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# Launch of the 9th report on Bioeconomy in Europe

## European parliament

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# Our world is VUCA

**V**olatile

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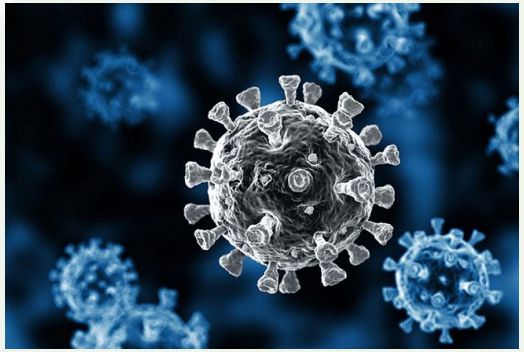
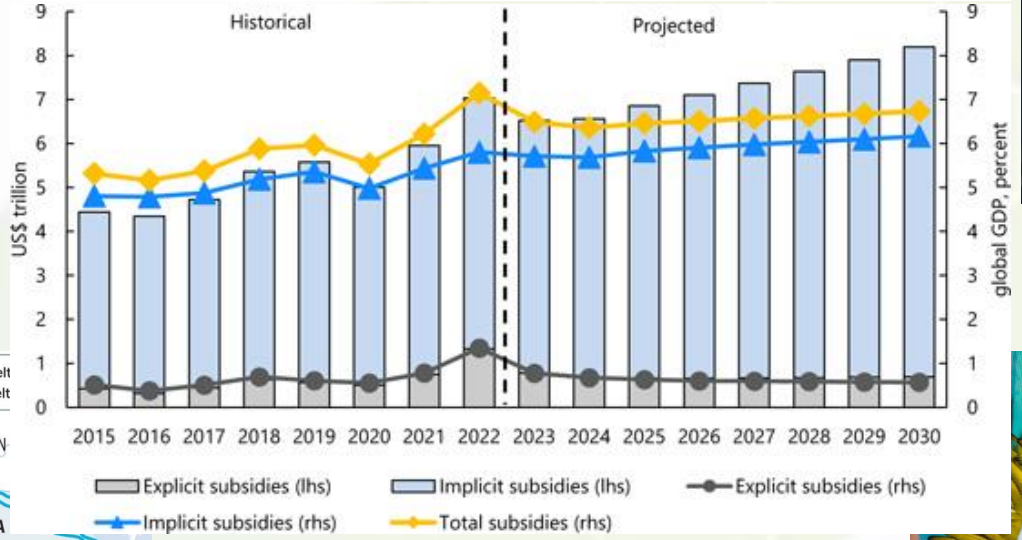


# Our competitors are flexing the muscles

2023 explicit and implicit subsidies to fossil fuels

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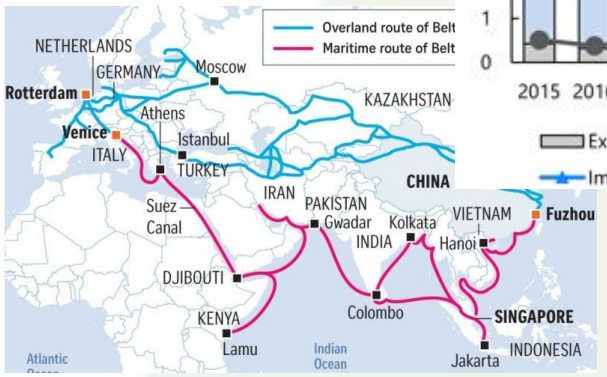
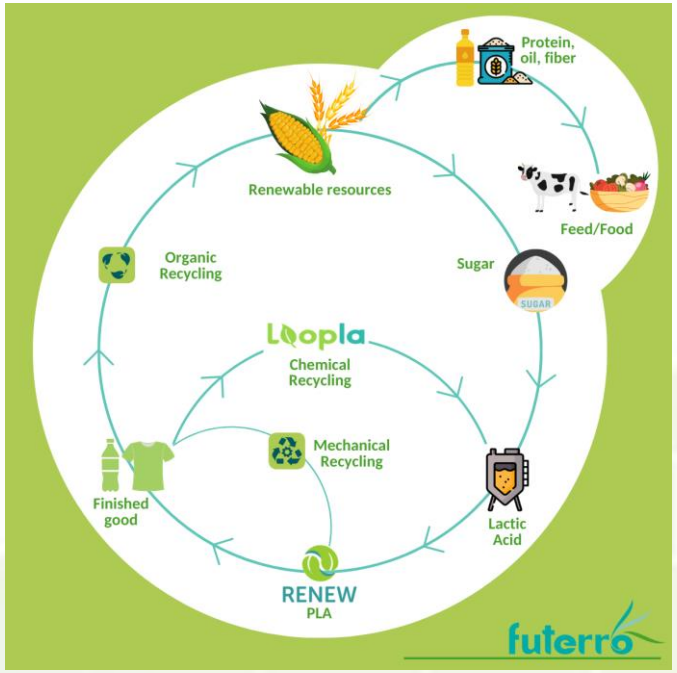


# In Europe in 2024? A wind of change …

- Sustainable Carbon Cycles
- AGRIFISH Council conclusions
- DG GROW market uptake initiative
- SOTEU 2023 Biotech & Biomanufacturing initiative



Polypropylene containing 40% RFF

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# … and much more!

# Accelerating? What does it take?

- Biomass
- Investments
- Markets
- Enabling and consistent policies

# Wishlist for 2024

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**Delivering the bioeconomy agenda for 2024 and beyond**

Industry players and EU institutions need an absolute focus on meeting the bloc's climate and circularity targets. The bioeconomy, bio-based and bio-derived products contribute to most of these ambitions, as well as to the overall defossilisation of society. The coming years will be critical to accelerate their development and market uptake. The EU agenda must visibly include them in the actions to deliver the climate and industry transition.

**3 guiding principles for an acceleration**

The bioeconomy in 2023 actually delivers many materials, substances and products for the chemical industry in Europe.

To further deliver direct and knock-on benefits for the environment, for climate, for workers, for the economy and for the society at large, the bioeconomy needs a number of principles to be set properly:

1. Significant amounts of sustainable bio feedstocks must be available and accessible at competitive conditions.
2. Global investors need a climate of long-term confidence for financial commitments in the European bioeconomy
3. Bio-based and bio-derived materials and products require kickstarting and incentive measures to get better access to markets and better recognition from customers and consumers.

This will only happen if the next Commission and the elected new Parliament develop strategies and policies in accordance with these guiding principles, and implement an ambitious action plan for the bioeconomy that should at least comprise of the following actions.

**Key actions for a striving bioeconomy beyond 2024**

1. Fair access to biomass

The bioeconomy depends on multiple sources of biomass that must be seen as complementary and fit-for-purpose ones. From annual agricultural crops to bio-waste, all sustainably produced and harvested/collected feedstocks are indispensable to help

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