

European Circular Bioeconomic Fund









Capital for Transformation

Financing possibilities of European Circular Bioeconomy Fund

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Transformation process is speeding up in Europe



Key factors driving the European Bioeconomy

- Consumer awareness and changing demand
- Public & private initiatives, regulatory frameworks
- World-class R&D and high public support for innovation

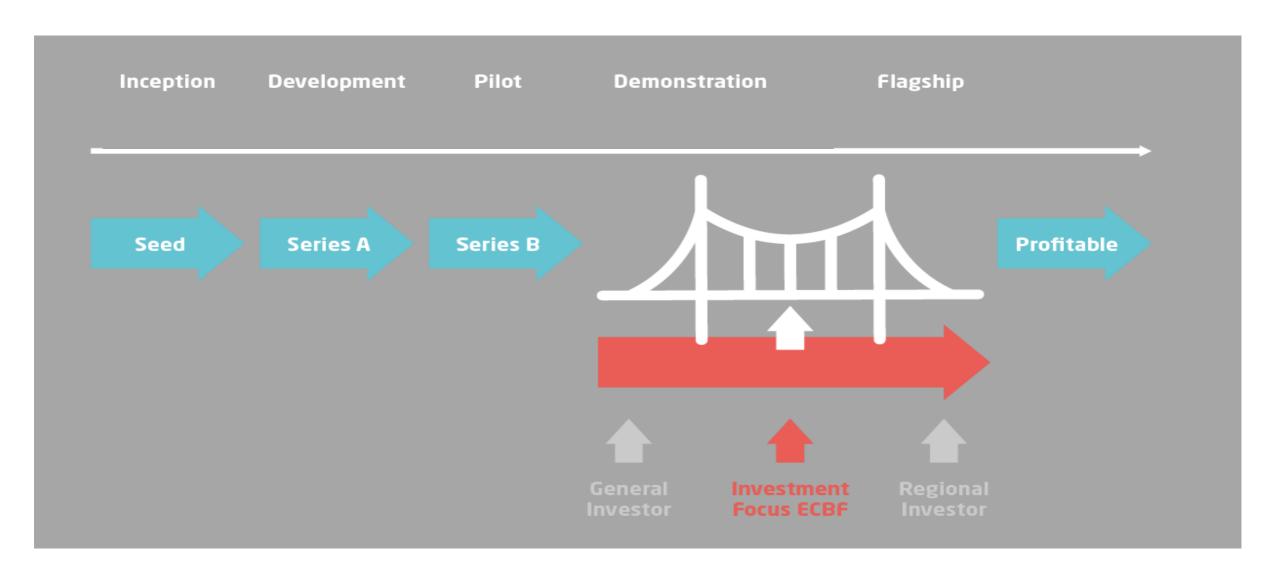
... but the European Circular Bioeconomy faces a growth-stage funding gap¹⁾



¹⁾ European Investment Bank, Access-to-finance conditions for Investments in Bio-Based Industries and the Blue Economy (2017)

Great Opportunities to Scale-up





Some Challenges for Growth stage Bioeconomy Companies



Very high level of complexity in the companies!

- > Availability of feedstock and prices (biomass vs. fossil based ressources)
- ➤ R&D for both new products and processes
- Production: outsourcing vs. setting up own plants
 (fossil based production technologies are very optimized,
 economics of scale)
- Organization of the company and logistics
- Uncertainty regulatory frameworks (e.g. carbon taxes...)
- > Sales of sometimes a number of different products in new, very dynamic and uncertain markets
- ➤ Lack of expertise alongside the value chain
- Focus on grants and subsidies and growth financing gap





Key Facts on ECBF

Key Facts: Dedicated Fund to the Circular Bioeconomy



Investment Guidelines

- Focus on 20-25 growth companies
- Regional focus: Europe
- TRL at least 6
- Active Investor as lead or co-lead
- Syndication with other investors
- Focus on value creation and value add
- Positive Impact strict ESG guidelines based on FIB standards

Fund Key Facts

- Targeted fund size € 250m
- 10 yrs duration period (+ 2 yrs extension)
- Fund based in Luxembourg
- Hauck & Aufhäuser Fund Services S.A. as AIFM advised by ECBF Management GmbH, Bonn
- Significant team committment

Targeting 20%+ p.a. return with a favorable risk/return profile



ECBF Team (so far)





