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## SYMBIO TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

# BIOECONOMY REGIONAL POLICIES : THE WALLOON REGION

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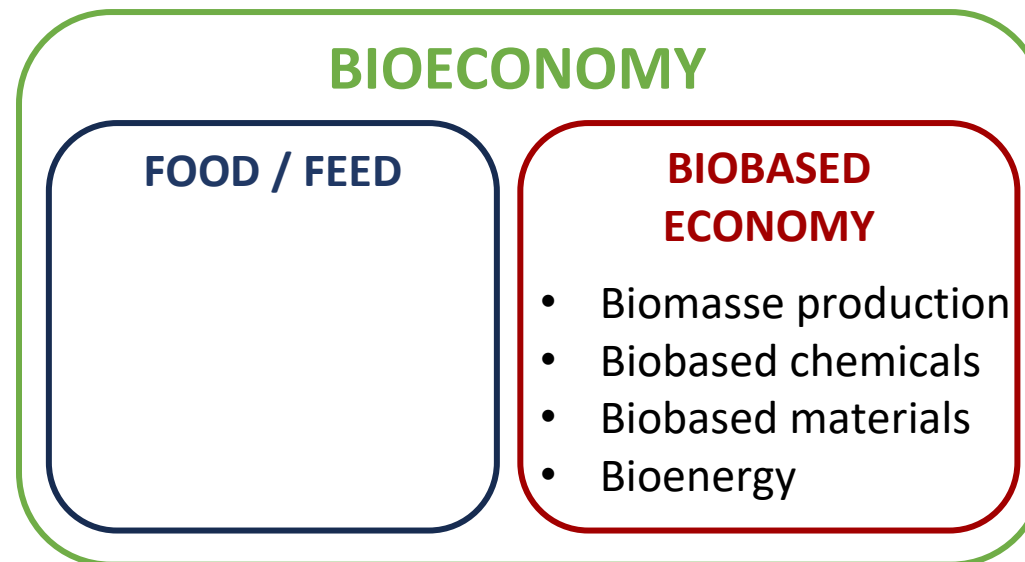


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# 1. Bioeconomy vs biobased economy

- **Bioeconomy** : use of renewable biological resources from land and sea, like crops, forests, fish, animals and micro-organisms to produce food, materials and energy.
- **Biobased economy** : only non-food use of biological resources.



## 2. Biobased economics data

For the year 2021, the Knowledge Center for Bioeconomy shares the following data for the biobased sectors (excluding food and feed) :



