

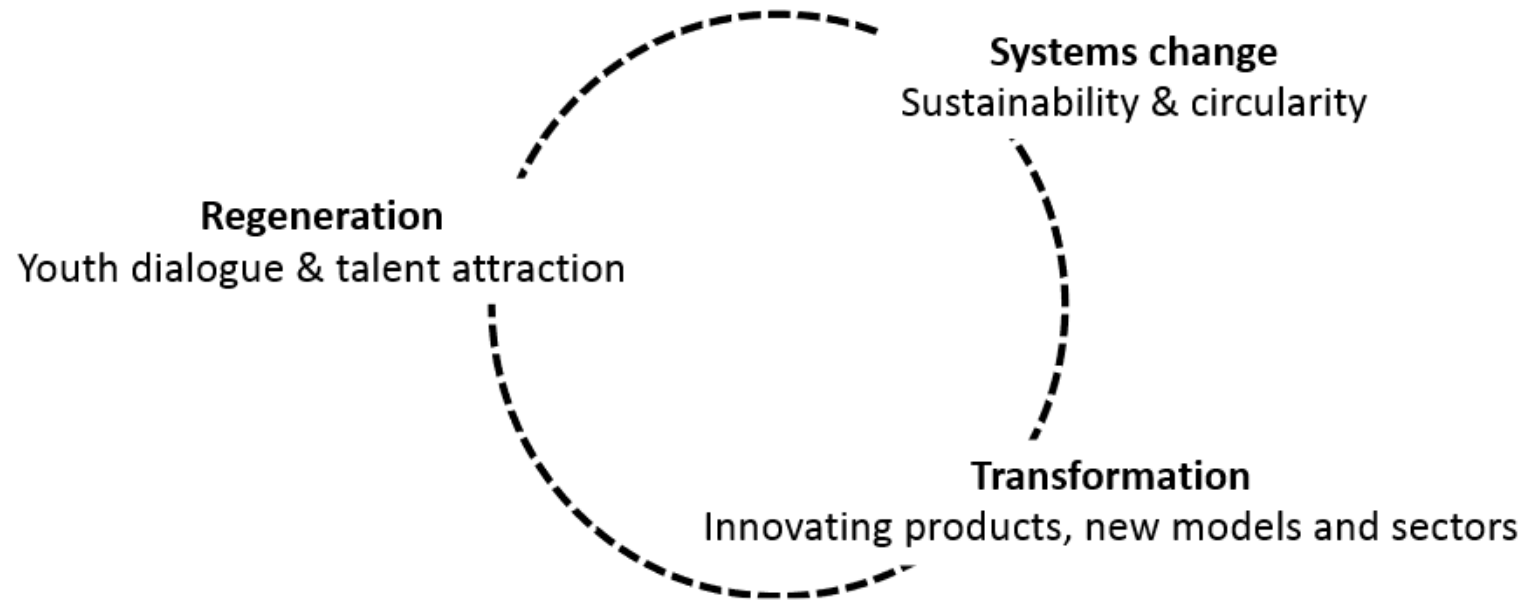


BLP Youth BeUBio

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Challenges





Aims

Search for best and new emerging practices for **involving young leaders and enabling ownership in bioeconomy**



Background: BLP Youth

- The Baltic Leadership Programme on Youth and Bioeconomy (BLP Youth) addressed the need to better integrate younger generations into the field of bioeconomy. Youth (up to 30 years of age) are vital for renewing and innovating the sector, which is necessary in the transition from a fossil-based to a bio-based society/economy. Today, however, there is a lack of necessary links and methods for attracting and involving youth.
- In response to this, the Swedish Institute, together with its cooperation partners, developed a training programme to tackle the challenges of youth participation in the bioeconomy sector.
- The BLP Youth project took place in October 2018 – January 2019. There were two online sessions, and two 3-day meetings in Stockholm and in Vilnius. Additionally, the working groups prepared and presented their own tools.
- As a result of the project, a tool book of how to integrate young into the field of bioeconomy will be published soon.



BeUBio – A project targeting youth and bioeconomy in the Baltic Sea Region

- Project owner is the Swedish Board of Agriculture and coordinator is Nordic Council of Ministers office in Lithuania (NCM). The project is funded by the Swedish Institute. It is targeting youth interested in bioeconomy as a tool for the transition from a fossil fuel based economy towards a bio based. The 18 months project started in July 2019.
- The ideas for BeUBio started within the Baltic Leadership Program Bioeconomy Youth and is a seed money project aiming to prepare for a larger project including more youth actors and organisations interested in the sustainability goals and especially the development of bioeconomy.
- The aim of BeUBio is to **promote youth involvement and create synergies with other actors and initiatives addressing the UN SDG:s and the transition to a bio based economy.** We aim to establish a platform in the BSR which will enable youth to take part and lead in the development of a circular bioeconomy within the EUSBSR and other relevant actions.



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Participating partners beside the Swedish Board of Agriculture and the NCM office in Lithuania are:

- Vidzeme Planning Region (VPR), Cēsis, Latvia
- The Region of Kalmar County, Sweden
- Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tartu, Estonia
- Nordregio
- JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Jyväskylä, Finland
- South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences, Mikkeli, Finland



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- The activities will concentrate in creating contacts with other youth actors in the Baltic Sea Region, trying to find common grounds for a larger project targeting youth, sustainability and bioeconomy. There will be a Pilot Youth Bioeconomy Council established linked to the NCM Bioeconomy Council. A mapping of education products on bioeconomy in the BSR will be performed and a workshop at the EUSBSR Annual Forum is also foreseen. Another activity is an outreach to youth initiatives in other macro regional strategies.

