

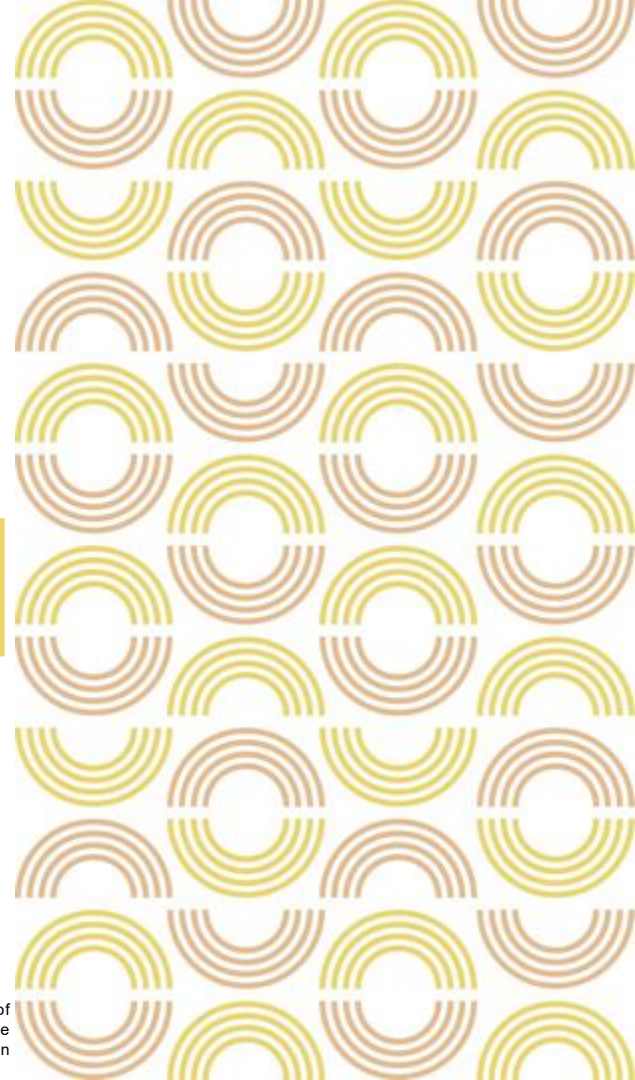


Network of National Contact Points for Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

CARE4BIO: state of play and future activities

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The need for CARE4BIO

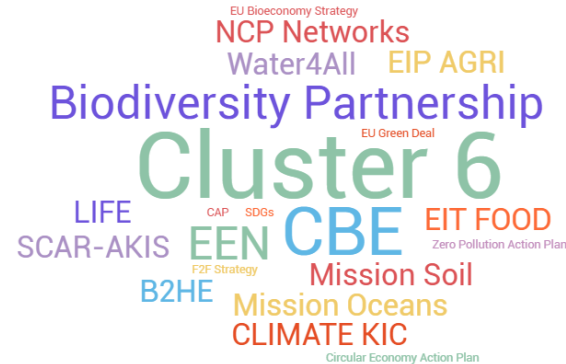
EU funded project for National Contact Points of Cluster 6, following the EC's identified need to have more informed and connected **NCPs** that can offer added value services to Cluster 6 **participants**, while keeping the **ecosystem** and the **EC** informed about different aspects of the programme



Challenges and goals for CARE4BIO

- Cluster 6 - cross disciplinary, cross sectoral, cross policy
- New initiatives – Missions / Partnerships
- Always growing R&I ecosystem

Our Ecosystem





Consortium of 26 partners

Widening countries

Greece (PRAXI)-
coordinator

Poland (NCBR)

Estonia (ETAG)

Cyprus (RIF)

Hungary (NKFIH)

Lithuania (LMT)

Malta (Xmalta)

Czech Republic (TC CAS)

Portugal (ANI)

Romania (UEFISCDI)

Slovakia (CVTI SR)

Third countries

Albania (UBT)

