

## Creating value from bioresources -Innovation in Nordic Bioeconomy

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### Content plan

- 1. The study on innovation in Nordic bioeconomy.
- 2. Creating value from bioresources. What is our bioeconomy made of?
- 3. How have we created value so far? Business ecosystems, forerunner companies and systemic innovation.
- 4. Which obstacles are in the way? And what support measures are there to overcome the obstacles?





### Objective.

- Within the Nordic Bioeconomy
  - identify the innovation-oriented challenges
  - identify areas with high growth potential
- Describe volume and constituents of bioeconomy in the Nordic countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland









## Global bioeconomy potential is high

- Nearly 1800 new biorefineries will be commissioned during 2012-2022
  - current situation 1415
- Biorefineries will attract 132 billion € investments, reaching 240 million tons per year installed capacity
  - current capacity for biofuels is 100Mt and biochemicals 50 Mt





## What is our bioeconomy made of?

#### Traditional bioeconomy sectors

Sectors included in bioeconomy

**Agriculture** 

A1 Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities

Fisheries and aquaculture

A3 Fishing and aquaculture

**Forestry** 

A2 Forestry and logging

**Food industry** 

C10 Manufacture of food products
C11 Manufacture of beverages

C12 Manufacture of tobacco products

**Forest industry** 

Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture;

C16 manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials

C17 Manufacture of paper and paper products

**Bioenergy and biofuels** 

B-100100 Electricity and heat from biomass and waste

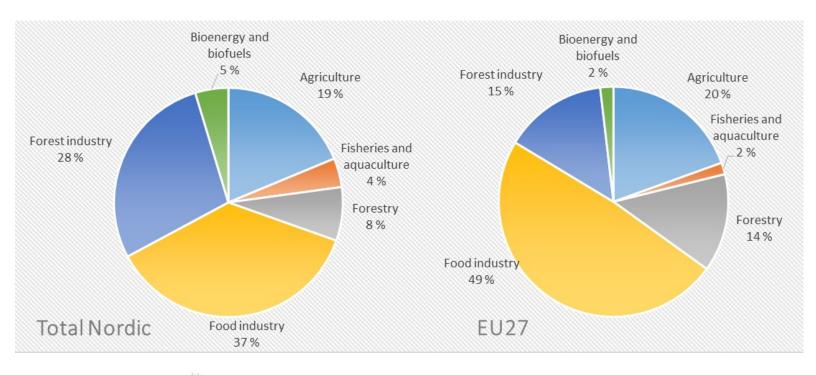
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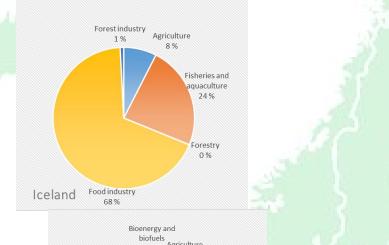
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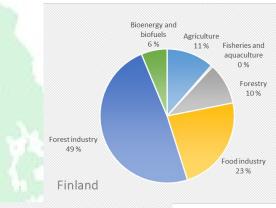


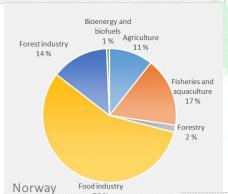


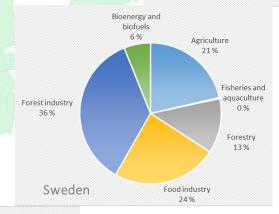




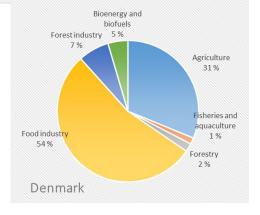














## What is our bioeconomy made of?

Contribution of Nordic countries to European total

Volume of bioeconomy in Nordic countries	Nordic / EU 27
Agriculture	9 %
Fisheries and aquaculture	23 %
Forestry	5 %
Food industry	7 %
Forest industry	18 %
Bioenergy and Biofuels	24 %
Total bioeconomy	10 %



Sectors	Nordic / EU 27
Building and construction	9 %
Textile industry	2 %
Chemical and plastics industry	5 %
Pharmaceutical industry	8 %
Technologies	10 %
Services (accomodation and food services)	6 %
Water treatment and supply	4 %
Waste treatment	8 %
Total economy	9 %



# Growth potential of bioeconomy from crosscutting opportunities



- Biofuels for transportation
- Biochemicals



- Bulk chemicals could reach 113 Million tonnes by 2050 and represent 38 % of all organic chemical production
- High-value chemicals, e.g. aromatic compounds of lignin



#### Advanced biomaterials



#### Services

- Crosscutting opportunities in all areas of bioeconomy as source of growth, but challenging to quantify
- Maintenance, delivery channels, R&D and expert services etc.







