

# A week-long biotech party? **Yes.**

## Start preparing for European Biotech Week 2017

### 25 September – 1 October

Turn the page to see the 2016 edition brought to life!

#### WHAT?

European Biotech Week is an annual celebration of biotechnology through events and public outreach activities taking place across Europe. In 2016, the 4<sup>th</sup> edition featured 135 initiatives involving thousands participants in a record 16 European countries. It was also part of the first ever Global Biotech Week, a success story celebrated across 4 continents.

#### WHO?

Any organisation that is active in or cares about biotech can get involved and raise awareness of the field across Europe in whatever way best fits their mission and resources. Past participants include associations, universities, cultural and research centres, government institutions, schools, large and small biotech companies, science museums, but also individuals such as students, patients and farmers.

#### WHEN?

In 2017 European Biotech Week takes place between 25 September – 1 October 2017, so start planning soon!

#### WHERE?

Across Europe. In 2016, 135 events and initiatives took place in 16 European countries.

#### WHY?

The initiative stems from the passion of those involved in biotech to discuss, communicate and share knowledge with the public at large about the incredible discoveries, benefits and potential offered by the application of this technology.

#### HOW?

As you will see in the following pages, the potential activities are as varied as are the organisers. They include career fairs, hands on laboratories for adults, students and children, competitions, games, exhibitions and open doors in companies, research institutes and museums, and even theatre shows and flash mobs.

#### HOW MUCH?

This is an open and inclusive initiative which is entirely free of charge and not driven by any commercial interest. Participating organisers can ask for European Biotech Week gadgets to be sent to their preferred location ahead of their events/activities.

*A word on origins: the driving force behind the initiative is the National Biotech Associations Council of EuropaBio, the Brussels-based European Association for Bioindustries.*



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# Austria

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Herbstfest (Vienna)



BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences held a symposium focusing on the application of biotechnology in the production of renewable energy.



# Belgium

@EuropaBio

• Jobs and Growth, generated by industrial biotech in Europe (Brussels)

• European Biotech SME Forum (Brussels)

• #run4biotech (Brussels)

• Unshackling Innovation (Brussels)

@EcoverBE and @esseciabiobe

• Site visit to Ecover (Malle)

@UCB\_news and @esseciabiobe

• Site visit to UCB (Braine-l'Alleud)

Together with MEPs Lambert van Nistelrooij and Franc Bogovič, EuropaBio launched a new study on the economic and employment impact of industrial biotech in Europe.



After having opened the Euronext stock markets, EuropaBio gathered SME CEOs to plan the future & celebrate the winners of the 2016 EuropaBio Most Innovative EU Biotech SME Award: : Collectis, Oxytem & Plant Response Biotech.



Ecover Belgium opened its doors to EU officials in Malle.



European and national policymakers as well as patient organisation representatives took a guided tour of the UCB facilities.



EuropaBio and biotech enthusiasts wrapped up Biotech Week by taking part in the Brussels Marathon.



Nobel laureate Sir Richard Roberts and World Food Prize laureate Em. Prof. Marc Van Montagu emphasized the importance of ag innovation for addressing food security challenges.



#CZELO

- **H2020 Biotech Consortium Building** (Brussels)



*H2020 Biotech Consortium Building Workshop facilitated the creation of international project consortia among potential partners.*



France

@AFBV

- **Innovation – Society – Plant Breeding** (Paris)



*AFBV held its sixth workshop at the Goethe Institut in Paris.*

@neomabs

- **Presentation of three research works** (Reims)

@Le\_Museum

- **Where Industry meets Science in marine biotechnology** (Concarneau)



*Research engineers of the NEOMA Business School presented their work to about fifty participants.*



*Group photo in Concarneau, an outstanding example of international cooperation in the area of blue biotech.*



Germany

@BIODeutschland

- **European Business Development Conference** (Frankfurt)
- **Biological radiation research** (Erlangen)
- **From target to market** (Berlin)
- **Biotechnology 4.0** (Göhren-Lebbin)
- **Materials science and engineering** (Darmstadt)
- **Biotech day** (Jülich)