Tunisia (MHESR)

Iceland (RANNIS)

Turkey (TUBITAK)

United Kingdom (UKRI)

Non-widening countries

Germany (JULICH)-co-
coordinator

Italy (APRE)

Austria (FFG)

Sweden (VINNOVA)

France (MESRI)

Spain (CDTI)

Belgium (BELSPO)

Luxembourg
(LUXINNOVATION)

Netherlands (RVO)

Belgium (hub)

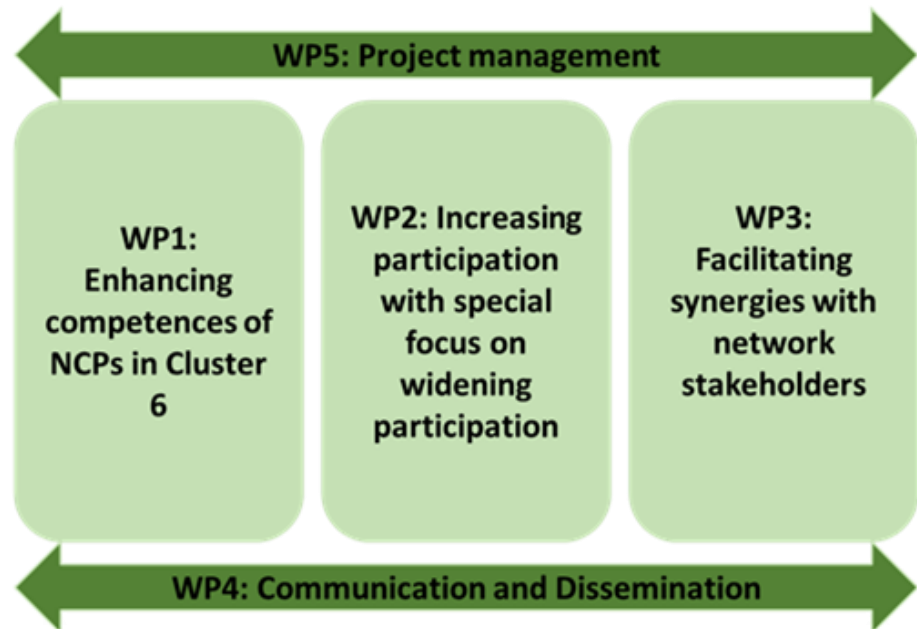
Overview of CARE4BIO project

Type of Action: Coordination and Support Action

Budget: almost 3.5 million euros

Duration: 67 months

Consortium: 26 partners



Support to National Contact Points

Activities dedicated to Cluster 6 NCPs

- Support of newcomer NCPs
 - Development of welcome and info package for newcomer NCPs
 - Guide for newcomer NCPs on “How to advise clients”
 - EEN-NCP collaboration booklet

} Get started as a new cluster 6 NCP [2025 update](#)
- Best practices for NCPs
 - Six (online) ‘experience exchange’ events ([See here](#) the 2 completed)
 - integrated’ best practices guide ([See here](#) the 2024 update)
 - annotated proposal templates ([See here](#) the 2025 update)

} Content useful for NCPs but also applicants
- Development of an NCP training curriculum
 - training plan that will be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis

} Updated for the years 2025-2027 (NCP survey)
- Virtual / Interactive training sessions for NCPs
 - minimum of 2 training activities (one virtual and one interactive)/ year

} Content of previous events [here](#)

Support to Cluster 6 Applicants

Activities dedicated to Cluster 6 applicants

- Widening strategies
 - **Development of recommendations to lower the entrance barriers of the target groups (widening/newcomers/less active countries)**
 - Brokerage events/ Matchmaking activities
 - **Organisation of 5 annual international brokerage events**
 - **up to 250 participants**
 - **Online & onsite**
 - Trainings for applicants
 - **Training curriculum for applicants** (update 2025, based on survey to applicants)
 - **2 training activities (one online and one physically) per year**
 - Online awareness raising events for applicants
 - **3 informative sessions per year**
- 2024 update, Action Plan with recommendations across all CARE4BIO activities
- [2023 event](#)
[2024 event](#)
OPEN 2025 event: for online matchmaking!!!
- Onsite trainings: interactive
Online trainings: [past events](#)
- Online trainings in our [YouTube channel](#)

