



## The path forward for a green transition highlighted at EFIB2020

### PRESS RELEASE

**Brussels, 16 October 2020** – The 13<sup>th</sup> annual European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology and the Bioeconomy (EFIB) gathered industry, academia, and policy representatives in a fully virtual setting from 5 – 9 October to discuss how industrial biotechnology and bio-based innovation can play a key role in the transition to a more sustainable and circular economy. 350 participants took part from 29 countries and 270 companies.

The 5-day EFIB2020 conference focused on advancing the green economy with biotechnology innovation and included 24 sessions with over 100 speakers, exploring 6 key focus topics including trends, innovation and policy perspectives on food, feed & nutrition, bioplastics, financing & investing and bio-based industrial processes and much more.

The conference also included a digital Start-Up Forum, with 31 innovative start-ups taking part, and an Innovation Campus showcasing innovative scientific approaches in industrial biotechnology and the bioeconomy through 12 poster presentations. Voted by its peers as the winning start-up and praised for combining traditional food technology and innovative biotechnology was Better Nature, a UK-based start-up and the world's first food-tech company to focus on tempeh fermentation and innovation. The best poster presentation was awarded to Sylvain Carcelle of Bioréa, for a ground-breaking advance in bioreactor technology, providing new horizons for microalgae use in food, feed, and environmental applications.

Agnes Borg, Industrial Biotechnology Director, EuropaBio, commented: "Also in a digital format, EFIB continues to be a key forum in the bioeconomy landscape, showcasing innovative products and processes and bringing together professionals from business, policy and academia to discuss and raise awareness of advancements and innovations in industrial biotechnology. We warmly congratulate the winners of the Start-Up Forum and Innovation Campus and thank all attendees for contributing to a digital conference week full of insights and engagement!"

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