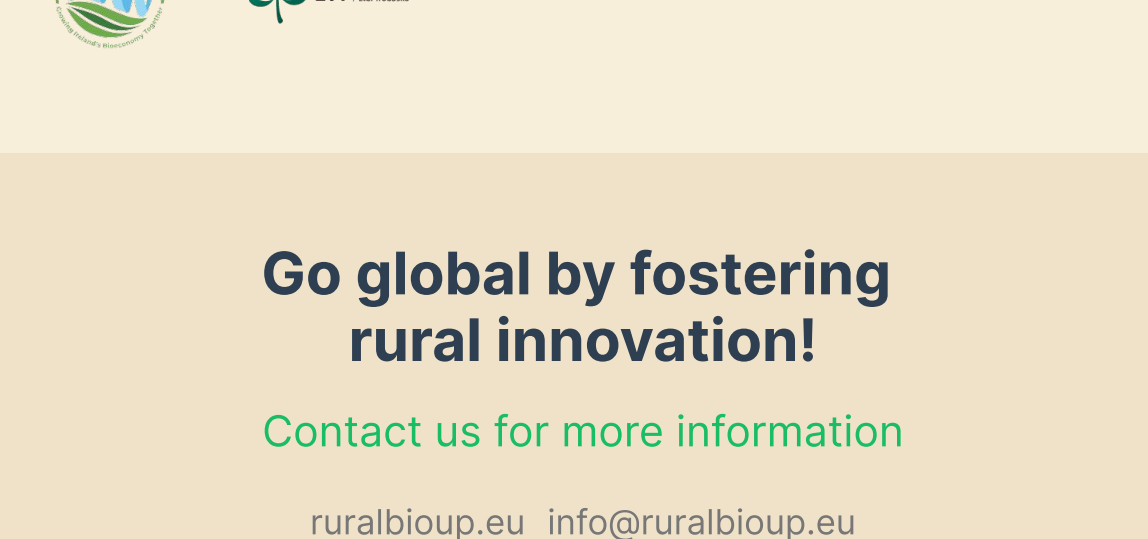
### RuralBioUp event in Iasi (Romania)

20-23 November 2024 | Romania

RuralBioUp is organising its next consortium meeting back-to-back with the **'Clusters meet Regions' event** - a conference and match-making event organised by the European Cluster Collaboration Platform on behalf of the European Commission. We will benefit from the event to reach the widest possible audience and thus enable effective networking and building collaborations between the RuralBioUp regions and European clusters working in the field of bioeconomy. In the framework of the event, RuralBioUp will organise three sessions where stakeholders from outside the consortium will be invited to learn more about the project, provide their feedback on project activities and start business contacts with the RuralBioUp regions

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