## Selected business ecosystems in the Nordic Bioeconomy and forerunner examples









#### 1. Aquatic **Biorefinery**

- Icelandic Ocean Cluster, IS
- Sybimar, FI

#### 2. Nordic **Functional Bio Ingredients**

- Chitinor, NO
- Danisco, DK

#### 3. Advanced **Biomaterials**

- Innventia, SE
- Valmet, FI

#### 4. Biorefinery **Concepts**

- Borregaard, NO
- Sunpine, SE



5. Biocatalysis



6. Decentralized **Energy Systems** 

• Bigadan, DK



7. Bioeconomy Related **Recreational Services** 

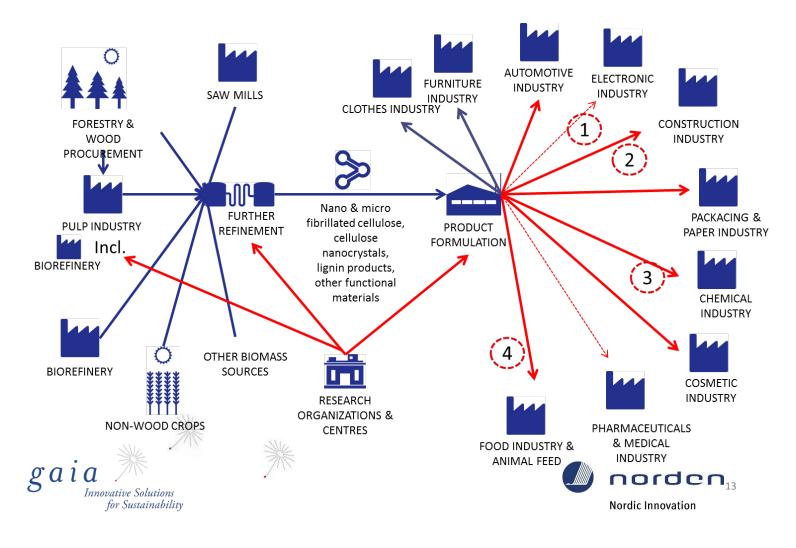
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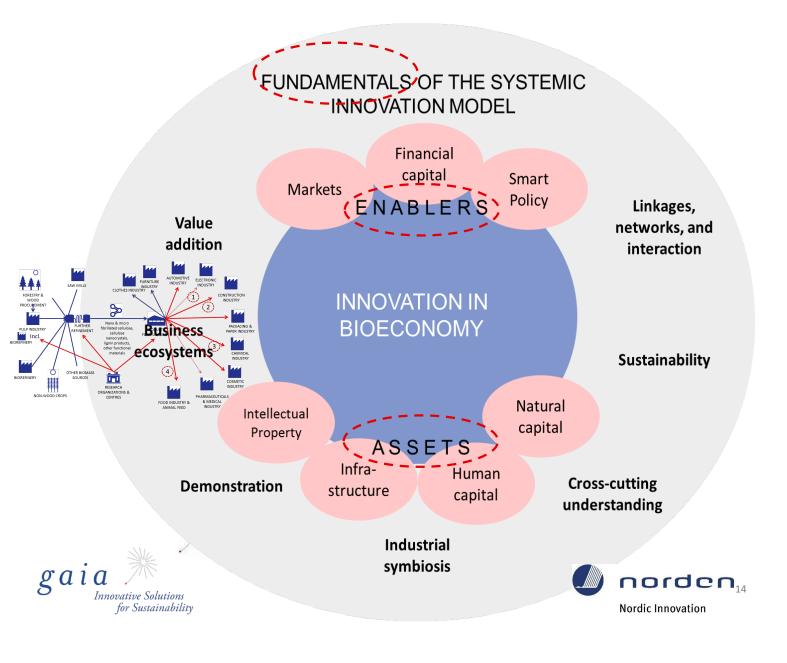
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## 3. Advanced Biomaterials: *Innventia, Sweden*









# Identified obstacles in Nordic bioeconomy (1/2)

- Remarkable need of capital and lack of financing
  - Bioeconomy related businesses are resource and investment intensive
  - Bioeconomy as a sector is not familiar to the financiers
- Lack of references and track record
- Unclear market outlook, regulation biases the markets, and unstable operating environment
- Long and slow regulatory procedures, innovations are not recognized by existing laws
- Difficulties in commercialization of bio-based products and services
  - Innovations are often technology driven, instead of being market driven
  - The lack of piloting and demonstration possibilities





# Identified obstacles in Nordic bioeconomy (2/2)

- Access to markets is lacking and market knowledge is limited. Lead markets do not exist.
- Questionable access to raw materials
- The existing infrastructure does not support new innovations
- Crosscutting nature of bioeconomy presents challenges
- Too little experience of open innovation and cooperation
- Lack of actors in the value chains and ecosystems
- Diversified beneficiaries in bioeconomy business ecosystems are not clear





### Ideas for needed support

- Make it simpler to seek financing important for SMEs to simplify process
- Promote access to seed-money and especially venture
   capital for commercial phase educate financing providers
- Ensure mobility and access to specialists
- Enable cross-sector transfer of ideas
- Support for demonstration plants requiring sizeable investments
- Support for acquiring market knowledge for promoting exports









