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European Commission
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Subject: Importance of ensuring a cross-sectoral scope for the Biotech Act

Dear Ms Juhansone,

The biotech and biomanufacturing industries are key enablers of Europe's competitiveness ambition, green transition and EU prosperity and should be central to the Commission's mandate. This should build on the vision and commitments set in the *Communication on Boosting Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing*¹, and aligned with the renewed focus on competitiveness from the recent EU high-level reports and [the Budapest Declaration on the new European Competitiveness Deal](#).

Because of the importance of biotechnology and biomanufacturing we highly appreciate the announcement in the Political Guidelines that a **new European Biotech Act will be presented in 2025** to make it easier to bring biotech from the laboratory to factory/farms and then onto the market.

We are sending you this letter **to fully support** the upcoming Biotech Act but to **also draw attention to the importance of ensuring a cross-sectoral scope for the Biotech Act**.

On behalf of associations and other organisations representing European biotechnology and biomanufacturing industries, we emphasize the crucial leadership technology role of Europe with biotechnology and biomanufacturing being vital strategic components.

To position Europe as a global leader for sustainable economic growth and prosperity through innovation, it is essential to accelerate the pathway to technology, including biotechnology, and biomanufacturing at scale. Harnessing a broad range of bio-based solutions, including food and feed, chemicals, materials, consumer and healthcare applications will strengthen Europe's long-term competitiveness and resilience. In parallel, advancing bio-based chemicals, materials, and sustainable industrial processes will further drive innovation and sustainability across key sectors.

A global technology race is underway in the technology and manufacturing sectors, with the winners leading global manufacturing and trade. In March 2024, the European Commission sent a strong signal to our industries with the publication of the *Communication on Boosting Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing in the EU*. Now is the time to continue this breadth of vision and ambition to embrace 'biomanufacturing', not only in the Biotech Act but also within the newly announced legislative initiatives that will shape Europe in the long term.

Best regards,

¹ EU COM (2024) Communication on Building the future with nature: Boosting Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing in the EU



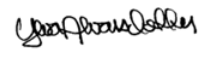

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