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# Building a sustainable and circular bioeconomy in Croatia



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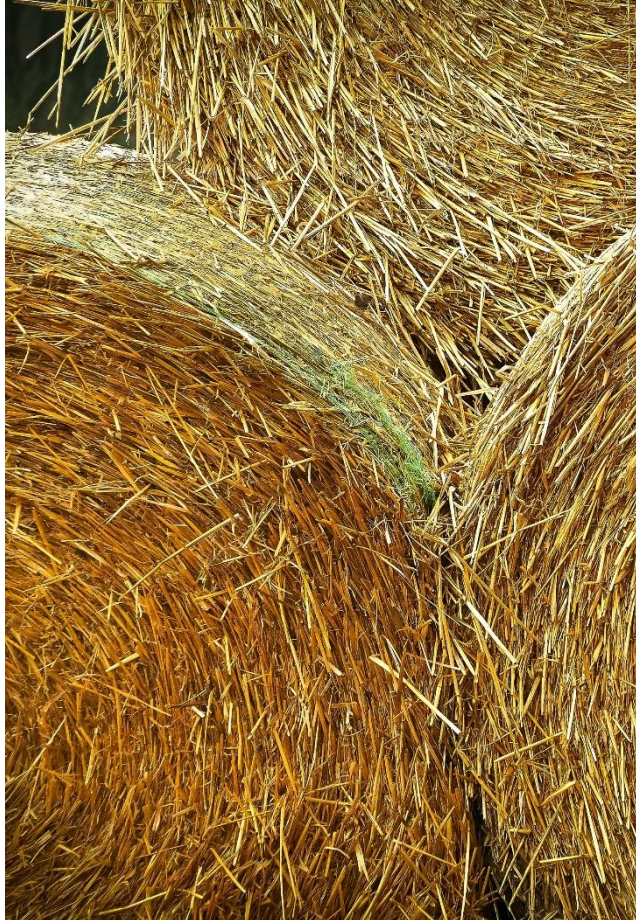


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# AGRICULTURAL STRATEGY



- increase the added value of agricultural production
- improve the environmental sustainability of agricultural practices
- improve the compatibility between production systems and the properties of agro-ecological zones
- facilitate capital investment focused on technology and innovation
- improve access to research and development and the use of knowledge and technology in decision-making and investment



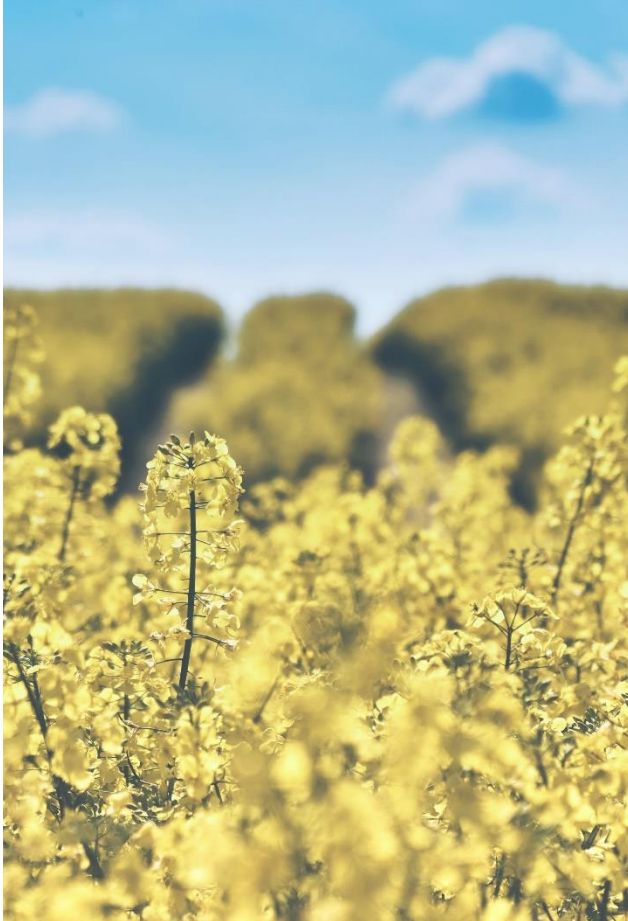
# BIOECONOMY IN CROATIA



higher sectoral specialization of labour and low visible sectoral labour productivity due to a high concentration of employment in labour-intensive sectors of biomass production

- agriculture
- forestry
- fisheries
- aquaculture

# BIOECONOMY STRATEGY



## technological development and innovation

- production growth
- cost reduction
- risk reduction
- increased added value
- development of new markets

## regional and territorial development

- growth of the primary sector has a positive impact on related sectors

# BIOECONOMY STRATEGY

- unrestricted access to the EU market
- access to funding under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
- diverse agri-environmental conditions
- quality land and rich water resources
- relatively low labour costs
- good road infrastructure
- growth of domestic tourism





# BIOECONOMY STRATEGY

- assistance in unlocking potentials and investments in rural areas which are necessary for social inclusion
- a large amount of land and marine natural resources represent the potential for the transition to a sustainable circular bioeconomy
- bioeconomy provides new opportunities for the development of the blue economy
- biomass from waste and residues in agri-food systems is a huge untapped resource
- the existing bio-industry is the basis for innovation and the creation of new market opportunities for biomass-based products
- inclusion of bioeconomy in strategic plans within the CAP and CFP



# Thank you for your attention!



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