**12.5 millions**  
people employed

**1,332 billions**  
euros turnover



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**47 billions**  
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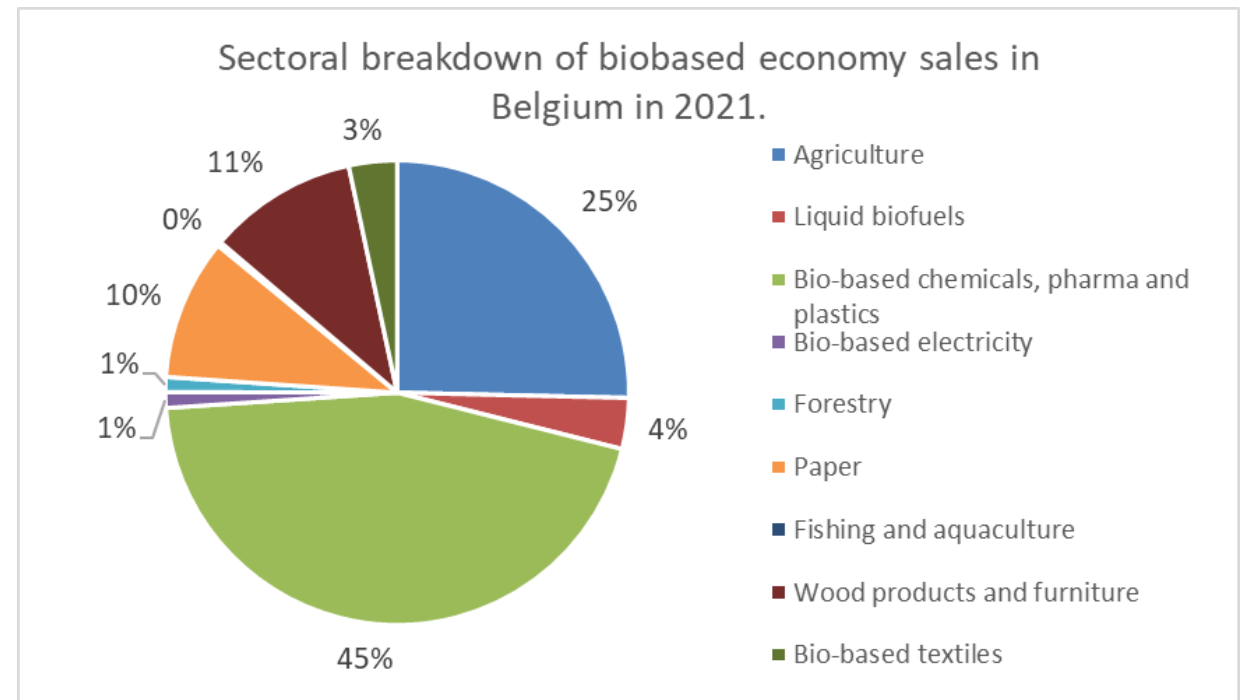
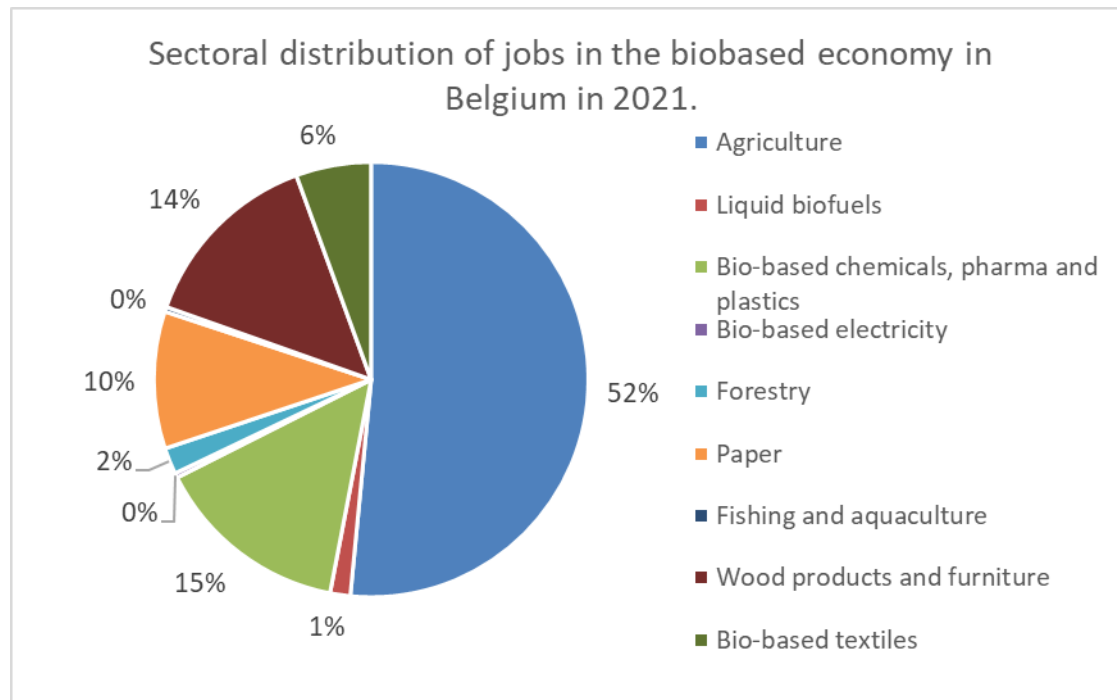


