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## News

### Bioplastic Production to Exceed One Million Tonnes in 2011

(Sustainable PLant, 16/05/2011) Bioplastic capacity is predicted to pass the one million tonne mark in 2011, and global bioplastics production capacity will more than double from 2010 to 2015. according to a current study presented May 13 by the industry association European Bioplastics in cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Hanover at the interpack trade fair in Dusseldorf. ([Read more](#))

### Bioplastics at Olympics 2012

(ICIS, 1/06/2011) UK's National Centre for Biorenewable Energy, Fuels and Materials (NNFCC) noted that compostable plastics will be widely used next year at the London 2012 Olympic Games. The NNFCC and British Printing Industries Federation have been working with the London Organizing Committee for the Olympic games to ensure compostable food packaging is part of the event. ([Read more](#))

### Holland and a bio-based economy

(Biorefining magazine, 09/06//2011)

The government of Holland is working to support and build up its biobased economy. ([Read more](#))

### Polimeri Europa (Eni group) and Novamont together for Matrícia, a bio-based chemical complex: a new age for the chemical industry

(Natural Plastics, 15/06/2011) The new Joint Italian Venture has as its mission the designing, building and managing of chemical plants using vegetable oil feedstock for the production of biochemicals ([Read more](#))

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## Highlights

### Calling All SMEs! EuropaBio Launches the Most Innovative European Biotech SME Award 2011

(EuropaBio, 10/05/2011) Today EuropaBio invites nominees for Europe's Most Innovative Biotech SME of the year by launching the call for applications to the 2011 award. The award offers the opportunity to build the public profiles of companies leading the way in developing Europe's strong scientific potential in the application of biotechnology. With a prize fund of € 10,000 and two years free membership of EuropaBio (worth over €5,000), the competition is again expected attract an outstanding array of applications from across EU member states and representing all sectors of the Biotech industry. ([Read more](#))

### French government launches a call for proposal to support the development of bio-based chemistry

In the framework of the national funding programme 'Investissement d'Avenir', ADEME (French Agency for Energy and Environment) launches the call for proposal 'biobased chemistry', aiming at creating an operational and commercially competitive environment to enhance the production of biobased products in short and longer term.

In addition to this funding opportunity, a comprehensive roadmap has been realized by main French public and private stakeholders in the field of biobased chemistry, assessing environmental and economical benefits of it and describing latest research and technological developments in the field.

Each project will have to be led by a private companies (SME or large enterprise), and be collaborative (meaning realized with several partners, including public research centers)

Total budget of each project will have to be more that 2M€. Total budget of the programme will depend on number and quality of projects received.

The deadline for projects submissions is September 15, 2011

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## Events

**First European Congress on Plant-based chemistry**, 5-7 September 2011, Paris, France.

**BIOCHEM Accelerator Forum**, 5-7 October, Milan, Italy.

**EFIB**, 18-20 October, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**Nordic Venture Forum**, 9-10 November, Copenhagen, Denmark.

**European Venture Summit**, 27-28 November, Düsseldorf, Germany.

## Call for action

### Wishing to invest in the bio-based products market?

**Join us and meet new business partners and potential investors at the BIOCHEM Accelerator Forum in Milan.**

Are you looking for funding or partnerships? Then this forum is the unique opportunity for you to network with the different stakeholders of the bio-based community. You will get the chance to present your company to a mixed and international audience of investors, tech transfer officers, companies and governmental organizations. This forum combines **technology transfer, partnering and venture capital events** in one single location.

For more information and to apply online, go to

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