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Boosting Employability  
through Circularity of  
Bio-waste in Rural Areas

**BECBA**

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# ABOUT

BECBA (Boosting Employability through Circularity of Bio-waste in Rural areas) aims to engage and empower young people in agro-entrepreneurship actions turning bio-waste into valuable bio-products through innovative circular business models for job creation and environmental protection of rural areas. The project addresses two major issues related to rural areas: unemployment of young people and high amounts of segregated and mixed bio-waste that are not properly managed. In line with the general objectives, these challenges will be addressed through developing capacities of youth workers in recovering valuable nutrients from bio-waste (food waste, manure, sewage sludge, municipal waste etc.) and adapting them for reuse in agriculture, as a fundamental part of shifting WB agriculture away from its current linear model and an integral part of the New Circular Economy Action plan.

## OBJECTIVES

What are our objectives?

- Development of a new form of training scheme with the purpose of empowering youth workers to become circular economy coaches, and to support rural youth in the adoption of circular conversion techniques and methods towards bio-waste streams generated from agriculture in rural areas.
- Engaging rural youths to develop knowledge, skills and competences in CE and green entrepreneurship with the purpose of starting pilot actions in conversion of growing agricultural bio-waste and by-products into eco-efficient bio-based products viable for setting up green businesses.
- Designing a Virtual Incubator for the rural youth start-up development, integrating the training path of the pilot actions with didactic resources for virtual training based on new circular business models and marketing concepts for cross-sectorial valorization of agricultural by products in compliance with the relevant stakeholder's demand.

# EXPECTED RESULTS

What do we expect?

- 1 Cross Country Research Report of best practices on the state-of-art in agricultural waste management systems and circular practices in rural areas.
- 1 Training Module developed on the circular coaches' curricula profile.
- 20 youth workers are trained within the International Training Course WP2.
- 1 Manual focused on the rural youth adoption of circular conversion techniques and methods towards bio-waste streams.
- At least 100 NEET rural youth engaged in local activities in each country.
- At least 100 rural youths involved in the Virtual Incubator piloting phase.
- At least 6 online training courses.



# EVENTS

## Where it took place?

The kick off meeting for the Boosting Employability through Circularity of Bio-waste in Rural Areas" (BECBA) project took place on February 16th and 17th, 2023 in Prishtina, Kosovo. The meeting was hosted by Eco-Z and attended by leading representatives from partner organizations including Eco-Z (Kosovo), Environmental and Territorial Management Institute ETMI (Albania), Academy of Entrepreneurship (Greece), Alchemia-Nova (Austria), Let's do it Peja (Kosovo). The meeting was to discuss the project's objectives, scope, timeline, and budget.



Within the BECBA project, the international training course will take place in Vienna, Austria from September 17th to 23, and it will be aimed at 20 Young professionals coming from participating countries in Project BECBA (Kosovo, Austria, Greece, Albania).

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

## International Training Course

Venue: Vienna, Austria

Dates: 17- 23 September 2023

### Participants Profile:

- 25+ years old
- Graduated in Environmental Sciences, Agriculture, Natural Science
- Interested in agriculture, circular economy, waste management solutions, agricultural bio-waste streams

All expenses covered



**APPLY NOW**

Send your CV to:  
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**Deadline for application: 20 May 2023**



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