



BIOKET26

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Get ready to take your
bio-based endeavors to new heights

CALL FOR STARTUPS

Deadline for submission:
December 1st, 2025

17 - 19 MARCH, 2026

FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND 

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About Us.



The Bioeconomy's Key Enabling Technologies | Conference & Exhibition

BIOKET is an annual international Conference that serves as a premier platform dedicated to advancing Key Enabling Technologies and innovations applied to biomass valorization.

The conference aims to promote the production of high added value products across diverse sectors of the economy through sustainable practices and cutting-edge technologies.



Facts and Figures | Bioket 2022, Bioket 2023, Bioket 2024, Bioket 2025

Key Highlights

Focus: The core focus of BIOKET is on technologies and innovations that enhance the value of biomass, transforming it into valuable products that benefit a wide range of industries.

Objective: BIOKET provides a platform for professionals, researchers, and industry leaders to connect, exchange knowledge, and build sustainable business partnerships globally.

Importance: By facilitating discussions and showcasing the latest advancements in biomass valorization, BIOKET contributes to the growth and sustainability of the bioeconomy sector.

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Why Attend BIOKET 2026



Inspiring Talks



Innovation Tours



Global Networking



B2B Meetings



High-level Audience



Unique Experience

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BIOKET is dedicated to advancing bio-based solutions and processes, addressing the technological, economic, and environmental challenges of the Bioeconomy. The organization focuses on process innovations for biomass conversion, leveraging emerging technologies to minimize waste production and optimize overall operational expenditures (OPEX).

Key Areas of Focus

Process Innovations: Developing and implementing new technologies for efficient biomass conversion.

Waste Minimization: Reducing waste production through innovative processes.

Economic Optimization: Enhancing the economic viability of bio-based solutions by optimizing OPEX.

Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)

KETs are crucial in driving innovation across the circular bioeconomy, promoting industry leadership in value chains such as:

FOOD & FEED

BIOENERGIES

BIOCHEMICALS

BIOMATERIALS

These technologies support the convergence and integration across industries, with the potential to significantly improve health and safety, as well as mitigate climate change impacts.

BIOKET's commitment to KETs fosters a circular bioeconomy, enhancing sustainability and resilience in various sectors, ultimately contributing to a healthier planet and society.

General Rules

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BIOKET invites cutting-edge start-ups to participate in the **BIOKET 2026 Start-up Village!** This is an incredible opportunity for selected start-ups to showcase their innovations at the forefront of the bioeconomy and biomass sectors.

Opportunities for selected start-ups:

- **Exhibit at the Start-up Village:** Showcase your company during the three days of the BIOKET conference (March 17-19, 2026).
- **Pitch to Investors:** Present your company in a 7-minute pitch in front of specialized investors in the bioeconomy.
- **Both Options:** Combine the exhibition and pitch opportunities for maximum exposure.
- **Brand Visibility:** Have your company's logo featured on our website and communication tools.

Eligibility criteria:

- **Capital:** Start-up should have a maximum capital of 10M€, and not be a subsidiary of another company.
- **Age:** The company should be no older than 7 years.
- **Sales:** Maximum sales should not exceed 1M€.

Advantages of the BIOKET Start-up Village:

- **Delegate Pass:** Each selected start-up must ensure that every member completes an individual registration at a price of 370 CHF excl. VAT for the 3-day event. This delegate pass grants access to all conference sessions, the exhibition area, networking opportunities and coffee breaks. The gala dinner is not included.
- **High Exposure:** 16 start-ups will be chosen to display at the Start-up Village in the exhibition area.
- **Pitch Sessions:** 24 start-ups will participate in pitch sessions, including the 16 exhibiting start-ups and an additional 8 start-ups.
- **Start-Up Delegate Pass Benefits:** Access to the conferences, B2B meetings, Innovation Tours, workshops, and all social events (excluding the gala dinner, which is available as an option).