*184 participants debated the latest research in basic and translational radiation biology.*

#EMBOmodularity

- **Modularity of signaling** (Tirol)

@RWTH

- **Protein Engineering Symposium** (Aachen)

#EHSM2016

- **European Health Science Match** (Heidelberg)



*At the European Health Science Match 100 speakers discussed ways to tackle disease.*



@DECHEMA

- Algae biotech table (Frankfurt)

#jobvector

- Career day (Berlin)

#DKLM2016

- Congress of Laboratory Medicine (Mannheim)



Poster presentations and interviews at the Congress of Laboratory Medicine.



Ireland

#BioPharmaAmbition

- BioPharma Ambition (Dublin)

@Amgen

- Amgen Biotech Experience (Dublin)



Ireland was the host of the 2016 BioPharmaAmbition Conference during Biotech Week.



Italy

@assobiotec

- Forum on Industrial Biotech & Bioeconomy (Vicenza)
- All the colours of biotechnology (Rome)
- Biotechnology in the Lab (Varese)
- Gene editing: the new "factory of variety" (Bologna)
- Biotech & diabetes (Turin)
- Why are biotech drugs a real necessity? (Padova)
- Biotechnology in the streets (Varese)
- From the basics to crime scenes & beyond (Pavia)
- Innovation and competitiveness in biomedicine (Roma)



IFIB 2016 aimed to make a survey of research projects in industrial biotechnology and gave the opportunity to meet potential partners and establish new cooperations.



Both meetings informed students about significant agrifood revolutions.



Post-graduate students explained their work in biotech.



100 participants discussed how research infrastructures improve innovation in biomedicine.



- **Conference on biotechnology (Chieti)**
- **Let's Research: Science in action (Naples)**
- **Rise up in research (Bari)**
- **Open doors at MolMed (Milan)**
- **The 5 Ws of circular economy (Bologna)**
- **Open door at Molecular Imaging (Milan)**
- **Using DNA to solve crimes (Palermo)**
- **Advanced Therapy: Opportunities & problems (Milan)**
- **What's the future of biotechnology? (Varese)**
- **Take a look at our labs (Rome)**
- **Cultivate the future (Udine)**
- **Discovery Lab2.0 (Naples)**
- **Are genetic vaccines the future for infectious diseases & cancer? (Rome)**
- **Bioeconomy in the circular economy (Biocirce)**
- **Researcher for a day (Mangone)**
- **Rare and genetic diseases (Pavia)**
- **What analogies between human & animal oncological diseases? (Bologna)**
- **Yeast for wine (Potenza)**
- **The new silk road (Lombardy)**
- **Biomimicry (Naples)**

**@UniTeramo**

- **Biochemistry & its biotech applications (Teramo)**

**@UNOrienta**

- **Don't judge before you know (Oristano)**



The event "Rise up in research" included two lectures on yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.



Students discovered Molecular Imaging labs.



Italy excels in the field of gene and cell therapies.



50 participants visited the labs and met the researchers of the Institute for Translational Pharmacology.



The contributors held a dialogue on healthcare biotech.



A group of researchers working on cancer analysed the similarities between human and pet diseases.



Speakers presented diverse biotech applications at the University of Teramo.



Lab discovery.



Why don't we apply biomimicry to our lives? asked approximately 270 students in Naples.



More than 160 participants exchanged ideas on media communication about GMOs.



@Shireplc

- Open doors at Shire (Rieti & Pisa)

@NoiDiMinerva

- PlayDecide on animal testing (Bologna)

@TEHAmbrosetti

- Technology Forum Life Sciences (Milan)

@FondazioneTLS

- Open door at Fondazione Umberto di Mario (Siena)
- A tutta birra (Siena)
- BiOrigami (Siena)
- Neverland: Regenerating pancreatic islets (Siena)
- Vaccines & vaccination (Siena)
- Yeast Yeast Yeast! (Siena)

@IbpCnr

- Napoli is... biotech (Naples)

@BioindustryPark

- The Dark Lady of DNA (Turin)

@Museoscienza

- World Biotech Tour (Milan)