Task 2.4 - Online awareness raising events for applicants

- 1st: 30 March 2023 – [CARE4BIO Awareness raising event. Get to know us!](#)
- 2nd: 4 Dec 2023 - [How apply the multi actor approach in cluster 6 proposals](#)
- 3rd: 23 Jan 2024 - [CARE4BIO information session about JRC in Cluster 6](#)
- 4th: 15 April 2025 - [CARE4BIO information session on how to prepare on a Cluster 6 brokerage event](#)
- These are informative sessions for applicants that will be organised and shared in the project's [YouTube channel](#).
- They can have different formats.

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Synergies with Key Stakeholders

Activities dedicated to synergies with key stakeholders

- Cooperation with other NCP networks
 - Identification of relevant NCP networks
 - Updated until the end of the project
 - Cooperation with Enterprize Europe Network
 - MoU with relevant Sector Groups
 - EEN-NCP booklet
 - Joint events/webinars/seminars
 - Policy Communication
 - Online database of policies/directives (yearly update)
 - 2-way Policy Communication (based on Work Programme timeline)
 - Synergies with key stakeholders
 - Stakeholders map (2-year updates)
 - Collaboration with key stakeholders
- Joint activities with 10 networks so far...
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- [Policy database update 2025](#)
- Updated [2025 stakeholders map](#)
Active collaboration with communication channels, participation on events etc.



CARE4BIO - Tools



CARE4BIO website: www.care4bio.eu

The screenshot shows the homepage of the CARE4BIO website. The header is dark blue with a menu icon, the HE NCP PORTAL logo, and location information "Evropi-Sofia". The main banner features a repeating pattern of stylized circular icons and the large CARE4BIO logo. Below the banner, there's a navigation bar with links like "CARE4BIO", "Find your NCP", "Activities", "News", "Library", "Tools", "Funding opportunities", and "Subscribe to newsletter!". The main content area has a heading "CARE4BIO is the NCP network for cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment." followed by a detailed description of the network's purpose and a call to action to bookmark the page and sign up for the newsletter. A colorful illustration of a rural scene with people, a boat, and a cow is also present.

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**Cluster 6
FOOD, BIOECONOMY,
NATURAL RESOURCES,
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
CARE4BIO is here to service your specific needs in all matters related to proposal preparation Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment.


Here you will find valuable information, material, seminars, workshops and contact information all in one place.
CARE4BIO site will keep its audience well informed on all publications & news items related to Cluster 6 from the European Commission.



Bookmark this page to stay engaged and don't forget to sign up for the newsletter!

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28	29 EU CAP Network brokerage event Transforming Our Future: Sustainability and beyond - for a Greener Future	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 EU Innovation Journey 25	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 FOODPattis Festival: Building tomorrow's Sustainable Food Systems together Cluster 8 Information Days	21	22	23	24	25
26 5TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE OF THE SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS PROGRAMME CARE4BIO Brokerage Event in 06:18 am How approach Clusi	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Accelerating Transformation: Advancing Resilience in Food Systems	4	5	6	7	8

● Training
● Event
● NCP-only training

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Take a look at the Stakeholders Map [here](#).

It provides an overview of the Cluster 6 direct and wider environment and collects stakeholders such as respective Missions and European Partnerships, relevant synergistic programmes and projects like EIP Agri, LIFE, EIT-KICs, COST, EJP Soil, JRC, LEARLearn and other key initiatives funded within the work programme of Cluster 6.