Michael Brandkamp Founding Partner



Michael Nettersheim **Founding Partner**



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Marie Asano Principal



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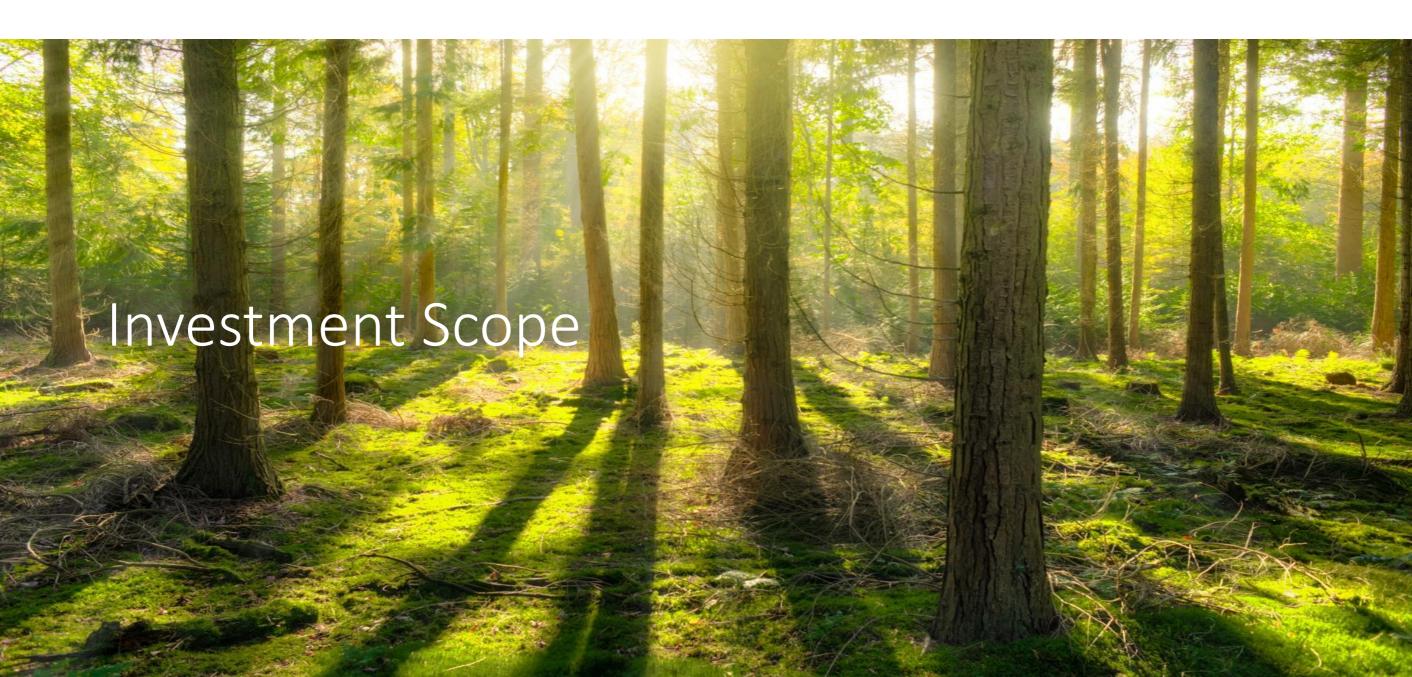


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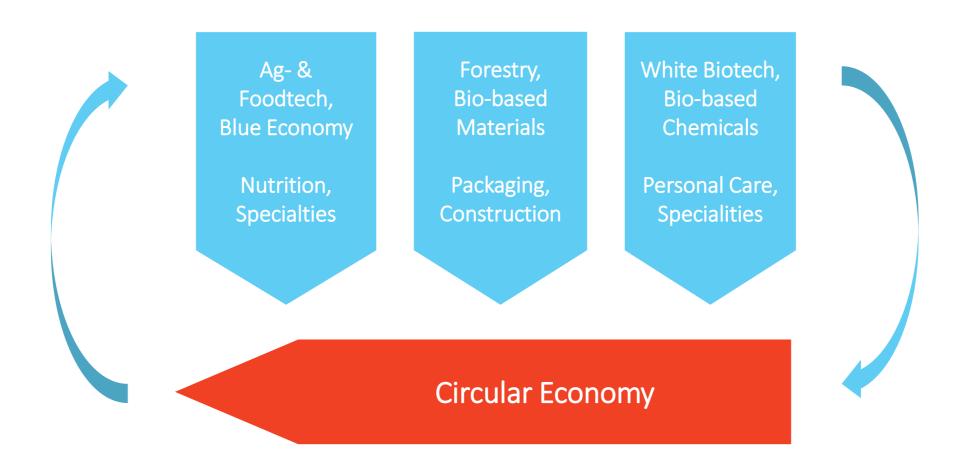




Highly focused on three main subsectors all contributing to Circular Economy



Chemistry, Biotechnology & Digitalization are key enablers for transformation









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What are we looking at?



Six Due Diligence Steps

1. Technical DD

TRL, IP, Production, Product quality, Scaling-up risks

- 2. Market
 - Feedstocks, Market-dynamic, Competition and Alternatives, Prices, Regulatory Topics
- 3. ESG

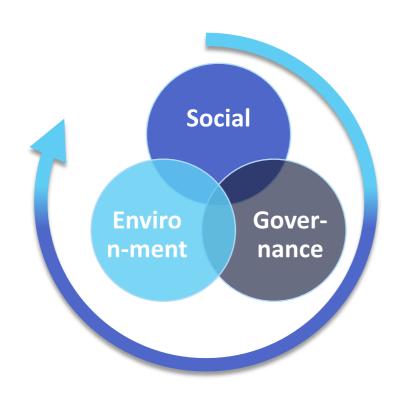
- 4. Management and Team
 Experience, Execution Power, Company Culture
- 5. Financial Investments, Costs, Margins, Exitpotentials
- 6. Legal

Contracts and Governance

ECBF investments will be in line with a set of Environmental, Social & Governance criteria^{1,2)}



Sustainability considerations



ECBF's ESG guidelines

- Specific Criteria related to Circular Bioeconomy
- ➤ Excluded activities including destruction of critical habitats, new palm oil plantations etc.
- ▶ Restricted activities covering projects in bioenergy and greenhouses
- ▶ EIB's E&S handbook¹) and carbon footprint methodologies²)
- ▶ ECBF will follow the Mitigation Hierarchy Concept: avoid, minimize, restore, compensate Economic impact
- → Positive overall evaluation is a condition for an investment!

¹⁾ Investments realized by the Fund shall be in line with the EIB Environmental and Social Handbook and the Guide to Procurement of the EIB.

²⁾ EIB Project Carbon Footprint Methodologies

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Great Partners! Very happy becoming a part of the Bioeconomy Ecosystem!

































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