

# Consultation: Input from Regional Authority Stakeholders on the Action Plan of the Working Group of Primary Producers

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### Background

This workshop is organised within the framework of the RootLinks Project, which supports the work of the CBE JU Working Group of Primary Producers (WGPP). RootLinks contributes to the co-creation of an Action Plan aimed at strengthening the role of primary producers in European bio-based value chains. The WGPP operates across three sectors: agriculture, the blue economy and forestry, and has developed both sector-specific and cross-cutting actions tailored to the needs of primary producers.

The Action Plan was developed during the first year of the project, beginning with the inaugural WGPP meeting on 11 June in Warsaw. It was subsequently refined through a series of online meetings and finally discussed at the second annual WGPP meeting in March 2026 in Brussels. The Action Plan focuses on practical measures to improve integration into both established and emerging value chains, with implementation foreseen over the following two years.

### Purpose

**This consultation workshop aims to gather input from regional authorities** on the relevance of the proposed actions. It also aims to raise awareness of the Action Plan among key stakeholders and support future collaboration. **In addition, this workshop seeks to identify key barriers and enabling conditions, align actions with regional priorities, and explore opportunities for synergies with existing initiatives and funding frameworks.**

### Process

Participants will receive a description of the actions and other relevant background material prior to the workshop. The workshop will begin with an introduction to the RootLinks Project and an overview of the Action Plan. **Selected actions relevant to participants will then be presented and discussed.** The consultation will be structured through guided questions and moderated discussions led by the RootLinks coordinator, FNR. **Participants are invited to critically reflect on the proposed actions, with a focus on relevance, implementation conditions, regional applicability and collaboration opportunities.** The discussion seeks to generate concrete, region-specific insights.

### Givens

The Action Plan has already been co-created by the WGPP and represents a consolidated body of work. This consultation is not intended to fundamentally revise it, but to complement it with additional perspectives. Participants will receive the current version of the Action Plan in advance, along with this concept paper. Supporting materials, including the [WGPP Concept Note](#) and the [list of WGPP members](#), are available on the dedicated [CBE JU WGPP website](#) as well as on the [RootLinks website](#). There is also a parallel consultation workshop with business and industry stakeholders to identify market barriers and enabling conditions from a value chain perspective.

### Follow-up

The results of the consultation will be documented and shared with the WGPP to ensure transparency. The Working Group will review the input and provide feedback on potential adjustments. The insights gathered will feed into a more refined and realistic implementation process. This workshop is part of an iterative co-creation approach. **Regional authorities are seen as key stakeholders for the effective and successful implementation of the Action Plan.**

### Final Results

The outcomes of this consultation will inform targeted adjustments to the Action Plan. By the end of June, the Action Plan will be presented to the CBE JU Governing Board for endorsement. Following endorsement, it will be made publicly available via the RootLinks and CBE JU websites. Implementation of the actions will begin in parallel, with RootLinks working closely with local, regional and European partners. Stakeholder input from this consultation will be an important contribution to this