

BIOKET26

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bio-based endeavors to new heights

Christian Patermann BIOKET Bioeconomy
**INNOVATION
AWARDS**

**Extended Date for submission:
November 30th, 2025**

17 - 19 MARCH, 2026

FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND 

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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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Following the successful launch of the Innovation Awards in 2025, BIOKET is proud to present the 2nd Edition of the **Christian Patermann BIOKET Bioeconomy Award in 2026**. This prestigious award honors trailblazing technologies, processes, and products that are accelerating the shift toward a sustainable and circular bioeconomy.

Named in tribute to Dr. Christian Patermann, a pioneer of the European bioeconomy, these awards recognize innovators whose work has the potential to make a measurable, long-term impact on industry and society.

This initiative offers a unique opportunity for start-ups, SMEs, research teams, and industrial innovators to gain visibility, connect with investors and industry leaders, and promote the adoption of transformative bio-based solutions.

By submitting your innovation, you agree to be available to attend BIOKET 2026, which will take place from **March 17 to 19, 2026 in Fribourg, Switzerland**. Finalists will be invited to pitch their innovation during the event, and winners will be announced during the official Awards Ceremony.

We invite you to read the instructions carefully and submit your application before the deadline on October 31, 2025.

Let your **innovation** shape the future of the **bioeconomy**.

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1. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the **Christian Patermann BIOKET Bioeconomy Award**, applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Applicants **must** be officially registered for BIOKET 2026.
- Eligible participants include start-ups, SMEs, research teams, and industrial actors.
- Innovations must be directly related to bio-based technologies, products, or processes.
- The innovation must be at a minimum of Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4.
- Applications must demonstrate clear relevance and potential across the 5 evaluation criteria:

1. Innovative Step

2. Technical Feasibility & Readiness (TRL)

3. Economic Viability & Market Potential

4. Environmental, Sustainability & Governance (ESG)

5. Quantifiable Long-Term Impact

- Each criterion will be scored on a scale from 1 to 10, where:

1–3 = Limited relevance or impact

4–6 = Moderate relevance or impact

7–8 = Strong relevance and potential

9–10 = Exceptional innovation and impact

- Applicants are required to address each of these criteria in the submission form, respecting the defined character limits and structure.
- Only **complete and eligible application**s will be considered for jury review.

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2. Submission Guidelines

- All applications must be submitted via the official form available at: <https://bioket.tech/innovation-awards>
- The application must follow the official structure outlined in the online form.
- All responses must comply with the character limits specified per question.
- Maximum 5 pages (excluding attachments)
- Font size: 11 | Single spacing
- Process graphics/images are encouraged
- Use clear and concise language; bullet points are allowed
- Uploads (PDF or image) are optional but welcome in dedicated fields (e.g., visuals, tech data, videos)
- Files larger than 10MB should be sent via download link (e.g., WeTransfer)

⚠ Incomplete or non-compliant applications will not be considered.

3. Jury & Evaluation Process

- All eligible applications will be reviewed by a group of independent experts from BIOKET's Scientific Committee and partner organizations.
- Each submission will be evaluated based on five criteria:

1. Innovative Step

2. Technical Feasibility & Readiness (TRL)

3. Economic Viability & Market Potential

4. Environmental, Sustainability & Governance (ESG)

5. Quantifiable Long-Term Impact

- Each criterion is scored on a scale from 1 to 10, based on relevance, feasibility, and impact.
- Applications will be evaluated based on innovation, market introduction potential, and sustainability.

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4. Participation Requirements

- All applicants must attend BIOKET 2026 and be available for its full duration, from 17 to 19 March, 2026 in Fribourg, Switzerland.
- Any selected winner who is absent during the symposium will forfeit the award.

5. Conference Registration

- **Fees:** Applicants must register for the conference and pay the applicable fees.
- **Discounts:** Check for any additional discounts or special rates at bioket.tech

6. Authorization

- By submitting an application, you agree to provide BIOKET permission to use submitted materials (images, descriptions) for promotional 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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