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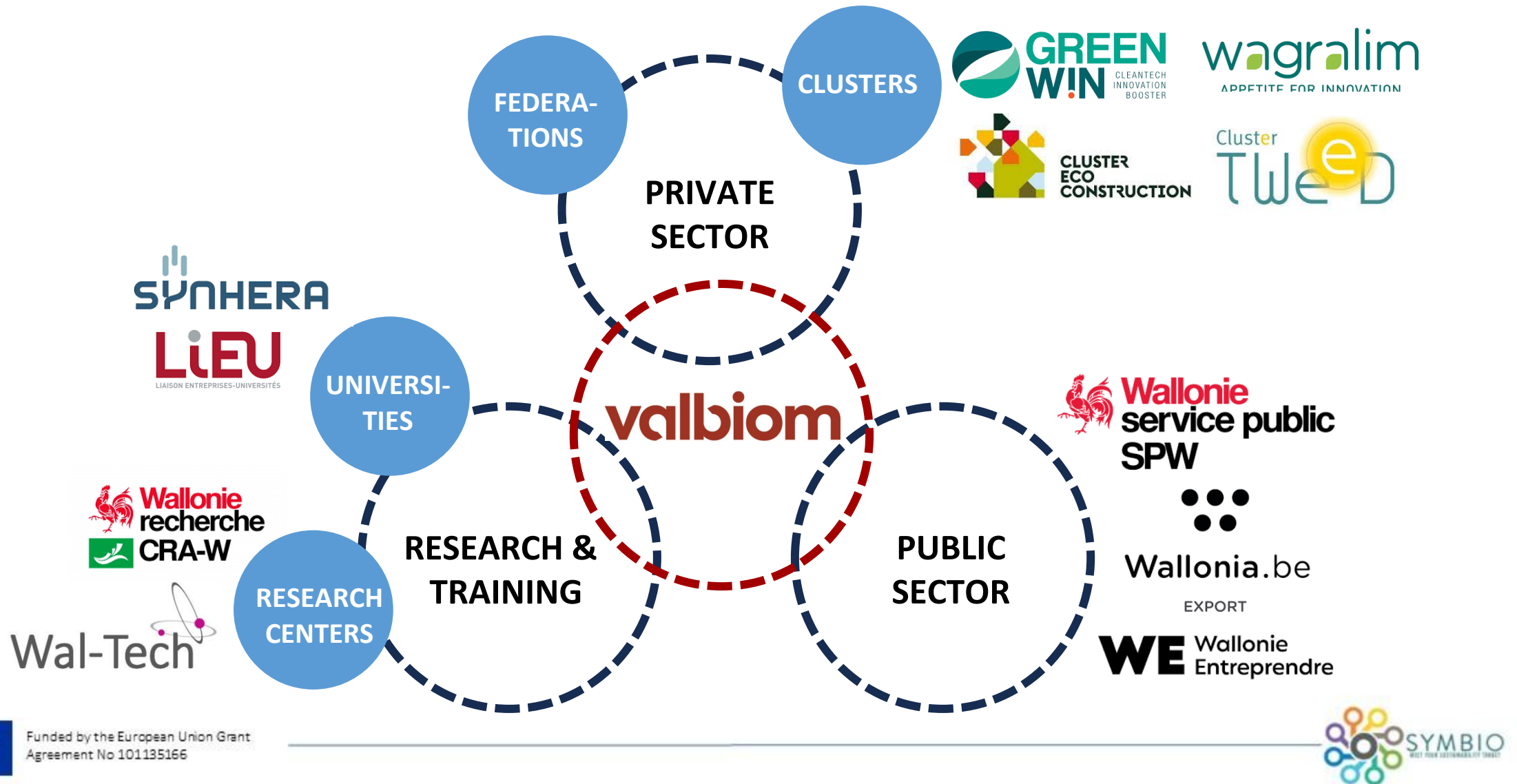


# 3. Walloon biobased policies

- No dedicated strategy for the biobased economy
- Support divided between 3 ministries: agriculture, energy and economy
- Circular Wallonia strategy :
  - Circular economy regional strategy
  - 2021 – 2024, budget of 200 millions of euros
  - Biobased economy as a cross-cutting priority
  - Valbiom : coordinator of the biobased actions



# 4. Walloon biobased ecosystem



## 5. Helpful resources

- Walloon directory of the biobased economy : <https://www.biobasedwallonia.be/en/>
- Valbiom website (FR) : <https://www.valbiom.be>
  - News
  - Tools and reports
  - Events
  - Newsletter
- Circular economy ecosystem in Wallonia : <https://ecosysteme-economiecirculaire.wallonie.be/en/>
- Knowledge Center for Bioeconomy : [https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/bioeconomy/country/belgium\\_en#bioeconomics](https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/bioeconomy/country/belgium_en#bioeconomics)



## 6. Next event

### BIOKET, the International Bioeconomy's Key Enabling Technologies Conference

- Brussels, 11 to 13 of March
- Walloon Ecosystem : booth #20
- Walloon Networking event on Wednesday March 12 @ 4:30 pm

# THE WALLOON BIOECONOMY ECOSYSTEM

Join us BOOTH 20

The **Walloon bioeconomy ecosystem** is a dynamic network that promotes sustainable development through the innovative use of biological resources. Key organizations such as **Valbiom**, **GreenWin**, and the **Walloon Export and Foreign Investment Agency (AWEX)** play a crucial role in this ecosystem.

**Valbiom** focuses on the promotion and development of biomass and bio-based products, fostering collaboration among various stakeholders. **GreenWin**, on the other hand, is dedicated to advancing research and innovation in green technologies, supporting companies in their transition towards a more sustainable economy. Meanwhile, **AWEX** facilitates international trade and investment opportunities, helping Walloon companies expand their reach in the global bioeconomy market.

Together, these organizations contribute to making **Wallonia a leader in the bioeconomy**, driving economic growth while ensuring environmental sustainability.

Join us on March 12  
from 4.30 pm for a  
Beerworking Moment !



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Thank you for your attention.



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