The cluster aims at reducing environmental degradation, halting and reversing the decline of biodiversity on land, inland waters and sea and better managing natural resources through transformative changes of the economy and society in both urban

Areas of intervention:

- environmental observation
- biodiversity and natural resources
- agriculture, forestry and rural areas
- seas, oceans and inland waters
- food systems
- bio-based innovation systems in the EU's bioeconomy
- circular systems

[Cluster 6 details](#)

Within cluster 8 there are 8 partnerships. They bring European Commission and private and/or public partners together to address some of Europe's most pressing challenges through concerted research and innovation initiatives.



EU Missions

EU Missions are a new way to bring concrete solutions to some of our greatest challenges. They have ambitious goals and will deliver concrete results by 2030. They will deliver impact by putting research and innovation into a new role, combined with new forms of governance and collaboration...



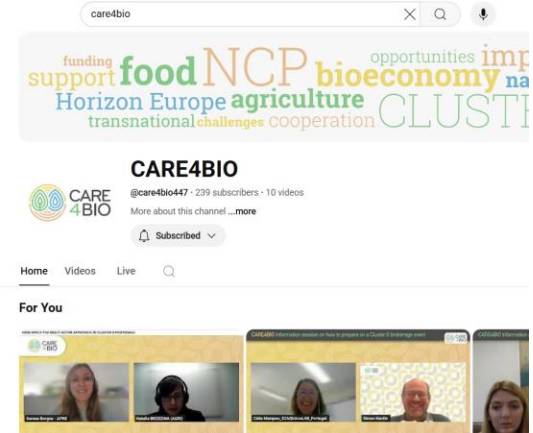
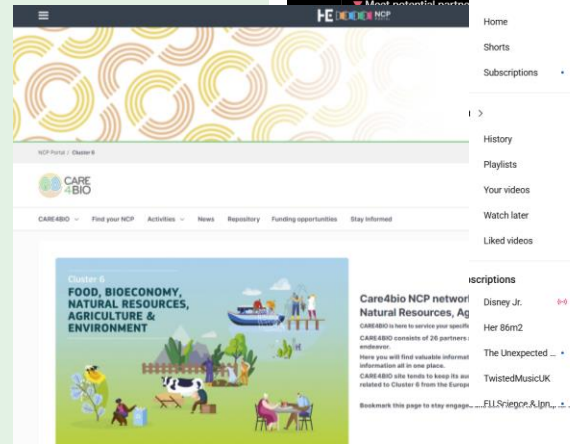
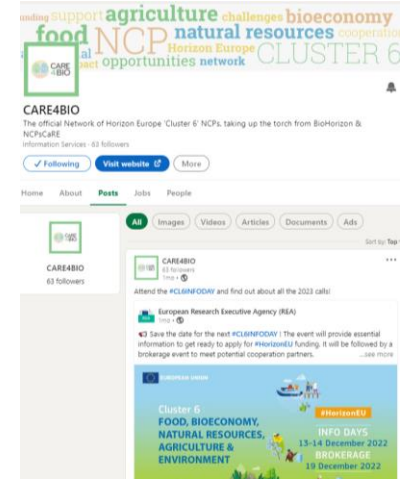
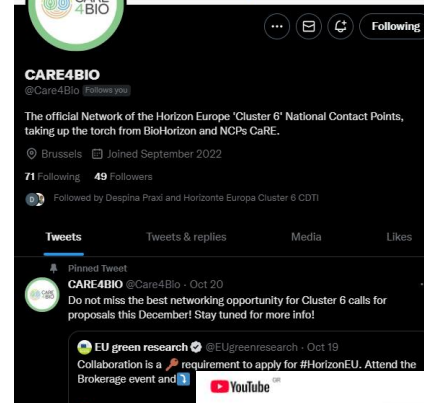
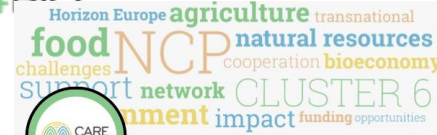
Other Programs

Other EU funding programs related to cluster 8, including LIFE, PRIMA, EIT Food and more



Communication and Dissemination activities

- Internal and External Newsletters
=> [sign up](#) for our newsletter!
- Website: www.care4bio.eu
- Social media accounts
 - [LinkedIn](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
 - [YouTube](#)





Thank You!