@MUSE\_Trento

- Do it yourself & Let's discover DNA (Trento)
- Scientific theatre show (Trento)
- Bio-Talk – Round table (Trento)

@Lofarma

- Biotech & allergies (Milan)

@FG\_Fondazione

- Darwin voyage (Bologna)

@bioPmed

- Biotech & diabetes (Turin)

@FutureCampEU

- Future Camp Europe: Jobs for the young (Milan)

@Novamont

- Mater-Biotech (Bottrighe)

@UniamociOnlus

- The Cycle of early detection and advanced therapies (Naples & Bologna)

@FlemingResearch

- The Ties between biomedical research and service (Milan)



*Drawing wall, Assobiotec Media Award and Luca De Biase at the Technology Forum Life Sciences.*



*World Biotech Tour*

*Children discovered the fermentation process of yeast.*



*Discussions focused on allergies.*



*Fondazione Golinelli organised three different labs for children*



*What jobs can be found in the agrifood sector?*



*The ceremony to inaugurate the MATER-BIOTECH plant took place in Bottrighe.*





## Lithuania

- **Biotechnology mindfight (Vilnius)**
- **Potential of circular Economy (Vilnius)**

@VU\_LT

- **Seminar on biotechnology (Vilnius)**



Winners of the international synthetic biology competition, Vilnius iGEM 2016.



All biotech lovers could take the quiz in Vilnius.



129 participants were encouraged to apply the principles of circular economy.



First attempt to use a pipetman.



## Norway

@\_Tekna\_

- **Biotech to the rescue of aquaculture (Trondheim)**
- **Waste as a feedstock (Oslo)**
- **Antibiotic resistant bacteria (Tromsø)**



About 150 people attended three successful evening seminars organised by Tekna Biotek.



## Poland

- **Bioinnovation International Summit (Gdansk)**

@wojewodztwo.lodzkie

- **European Bioeconomy Congress (Lodz)**



Scientists, investors and business met at Bioinnovation International Summit 2016.



The Congress focused on the need to implement the bioeconomy at national and regional level to ensure integration.



## Portugal

@pbio\_pt

- **Biotech celebration (Lisbon)**
- **Clinical development (Cantanhede)**
- **Industrial biotech (Braga)**



## Romania

@usamvcluj

- **20th biotech anniversary (Bucharest)**



Bucharest Ag University inaugurated its new biotech building and research department on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the faculty.





## Spain

@BTIBiotech

- Open doors to BTI Biotechnology Institute (Álava)

@asebio

- BioSpain (Bilbao)
- Crisis Communication Roundtable (Bilbao)

@fundacionantama

- XX years of GM crops in the world (Madrid)

@3PBio

- 3P Bio Forum: Communications & Confidence (Bilbao)



A group of 15 journalists visited the laboratories of a Spanish multinational biotech company.



Asebio staged the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Biotechnology Meeting, BioSpain.



Lisa Melton, from Nature Biotechnology, moderated the crisis communication roundtable.



An event to celebrate 20 years of GM cultivation with about 100 participants in Madrid.



At BioSpain, sessions highlighted the importance of building trust between the different departments involved in the development and manufacturing of biologics.



## Switzerland

@Medtech\_Pharma

- Medtech & Pharma Platform (Basel)

@SwissBiotech

- Swiss Biotech Fall Day (Fribourg)

Dr. Lukas Engelberger gave the welcome speech of the Medtech & Pharma Platform.



## The Netherlands

@DSM

- The driving force of better food & brighter living (Delft)



The Swiss Biotech Day brought together senior executives from the Swiss biotech industry.



## United Kingdom

@BIA\_UK

- Science & Finance Networking Breakfast (Stevenage)



## Online

#BiotechRevolution



Biotech breakthroughs in history

@BiotechKnowledgey



How has biotech affected your daily life?



DSM employees and TU Delft students enjoyed seaweed bites, after interesting discussions on the use of biotechnology to replace meat.

A big thank you to our supporters!



A comprehensive description of all events and activities will be available in printed and online versions by the end of the year!

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