

# CBE JU GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**Date:** 25 June 2026  
**Time:** 09:00-13:30  
**Place:** HYRBID / Avenue de la Toison d'Or 56-60, 1060 Brussels, Belgium

## AGENDA

1. 09:00-09:05 **Welcome & introduction**  
*James Morisson, Chair of the CBE JU Governing Board*

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2. 09:05-09:15 **Election of the Vice-Chair**  
*Chair*  
  
Following the conclusion of Rob Beekers two term mandate as BIC Chairman, Katariina Kemppainen has been nominated by BIC to replace him as CBE JU's Governing Board Vice Chair.

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3. 09:15-09:16 **Anti-trust declaration**  
*BIC*

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4. 09:16-09:17 **Management of potential conflicts of interest during the meeting**  
*GB Secretary*

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5. 09:17-09:19 **Adoption of the agenda**  
*Chair*

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6. 09:19-09:30 **To do review**  
*GB Secretary*  
  
List of items to review:
  - (i) **Strategic Governing Board meeting of 24 March 2026:** BIC to debrief on the follow-up actions taken.  
*BIC*

## ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

7. 09:30-09:32 **Minutes of the GB meeting of 25 March 2026**  
*Chair*

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8. 09:32-09:33 **Decisions Point A<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> To be adopted without discussion

- I. **Governing Board Decision CBE-GB-07/26 adopting by analogy the Commission Decision C(2026) 634 final amending Decision C(2002) 98 fixing the rates of the daily subsistence allowances and the ceilings for the reimbursements of hotel expenses for missions outside the European territory of the Member States of the European Union.**

*This decision applies by analogy the EC decision that updates the daily allowances and hotel ceilings for missions in the UK.*

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#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION I: Updates on programme implementation

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- 9.a** 09:33-10:10 **CBE JU 2025 call project portfolio**  
*Virginia Puzzolo, CBE JU Head of Programme*

*Presentation on the evolution of the CBE JU portfolio including the projects from call 2025.*

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- 9.b** 10:10-10:25 **Presentation of the in-kind contribution monitoring based on the latest available data**  
*Nicoló Giacomuzzi-Moore, CBE JU Executive Director*  
*Olivia Reymond, CBE JU Head of Administration and Finance*

*Update on the progress on the IKA action plan following the IAS audit. Presentation on the in-kind contribution (IKOP and IKA) progress, taking into consideration the data from the 2025 call.*

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- 9.c** 10:25-10:40 **Communication Activities**  
*Elena Zicmane, CBE JU Communication Officer*

*Debrief on the event and communication activities that took place since the last Governing Board meeting on 25 March and a look ahead for the coming months.*

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#### COFFEE BREAK

10:40-10:55

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#### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION II: Updates on strategic and governance matters

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- 10.a** 10:55–11:10 **CBE JU Synergy Strategy**  
*Virginia Puzzolo, CBE JU Head of Programme*

*Report on the activities of the CBE JU Synergy Strategy, in particular in relation to the ongoing action of synergies at regional level, including the Memorandum of Understanding with relevant organisations representing bioeconomy regions.*

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- 10.b.** 11:10-11:25 **Annual Activity Report (AAR) 2025**  
*Mafalda Quintas, EC DG RTD Policy Officer*

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*Philippe Mengal, BIC Executive Director*

*Presentation of the AAR assessment by the designated working group.*

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### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION III: Updates from the advisory bodies

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**11.a 11:25-11:55 Working Group on Primary Producers (WG PP) update and action plan**

*Ana Ruiz, CBE JU Programme Officer  
John Brosnan, Chair of the Working Group*

*Presentation of the action plan by the Chair of the Working Group, John Brosnan.*

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**11.b 11:55-12:10 Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group: Update**

*Nicoló Giacomuzzi-Moore, CBE JU Executive Director  
Monica Padella, CBE JU Project Officer*

*Update on the state of play since the Governing Board meeting of 25 March 2026, including a debrief of the first meeting of the newly established group.*

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**11.c 12:10-12:30 Debrief from recent SRG and SC meetings**

*Sari Tasa, Chair of the States' Representative Group (SRG)  
Kevin O'Connor, Chair of the Scientific Committee (SC)*

*The Chairs of the SRG and SC will provide a short debrief from their respective meetings of 20 and 28 April.*

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### FOR INFORMATION IV: Updates on policy developments

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*None*

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### FOR INFORMATION V: Updates on market and industry developments

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**12. 12:30-13:15 Market Insights: "Winning the First-of-A-Kind Challenge: European case lessons from the bio-based industries"**

*Melich Seefeldt, Managing Partner, VIA SOLUTIS*

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### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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**13. 13:15-13:30 Any other business**

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