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# FP7 project BERST: building regional strategies for biobased economies

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## Background

The implementation of the European bioeconomy occurs under the encouragement of entrepreneurs and political authorities, assisted by knowledge workers (R&D). The drivers are:

- (1) the search for alternative resources for fossil fuels;
- (2) the response to climate warming by becoming as CO<sub>2</sub> neutral as possible; and
- (3) the industrial demand for new functionalities offered by biobased materials and chemicals.

The bioeconomy could serve as an engine of economic growth in EU regions.

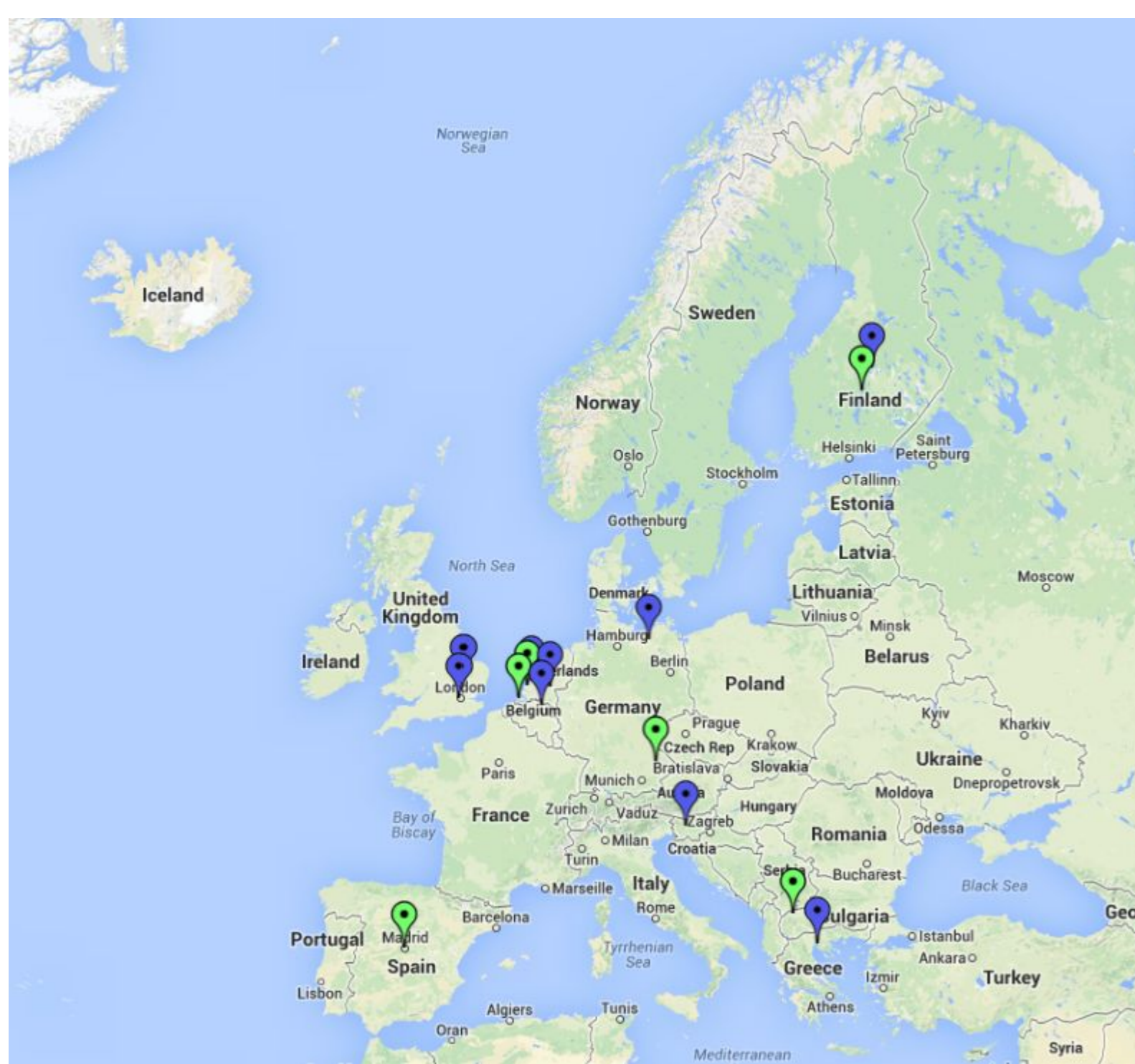


## Aim of the project

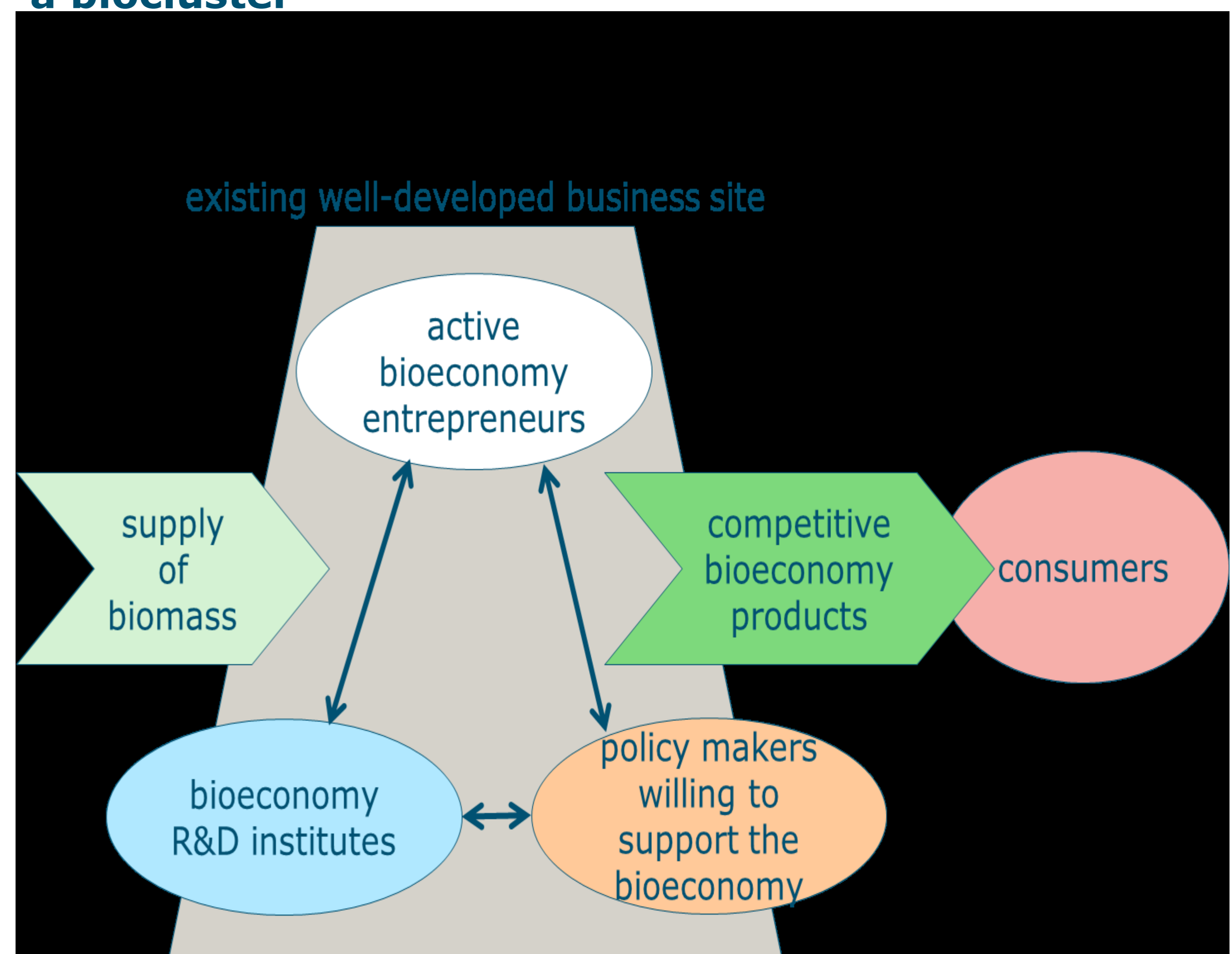
BERST aims to explore the bioeconomy potential of EU regions by focusing on the following questions:

- What is the current bioeconomy potential of EU regions?
- What is the future bioeconomy potential of EU regions?
- How to close the gap between current and future bioeconomy potential of EU regions?
- How to develop smart strategies for regional bioeconomies in the EU?

## Partners in BERST



## Conceptual model for the analysis of the strategy of a biocluster



## Five work packages

- WP1: Develop Criteria describing the Regional Bioeconomy Potential
- WP2: Develop a Catalogue of Instruments and Measures
- WP3: Develop a Catalogue of Good Practices and Case Studies
- WP4: Create and Elaborate Regional Profiles based on WP1 Criteria
- WP5: Establish Emulation through Networking and Dissemination

## Results

- a toolkit to help regions in building a biobased economy;
- an operating bioregional network for the exchange of good practices and for learning together how to deal with the possibilities and challenges related to the bioeconomy potential.

See for further information: [www.berst.eu](http://www.berst.eu)

