



## Agrobiopôle Wallon

### Pole of excellence

Interface between upstream side (systems of production) and the downstream side (conversion of agro-resources), the Agrobiopôle contributes to the appearance of new outlets for the agricultural world and new opportunities for the sector of the industrial biotechnologies.

The Agrobiopôle federates organizations which develop activities around the biorefining, a concept covering all the processes of conversion of the biomass in the perspective of production of range of products with the aim of maximizing the added value in convergence with the sustainable development criteria.

### Main goal

Agrobiopôle owes supply its members with the practical tools facilitating the emergence of their ideas and the realization of their projects. The activities are thus centered around the following axes:

- **Federate** the expertise of the Walloon actors of diverse sectors around the biorefining.
- **Strengthen** the competitiveness of the Walloon companies in the sectors of the agronomy and the industrial biotechnologies, in particular by facilitating the technological transfer and by promoting the innovation
- **Position** the Walloon actors on the European scene of the biorefining

## Membres

### *Scientific institutions*

Centre Technique Horticole  
 Walloon Agricultural Research Center  
 Centre des Technologies Agronomiques  
 Département de l'Etude du Milieu naturel et agricole  
 University of Namur  
 Agricultural University of Gembloux  
 Haute Ecole Charlemagne  
 Materia Nova - Natiss

### *Associations*

CARINNA  
 Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de la Province  
 de Namur  
 Centre Interprofessionnel Maraîcher  
 Fédération Wallonne de l'Agriculture  
 Institut Royal Belge pour l'Amélioration de la  
 Betterave  
 IAR  
 Namur-Europe-Wallonie  
 Union des Classes Moyennes  
 Valbiom asbl

### *Enterprises*

Agrostar s.a.  
 Biogaz Développement  
 Biolife sprl  
 Brichart s.a.  
 DNAlis sprl  
 Herbalgem sprl  
 Immolabo s.a.  
 Methadev sprl  
 Pamwood sprl  
 Pharma Manufacturing s.a.  
 Wetlands Engineering sprl

### *Public institutions*

Bureau économique de la Province de Namur  
 Province de Namur  
 Ville de Gembloux

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## Agrobiopôle Wallon

### Services for members

#### Customised economic and technological intelligence watch

The pole's operational team **actively screens** more than 50 national and international information sources.

With respect to their **respective activity** sector, it identifies and provides to its members business/research **opportunities** at regional as well as at national and international levels:

- Call for projects
- Partnership requests/offers
- Sectorial events
- Financing opportunities

#### Support in project engineering

The pole support its members in the development of their innovation strategy through the implementation and the management of projects of R&D. The pole's operational team proposes them various types of supports such as:

- Partner search
- Organisation of meetings
- Assistance for project engineering
- Collection of specific information
- Identification of financial sources

In association with the National Contact Points (NCP) of the European Commission, it also offers members a support to join/set up European consortiums (7th Framework Programme).

#### Active partnership development

The pole helps its members to identify, at regional, as well as at national or European levels, the best partner(s) (companies or research units) able to cooperate in the context of R&D projects in order to solve problems (technology, process, products...) or to develop innovative projects

#### Communication and international networks integration

The pole reinforces the **international position** of its members through:

- Relationships with **thriving organisations** focusing on new valorisations of plant resources (at regional or international level)
- Implication in **European projects** such as ABC-Network (<http://www.europe-innova.org/ABC-Network>), Detect-it 2 ([www.detect-it.org](http://www.detect-it.org)) and Biorefinery Euroview ([www.biorefinery-euroview.eu](http://www.biorefinery-euroview.eu))

The pole contributes to the **visibility** of its members through:

- Dissemination of information during sectorial events
- Description and integration of their activities in networking tools at regional and European levels
- Fact sheet realisation
- Publication of information regarding their activities on its Web site ([www.agrobiopole.be](http://www.agrobiopole.be))