

## OPEN CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group

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<b>Upcoming cut-off date for membership applications</b>	11 September 2026
<b>Legal basis:</b>	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085</a> , Article 56 (CBE JU)
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### Background and objectives

The European Commission adopted the *Strategic Framework for a Competitive and Sustainable EU Bioeconomy*<sup>1</sup> (COM(2025) 960) in December 2025, setting out a comprehensive vision for accelerating the transition from fossil-based to bio-based materials, chemicals and products. The Strategy identifies the mobilisation of private and institutional investment as a critical enabler of this transition and calls for the establishment of a **Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group** to serve as the EU's dedicated platform for investment coordination in the bioeconomy.

The European Commission agreed with the Bio-based Industries Consortium to implement the Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group (hereafter “the Deployment Group”) via the instrument of a Deployment Group of the CBE JU. In particular, the objectives of the Deployment Group are to:

1. Facilitate the mobilisation of private investments for scaling up and deploying bio-based solutions to market;
2. Help further develop and deploy the suite of financial instruments (e.g. blended finance, risk sharing instruments, simplify investment regulations, etc.) that are tailored to the sector's needs;
3. Optimise access for financing opportunities by innovative companies, especially SMEs; and
4. Advise on policy measures and regulatory improvements needed to de-risk bioeconomy investments.

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<sup>1</sup> [COM\(2025\) 960 — Strategic Framework for a Competitive and Sustainable EU Bioeconomy](#);

## Purpose of this call

The Deployment Group was established during its first plenary meeting on 10 June 2026 in The Hague (the Netherlands), in accordance with the Terms of Reference and Procedure for the Establishment as defined in the Governing Board Decision CBE-GB-05/26<sup>2</sup>.

This open call for expression of interest aims at improving the balanced representation within the Deployment Group in terms of institutional type (categories above), geographic coverage (ensuring adequate representation from all EU regions) and thematic expertise in the group and invites, in particular, **national promotional banks and public financial institutions, private commercial banks and institutional investors** to apply for membership to the Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group.

The Deployment Group is expected to meet in plenary twice per year, with task forces organised via virtual meetings on a more regular basis. Participation in at least one plenary per year is required to maintain active membership. Membership is **non-remunerated**. Members participate in their institutional capacity.

## Eligible applicant categories

Category	Description
European-level financial institutions	EIB, EIF, EBRD and equivalent European IFIs
National promotional banks and public financial institutions	NPBs and public investment banks of EU Member States
Private commercial banks	Commercial banks with demonstrated sustainability, green finance, or circular economy lending portfolios
Venture capital and private equity funds	VC funds, corporate VCs and growth equity investors active in bioeconomy, industrial biotechnology or sustainable materials
Institutional investors	Pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, insurance asset managers and other institutional investors with ESG or sustainability mandates

Note: Companies, industry associations, clusters, accelerators and advisory organisations are not eligible as members of the Deployment Group membership under this call. According to article 56 of [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2085](#), members of the Bio-Based Industries Consortium, their constituents or their affiliated entities are also not eligible.

## Application procedure

The call for expression of interest remains open for the full duration of the Deployment Group to allow to include new Members, subject to eligibility criteria and balanced representation in terms of institutional type (categories above), geographic coverage (ensuring adequate

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<sup>2</sup> [GB\\_5\\_26\\_DEG\\_F-I\\_Terms\\_of\\_Reference\\_and\\_Procedure\\_for\\_Establishment\\_final\\_approved.pdf](#)

representation from all EU regions) and thematic expertise. Interested institutions are invited to submit, at any time:

1. A **formal expression of interest** signed by an authorised representative, stating the applicant's interest in joining the Deployment Group and identifying the appointed representative(s).
2. An **institutional profile** (maximum one page) summarising the applicant's mandate, geographic scope, relevant investment portfolio in the bioeconomy or adjacent sectors (circular economy, industrial biotechnology, sustainable chemistry, renewable materials) and any current engagement with EU financial instruments.

Applications should be submitted by email to both:

- CBE JU Deployment Group Secretariat: [deployment.group@cbe.europa.eu](mailto:deployment.group@cbe.europa.eu)
- European Commission, Director-General (DG) Environment: [env-bioeconomy-strategy@ec.europa.eu](mailto:env-bioeconomy-strategy@ec.europa.eu)

The subject line should read: "Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group — Expression of Interest — [Name of Institution]"

## Selection and appointment process

Based on need, and at least once a year, the CBE JU Programme Office establishes a cut-off date for assessing the applications received. The submitted expressions of interest are assessed by the European Commission and the Bio-Based Industries Consortium (BIC) with the support of the CBE JU Programme Office, taking into account the following criteria:

- Eligibility of the organisation according to the type of institutions indicated above.
- Relevance of the applicant's mandate and investment portfolio to the bioeconomy transition.
- Contribution to a balanced representation within the Deployment Group in terms of institutional type (categories above), geographic coverage (ensuring adequate representation from all EU regions) and thematic expertise.

The selection is non-competitive: all eligible institutions that meet the above criteria **and contribute to balanced representation** will be admitted within the constraint of keeping the size of the Deployment Group operationally functional.

The selected members will be formally appointed by the CBE JU Governing Board.

## Cut-off date - Indicative timeline

The first cut-off date will allow the appointment procedure to be carried out before the next plenary meeting.

Date	Milestone
11 September 2026	Deadline for the submission of expressions of interest to be evaluated at the first collection.
14-18 September 2026	Assessment of applications and selection of members
8 October 2026	Formal appointment letter
21 October 2026	Second plenary meeting of the Bioeconomy Investment Deployment Group (margins of the Global Bioeconomy Summit, Dublin (Ireland))

## Data protection and confidentiality

Personal data submitted in connection with this call will be processed by the European Commission and CBE JU in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Data will be used exclusively for the purposes of assessing applications and managing the composition of the Deployment Group. Applicants have the right to access, rectify and request erasure of their personal data.

Information submitted by applicants regarding their investment portfolios will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without the prior written consent of the applicant.

## Contact information

For any questions regarding this call, please contact: [deployment.group@cbe.europa.eu](mailto:deployment.group@cbe.europa.eu) with [env-bioeconomy-strategy@ec.europa.eu](mailto:env-bioeconomy-strategy@ec.europa.eu) in copy.