



# BULGARIA

България



Bulgaria participates in BIOEAST, a macro-regional bioeconomy initiative being developed by Central and Eastern European countries. The country's activities in the bioeconomy have a total turnover of EUR 13 100 million and employ more than 413 000 people. With its important agricultural sector, agricultural land covers 46% of the total territory of the country, while forest covers 35%, Bulgaria offers enormous potential for the valorisation of agricultural sidestreams and an opportunity for the primary sector to benefit from the bioeconomy.\*



The BBI JU activities in Bulgaria concentrate on R&I by funding a project involved in the development of innovative processing technologies in order to promote the efficient use of European aquaculture, fisheries and agriculture sidestreams.

## Example of a BBI JU project with a Bulgarian beneficiary :

④ **AQUABIOPRO-FIT**'s main objective is to promote efficient utilisation of European aquaculture, fisheries and agriculture sidestreams in feeds and nutritional supplement products promoting fitness and health. To this end, the project will develop processing technologies to up-concentrate nutrients and bioactives and systematise existing knowledge and technologies on the field of organic nutritional supplements. The safety, bioactivity and acceptance of the developed ingredients and products will be documented through different studies.



**1** SME involved in **R&I** activities within BBI JU projects



A project aiming to **reduce waste** from aquaculture and fisheries by **50%**



**413k** people employed in the **bioeconomy sector**

\*Source: Bioeconomy Knowledge Center (2015)



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