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**POWER4BIO – emPOWERing regional stakeholders for realising the full potential of european BIOeconomy**.

To whom it may concern:

POWER4BIO is a project coordinated by CIRCE, includes different stakeholders leading the bioeconomy in 10 diverse European regions coming from 9 different countries and the project envisages an ambitious work to boost and/or consolidate the bioeconomy in those 10 regions.

In addition, in order to enlarge the regional input and participation to POWER4BIO activities and the replication of the project’s results a **Community of Interest** with representatives of non-partner regions of the project has been developed. The overall aim is to operate this community as a learning and action system and thus distribute knowledge and facilitate exchange between a large number of European regions. Participant regions in the Community of Interest might benefit from:

* Cross-visits between regions and workshops in collaboration with the main international platform members of the POWER4BIO Advisory Board (BIC, ECRN, ERDN) to ensure knowledge transfer among regions and boost the cooperation opportunities for developing cross-border value chains.
* Technical workshops with researchers, policy makers, industries and regions.
* Courses and events to develop capacity building programs.
* Five thematic webinars aimed at regional stakeholders across Europe.
* Be part of the Community of Interest section of the POWER4BIO webpage, with access to POWER4BIO activities, results, workshops and conferences

On the other hand, and in the search of having access to the same data, we strongly encourage you to fill the Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) of the European Commission (<https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/escss)>. This will facilitate sharing a better insight of the regional situation. In this regard, do not hesitate to come back to us with questions or any required support.

Mr./Ms. name, position, hereby expresses his/her intention to become a member of the Community of Interest with the aim of fostering mutual learning and cross-regional collaboration, to complement and join forces with the POWER4BIO participant regions.

Accordingly, the **<<Name of the Regional Authority/ Company name/ Name of the person>>** is highly interested in the project’s activities and output and declare its intention to support the project by:

* Providing input about our region experience, needs and expectations regarding bioeconomy.
* Taking part to conferences addressing regional cooperation in bioeconomy, regional mentoring, experience exchanges and training activities.
* Supporting the dissemination and exploitation of the project results and experiences among the main stakeholders in our region

We look forward to your positive feedback.

Yours sincerely,

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