

The EU Bioeconomy Strategy raised Member States' awareness of the opportunities that the bioeconomy offers for rural and coastal development and brought bioeconomy principles and cross-cutting objectives to their policy makers' attention.

As a result, a large number of EU Member States have a dedicated Bioeconomy Strategy or bioeconomy related policies, except for a significant number of Central and Eastern European countries, and this despite their huge biomass resources.

Interest in the bioeconomy has also increased at regional level. Bioeconomy-related R&I has become a priority for most European regions and a substantial number of regions having included bioeconomy-related priorities in their Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation.

