



WELCOME

By Hans Blankestijn, EBBEY project manager

So far, the worldwide economy is mainly oil-based. Fossil energy sources are used for fuel, for heating, for the production of a wide range of products such as plastics, medicines, food additives, etc. The oil-based economy, however, has many consequences like global warming due to a growing production of carbon dioxide and the dependency on unstable regimes.

In a Bio-Based Economy (BBE), the agricultural sector is not only a provider of food. In addition, the green sector provides source materials for commodity items, e.g. liquid fuels and value-added products such as chemicals, medicine and materials for the industry. It is expected, that the bio-based economy will be to the 21st century what the fossil-based economy was to the 20th century.

But are the agricultural training institutions all over Europe really ready for that?

In due course, the EBBEY consortium will offer you a Community of Practice with practical learning and support materials on Bio Based Economy topics such as sustainability and renewable energy.

You are most welcome to use it for free. Immediately. In and outside your own classroom.



EBBEY is on!

By Henrik Dethlefsen, secretary general, EUROPEA

In its strive for collecting, developing, testing and disseminating inspiring, state-of-art and relevant teaching materials, the EBBEY partners are gathering at a number of occasions:

- **30 – 31 January 2014:** Kick-off in Ede, The Netherlands
- **31 March – 1 April 2014:** Seminar in Budapest, Hungary
- **9 – 10 October 2014:** Seminar in Seinäjoki, Finland
- **9 – 10 April 2015:** Seminar in Aarhus, Denmark
- **5 – 6 November 2015:** Wrap-up meeting and Launching seminar in Luxembourg



Part of the EBBEY team at work in Budapest, Hungary, in early April 2014.

The EBBEY platform will be launched **Friday, 6 November 2015** as part of the EUROPEA conference on BBE in Luxembourg.



The EBBEY partnership



AOC Raad (NL)

The branch organization for green education in the Netherlands, representing 12 Agricultural Colleges with a total of 100 schools and 60.000 students.



Business Development Friesland (NL)

Non-profit foundation, which develops and executes projects focused on growth for people in knowledge institutions, start-up companies, well-established SMEs and local governments.



Helicon (NL)

Agricultural Training Centre in the south and central part of the Netherlands operating 13 schools for secondary and vocational education.



Jordbrugets Uddannelsescenter Århus (DK)

Vocational school offering a broad range of programmes within the whole of green vocations.



Sedu (FI)

Regional vocational upper secondary education provider in the western part of Finland, which offers programmes in e.g. Natural Resources, Technology and Transportation.



VM KASZK (HU)

Vocational college comprising 3 schools and a college farm in the northern part of Hungary.



BilSE-Institut für Bildung und Forschung GmbH (DE)

State-approved institution of advanced training that promotes innovation in the general education and in vocational education as well.



Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (SK)

SUA is a top university in the area of agro-sciences in Slovakia with currently app. 10.000 students and 2.500 members of staff.



EUROPEA-International (BE)

International non-profit organization representing more than 1.000 vocational schools within the green sector in 25 European countries.