ICT-BIOCHAIN TO PRESENT ITS RESULTS IN AN ONLINE SESSION

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- *Since it started two years ago, ICT-BIOCHAIN has developed an innovative platform and established two Digital Innovation Hubs.*

Seville (Spain), May 7, 2020 - The ICT-BIOCHAIN project is presenting its results, lessons learned and conclusions during an online final conference to be held on May 28.

ICT-BIOCHAIN started on June 1, 2018, with the goal to leverage digitization in the bio-based industry. Since then, it has developed an innovative platform to connect biomass suppliers and stakeholders from the biobased industries, with ICT technology providers. In addition, it has established two Digital Innovation Hubs in ready-made, test-bed bioeconomy regions: South-East Ireland and Andalusia (Spain). Leading experts and support networks have developed region-specific bio-resource data models that the partners plan to keep updated after the project ends.

"The work carried out during the execution of ICT-BIOCHAIN has provided the two Digital Innovation Hubs with the practical knowledge and know-how needed to continue its exploitation after the completion of the project", said the project coordinator Judit Anda, Vice-Ministry Technical Counsellor at the Andalusian Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development.

One of the main goals of ICT-BIOCHAIN is to bring Europe to the forefront of the bioeconomy field, a sector in full growth and with great economic prospects that employs over 18 million people. However, to reach its full potential and improve the efficiency of the biomass value chains, it is key to enhance digitization and the use of new technologies. In this sense, ICT-BIOCHAIN has built networks with other bioeconomy regions and provided a roadmap to allow further replication of Digital Innovation Hubs for the biobased sector in other European regions.

About ICT-BIOCHAIN

ICT-BIOCHAIN is a Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) project looking to identify opportunities for ICT to increase the efficiency of biomass supply chains for the bio-based industry. Formed by a consortium of eight partners from five different European countries (Finland, Germany, Ireland, Spain, and the United Kingdom), this initiative has received funding from BBI JU under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

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