

# 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 a SME or ambitious startup 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 (TRL 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 – 13:45 | Funding for Innovative SMEs within the BIONetZero project

The BIONetZero Open Call is LIVE:

- **Step-by-step guidance on how to apply and secure your funding right now!** (FBCD)
- *Networking & Travel Grants (€3,500)*
- *Testing & Validation Grants (€15,000)*
- *Development & Market Readiness Grants (€40,000)*
- *Internationalisation Grants (€5,000)*

## 13:45 – 13:55 | Beyond the Grants: Premium Support Services for You (CLIB, LITMEA)

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

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

Interactive session where:

- You can introduce your SME or startup
- We answer your questions about BIONetZero & explore concrete ways to collaborate

## Registration & Contact

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

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