

Scale your SME or Startup with €60,000 via BIONetZero!

Date: **9th April 2026**

Time: 13:00 – 14:15 CET, online

About this workshop

Are you an ambitious start-up or small to medium size enterprise developing bio-based solutions and looking for resources to scale your innovation? Join our online workshop to explore **BIONetZero** – a European initiative providing direct funding and expert support to accelerate your journey from lab to market.

This session focuses on the **newly launched Open Call**, where you can **apply for up to €60,000 in grants**. We will guide you through the application process, eligibility criteria, and premium services for you including investor matchmaking, mentoring, and international market entry support designed specifically for your growth.

Who Should Attend?

- **Innovative SMEs & Startups** developing bio-based products, materials, or services (Technology Readiness Level 4–8).
- **Agrifood & Energy-intensive companies seeking to reduce GHG emissions** and dependence on critical inputs.
- **Green Tech Developers** in biomanufacturing, biorefining, waste valorisation, and bio-based chemicals.
- **Producers of Bio-solutions** like alternative proteins, bio-fertilisers, biopesticides, or biodegradable plastics.
- **Tech Providers** using AI, digital twinning, or advanced sensors to **optimise bio-processes**.
- **Forward-thinking Industrial Users** aiming to transform their production into a circular, net-zero model.

What You'll Gain

- **Access Direct Funding** – Get details on the 4 grant types (up to €60,000) to fuel your testing, validation, and market entry.
- **Boost Your Growth** – Leverage expert Key Account Management, investor matchmaking, and mentoring to scale your business.
- **Navigate the Open Call** – Receive practical, step-by-step guidance on how to submit a winning application for the current call.

Agenda

13:00 – 13:05 | Welcome & Setting the Stage (BEC)

13:05 – 13:15 | Meet with us – who is behind BIONetZero

Food & Bio Cluster Denmark (FBCD); Cluster Industrial Biotechnology (CLIB); LITMEA | Smart Food Cluster (LITMEA); Bioeconomy Cluster (BEC)

13:15 – 13:25 | BIONetZero Unveiled: The Big Picture

A brief introduction into our mission & vision to transform Europe's bio-solutions landscape (BEC)

13:25 – 13:35 | Funding for Innovative SMEs – What can you get money from (FBCD)

The BIONetZero Open Call is LIVE:

- *Networking & Travel Grants* (€3,500)
- *Testing & Validation Grants* (€15,000)
- *Development & Market Readiness Grants* (€40,000)
- *Internationalisation Grants* (€5,000)

13:35 – 13:45 | Beyond the Grants: Premium Support Services for You (CLIB, LITMEA)

- *Your Dedicated Support: How to get a Key Account Manager (KAM) to navigate your scaling journey and find the right experts.*
- *Direct Investor Access: Matchmaking with venture capitalists and business angels hungry for bio-based innovations.*
- *Global Market Entry: How we open doors to high-growth international markets for your solutions.*

13:45 – 13:55 | How can you apply

Step-by-step guidance on how to apply and secure your funding right now! (FBCD)

13:55 – 14:15 | Let's Connect: Q&A & Networking

Interactive session where:

- Some of you will get the chance to make a 2 minutes pitch for your venture
- We answer your questions about BIONetZero & explore concrete ways to collaborate

Registration & Contact

Register here: <https://lnk.sk/nsxy1>

Questions? Contact: sasikova@bioeconomy.sk