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Join the forefront of the bioeconomy and biomass innovation scene by applying for the BIOKET 2026 Start-up Village. **Selected start-ups will have the opportunity to pitch in front of leading investors.**

Start-ups accepted for pitches will be given **7 minutes Pitch time.**

Please note that by submitting your entry, you agree to register and be available for a pitch session anytime during the conference from March 17 to 19, 2026, in Fribourg, Switzerland.

1. Submission Process & Guidelines

- **Online Portal:** Submit through the designated online submission system via [[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE CALL FOR STARTUPS FORM](#)]
- **Deadline:** **Submit by December 1st, 2025, Midnight CET. Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- **Contact Information:** Provide accurate contact details, including main contact name and email; and the start-up name.
- **Format:** All uploaded documents during the submission process must be in PDF format.
- **Language:** All uploaded documents during the submission process should be in English.
- **Content:**
 - **General Information:**
 - **Company Name:** Provide the full legal name of your company.
 - **Main Contact Name:** Provide the name of the primary contact person for your application.
 - **Email Address:** Ensure the email is accurate for official communication.
 - **Phone Number:** Provide a valid phone number for contact purposes.
 - **Mobile Number:** Optional, but recommended for more immediate communication.
 - **Company Address:** Include the full postal address of your company.
 - **Job Title:** State the job title of the main contact person.

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○ About Your Start-Up:

- **Founding Date:** Indicate the official date when your start-up was founded.
- **Founder(s) Name(s):** List the names of the founder(s) of the start-up.
- **Turnover:** Provide the most recent annual turnover of your start-up.
- **Number of Employees:** State the current number of employees in your start-up.
- **Website:** Provide the URL of your start-up's official website.
- **Main Activity:** Briefly describe the primary business activity of your start-up.
- **Investor Pitch:** Indicate whether you wish to participate in an investor pitch to raise funds for your start-up. If "Yes," specify the amount of investment expected (in Euros).
- **Stand in Start-Up Village:** Indicate whether you would like to have a stand in the start-up village.

○ Project Team: (you can list up to five team members.)

- For each team member, provide the following information:
 - **First & Last Name:** Full name of the team member.
 - **Job Title:** The current job title within the start-up.

○ Concept/Innovation/Technology Description:

- **Description:** Provide a concise description of your concept, innovation, or technology. The description should not exceed 500 words.
- **Technology Readiness Level (TRL):** Indicate the TRL of your innovation, selecting from TRL 1 to TRL 10.

2. Acceptance

- **Notification:** Start-ups will be notified of acceptance or rejection by **December 1st, 2025**.
- **Presentation:** Accepted start-ups must have at least one team member available for presentation anytime during the conference from March 17 to 19, 2026, in Fribourg, Switzerland.

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3. Presentation Requirements

- **Time Allotment:** Prepare to adhere to the 7-minute presentation time allotted.
- **Format:** Presentations must be in PPT format.
- **Language:** Presentations should be in English.
- **Availability:** Be available for presentation at any time during the conference dates from March 17 to 19, 2026 in Fribourg, Switzerland.

4. Ethical Considerations

- **Plagiarism:** Submissions must be free of plagiarism.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

5. Conference Registration

- **Fees:** Accepted start-ups must be registered for the conference and pay the applicable fees. Each start-up member benefit from an exclusive registration price of **370 CHF VAT excl. (includes full access to the 3 days; gala dinner not included)**
- **Discounts:** Check for any additional discounts or special rates at bioket.tech

6. Authorization

- **Presentation Sharing:** By submitting your start-up, you authorize BIOKET to share your presentation with all conference participants after the event.
- **Use of Voice and Image:** You also authorize the use of presenters voice and image during the conference for promotional and educational purposes.

Following these rules will ensure a smooth submission process and enhance the chances of acceptance for your paper at BIOKET 2026. Always refer to the specific call for papers for detailed instructions and requirements.

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