

Norway Bioeconomy

Norway's bioeconomy strategy takes a holistic, cross-sectoral approach, encompassing renewable biological resources from agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture. The overall objective is to increase value creation, employment and sustainability through the efficient and responsible use of these resources, while supporting food security, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and advancing the transition to a circular economy.

The strategy is guided by three core principles:

1. The population's need for food is of paramount concern
2. Resources should be used and re-used in an efficient manner
3. Use of resources should be profitable

It focuses on four priorities:

1. Cooperation across sectors, industries and thematic areas
2. Markets for renewable bio-based products
3. Efficient use and profitable processing of renewable, biological resources
4. Sustainable production and extraction of renewable biological resources

Research, innovation and technology development are key enablers across all priority areas.

Norway welcomes the background paper on bioeconomy and appreciates FAO's efforts to advance forest-based bioeconomy and highlights the value of integrated approaches across agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, where relevant, to maximize contributions to food security, climate action and sustainable development.