



Memorandum of Understanding

6 March 2020

1. Denomination

The "European Bioeconomy Alliance" (EUBA) is constituted under Belgian Law as "Association de Fait/Feitelijke Vereniging", hereinafter referred to as "Alliance".

2. Registered Office

The registered office of the Alliance is located at CEFS (Comité Européen des Fabricants de Sucre, Avenue de Tervueren 182, 1150) in Brussels. It can be transferred to any other location in Brussels upon consensus amongst the founding members of the Alliance.

3. Duration

The Alliance is constituted for an indefinite duration and can be dissolved at any time by unanimous decision.

4. Language

The operational language of the Alliance is English.

5. Membership

The founding members of the Alliance are:

- BIC - Bio-based Industries Consortium
- CEFS - European Association of Sugar Producers
- CEPF - Confederation of European Forest Owners
- CEPI - Confederation of European Paper Industries
- COPA and COGECA - European Farmers and European agri-cooperatives
- ePURE - European Renewable Ethanol Producers Association
- EuropaBio - The European Association for Bioindustries
- EUBP - European Bioplastics
- FEDIOL - The European Vegetable Oil & Proteinmeal Industry
- FTP - Forest-based Sector Technology Platform
- PFP - Primary Food Processors
- Starch Europe - European Starch Industry Association



6. Purpose and objectives

The Alliance is formed to represent and defend the collective interests of its members. Its members are committed to helping lead the transition away from a fossil-based society by:

- Mobilising and engaging stakeholders to realise the European bioeconomy potential
- Raising awareness of EU, national and regional leaders on the benefits of the bioeconomy
- Advocating for the mainstreaming of the circular bioeconomy in all relevant EU policies
- Promoting a coherent, flexible and stimulating policy environment for the production and use of renewable resources for bio-based, economically, environmentally and socially sustainable solutions.

7. Membership requirements and the admission of new members

Membership to the Alliance is open to European associations whose main mission and objectives actively contribute to the development of the bioeconomy (according to the definition of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy of 2018) and are active in European public affairs. Additional requirements of the new members are as follows:

- Full support to the Alliance's mission, as stated in section 6
- Full support to existing position papers
- Commitment to the agreed annual work programme and its implementation
- Commitment to actively take part in the meetings and assist with the activities of the Alliance
- Willingness to contribute to the agreed annual budget and to further expenses when necessary

New members will need to comply with the eligibility criteria. Requests to join the Alliance must be addressed to the Alliance's founding members. Their candidature must receive unanimous agreement from the founding Alliance members.

8. Resignation and Exclusion

- 1) Any Member may give notice of its resignation to the Alliance by registered letter sent to the registered office. Resignation shall take effect one month after its receipt.
- 2) Membership can also be terminated in the eventuality of bankruptcy, liquidation or exclusion of the concerned Member, as described under Article 8.4.
- 3) In case of resignation or exclusion in the course of the financial year, the annual membership contribution for the current year will be due. In no event, Members can have any rights to any refund of the contributions made during membership.



- 4) In the event of a breach of the MoU or as a result of compromising the objective or the spirit of the Alliance, the founding members, after having heard the defence of the Member concerned, can exclude such a member by a 75% vote of the founding members represented.

9. Governance

The Alliance's Board of Directors is composed of one representative per member at the level of Secretaries General or Directors General. It meets at least once a year to:

- approve the budget for the next year
- discuss and approve strategy and work plan
- elect a President and a vice-President on a one-year term
- validate and amend as necessary the Internal Rules (see Annex I)

With the exception of Article 7, decisions are taken by consensus.

The meeting(s) of the Board of Directors is chaired and hosted by the President. The President also represents the Alliance at high-level meetings and public events. If the President is unable to chair a meeting, s/he will be replaced by the vice-President. After the President's one-year term, s/he will be replaced by the vice-President and a new vice-President will be chosen.

10. Rights and obligations of members

The Alliance must undertake everything to achieve its objectives in accordance and compliances with the laws in the EU. The Alliance is not-for-profit. In the representation of such collective interests, the Alliance and its members will take fully into account the obligations and limitations imposed on them by the EU Anti-Trust Laws and agree to the anti-trust guidelines developed by the Alliance.

A. Rights

Each member has the right to:

- have access to all internal and external information gathered by the Alliance;
- actively participate in the meetings and events organised by the Alliance;
- use the position papers adopted by the Alliance, media and website provided the name of the Alliance is used as a reference;
- decide together with the other members how the budget is spent.

B. Obligations

Each member shall:

- abide by the Internal Rules spelled out in Annex I



- pay an equal annual contribution to cover the Alliance's costs as decided upon adoption of the budget by the Board of Directors.
- be responsible for hosting and covering the costs of meetings of the Alliance on a rotation basis. This includes drafting the agenda, drafting the minutes and chairing the meeting.

11. Membership fees and budget

Every year, each member of the Alliance shall pay an equal financial contribution to the annual budget unanimously agreed by the Board of Directors, currently €3000 per member per year. New members shall, in addition to the membership fee, pay an entry fee of €2000 at the time of joining the Alliance.

Membership fees are paid into the Alliance's common account, managed by two volunteering members (CEFS and Starch Europe).

The account of the Alliance is audited by two Members of the Alliance, other than those in charge of the finances (BIC and FEDIOL) on an annual basis. They shall also provide the other members with updates on the balance of the Alliance's finance upon request.

The budgetary/accounting year covers the period from January to December. In the event of a leftover balance at the end of the mandate of the Alliance, the remaining amount is automatically passed over to the following budgetary year.



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Have agreed to the European Bioeconomy Alliance (EUBA) Memorandum of Understanding dated 6 March 2020 on behalf of their respective associations:

Dirk Carrez, Executive Director



Marie-Christine Ribera, Director General



Fanny-Pomme Langué, Secretary General



Jori Ringman, Director General



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