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T.1.2 - Best practices for NCPs

Experience exchange events

- 1st: 20 June 2023 Partner and Consortium Search Strategies
- 2nd: 20 Nov 2024 How to best address the 'Pathways to Impact'

Task 1.4 - Trainings for NCPs

- (onsite) 22 March 2023 – Circular Bio-Based Europe: Improving NCPs knowledge (Cl. 4 and Cl. 5 NCPs were invited to attend, organised by APRE)
- (onsite) 26-27 June 2023 - International Cooperation online training for Cl. 6 NCPs with focus on newcomers (organised by JÜLICH; collaboration with COSMOS4HE and GREENET, who will present relevant topics in terms of Cl. 6 and Int. Coop. from their work programme; 3rd country Cl. 6 NCPs from CH, NZ, AR, CR their needs / perspective / challenges)
- (online) 04 December 2023: How to apply the Multi Actor Approach in Cluster 6 Proposals with PREMIERE project
- (online) 13 March 2024: Circular Bio-Based Europe: improving NCPs knowledge for a better information and assistance.
- (onsite - COLOGNE) 19 March 2024: Understanding Enterprise Europe Network for improving cooperation and synergies with National Contact Points. During the ANUGA FoodTec Fair
- (onsite- ROME) 29 May 2024: Pathway to impact.
- (online) 12 February 2025: Coaching and Mentoring on Horizon Europe Cluster 6 NCPs services with GSF
- (online) 19 February 2025: Circular Bio-Based Europe: lesson learned and overview towards the AWP 2025.
- (online) 04 April 2025: NCPs Cross-cluster opportunities from WP2025 - NCP training for Cluster 4 and Cluster 6 NCPs on topics of common interest with NCP4Indurty project

Task 2.2 - Brokerage events/Matchmaking activities

- 19 Dec 2022 - [Horizon Europe Brokerage Event for Cluster 6 – Calls 2023](#) (online event, collaboration with **WIDERA-NCP.NET**)
- 26 Sep 2023 - [Horizon Europe Brokerage Event for Cluster 6 - Calls 2024](#) (physical event in Brussels, in collaboration with **WIDERA-NCP.NET** and **EEN**); alongside the Cluster 6 Info Days (Brussels | 27-28 Sep 2023).
- 27 May 2025 - [Horizon Europe Brokerage Event for Cluster 6 - Calls 2025](#) (onsite event in Warsaw-Poland (Warsaw | 27-28 May 2025)).

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Task 2.3 - Trainings for applicants

- How to write a good proposal (template and evaluation criteria)
- How to address the “Pathways to impact”
- How to build/find a good consortium
- EU Missions related to cluster 6 (Soil, Ocean)
- Partnerships related to cluster 6

Last event: What is and how to include multi-actor approach (MAA) in proposals,
4th December 2023

...More to come! Stay tuned!

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Task 2.3 - Trainings for applicants

- What is and how to include multi-actor approach (MAA) in proposals - December 2023, online
- How to approach a successful proposal in CBE JU – April 2024, Brussels
- Partnerships related to cluster 6 – June 2024, online
- How to approach a successful proposal in CBE JU – April 2025, Brussels

Last event: How approach Cluster 6 funding opportunities with experiences from Widening Countries – May 2025, Warsaw

...More to come! Stay tuned!

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Task 3.2 - Cooperation with Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

- **19-20 March 2024: NCP-EEN Meet & Exchange session**, ANUGA FoodTec, Cologne, Germany

<https://horizoneuropencppportal.eu/academy/ncp-een-meet-exchange-ncp-training-anuga-foodtec-cologne-germany>

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