



## REGION-SPECIFIC INFORMATION PACKAGES

### MAIN RESULTS / OUTCOMES

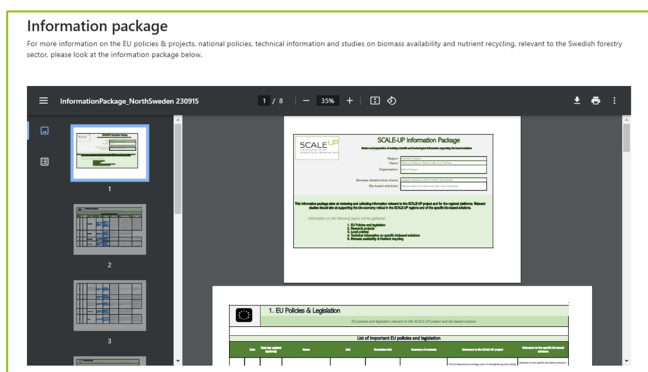
Six regional information packages were compiled to support the bio-based solutions within the SCALE-UP project. The information packages form an important knowledge base for the regional platforms that have been established under the SCALE-UP project. The structure and content of the packages have been developed inspired by the results of the cross-regional assessment workshop and identified needs from the training survey which both were held in the first year of the project.

The packages contain valuable information on EU- and local policies, EU-projects and on biomass availability, technical solutions and nutrient recycling possibilities. The packages vary per region in content and focus. This is due to large variations in available biomass resources and different interests in bio-based solutions.

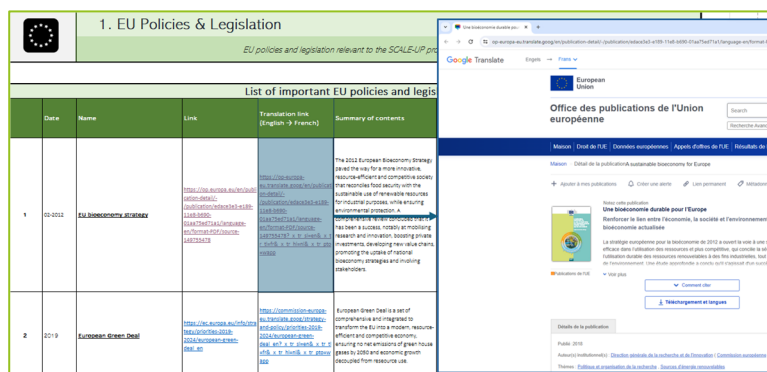
Special attention has been given to the accessibility of the information. The format is in Excel sheets with well-structured tabs and digital links to publications, together with translation tools making articles understandable for local stakeholders. Packages are presented on the SCALE-UP website for easy access to stakeholders and other interested parties. The information packages have been reviewed by knowledge holders from the six regions on their usefulness. The conclusion is that they can form a good potential source of information for the regional bioeconomy development.

### PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- The information packages should be regularly updated to ensure they include the latest developments.
- Stakeholders should also be actively engaged and involved, to make sure the information meets the specific needs and priorities of the stakeholders.
- The information packages should be integrated and promoted across various project activities.



**Figure 1: Information package embedded in SCALE-UP website.**



**Figure 2: Translation tool in information package.**

### FURTHER INFORMATION

The information packages will be presented on the region's pages on the SCALE-UP website: [www.scaleup-bioeconomy.eu](http://www.scaleup-bioeconomy.eu).

### ABOUT THIS ABSTRACT

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# SOCIAL INNOVATION HANDBOOK

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The study addresses the crucial role of social innovation in enhancing the participation of social actors within rural bioeconomies, aligning with the European Union's recognition of social innovation as a vital component of innovation policy. Social innovation is defined as the creation of sustainable products or services that meet societal needs while fostering collaboration among citizens and stakeholders.

This handbook identifies seven primary stakeholder groups essential for driving social innovation in rural bioeconomies: primary producers, secondary producers, government and policy bodies, research and academic institutions, industry associations, environmental organizations, and community representatives. Each group plays a unique role in fostering innovation and sustainable development.

In each of the six pilot regions, tailored social innovation solutions are proposed to address specific challenges and capitalize on regional strengths. These solutions include collaborative platforms, incentive programs, educational campaigns, sustainable tourism initiatives, and circular economy trainings, among others.

Through the integration of participatory governance and innovative solutions, rural bioeconomies can transition towards more sustainable practices and resilient communities.

## PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Actively involve citizens, businesses, government bodies, and NGOs in co-creating and implementing social innovation initiatives.
- Establish platforms and networks where stakeholders can connect, share ideas, and exchange best practices in social innovation.
- Establish mechanisms to assess the economic, social, and environmental outcomes of social innovation initiatives.



**Picture 1: Discussion about the potential social innovations with the regional stakeholders (own picture).**



**Picture 2: Highlights collaboration ([Hannah Busing by Unsplash](#)).**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The full version of the handbook will be available on the project website.

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