

EBU label



The image shows a template for an EBU Label Certificate. At the top right, there are logos for 'european bioeconomy university' and 'EBU Label'. Below these is a dark blue header with the text 'Qualification Supplement'. The main body of the certificate contains the following text:

The European Bioeconomy University has conferred this certificate upon

[Title] | [Complete Name]

born [birth date] in [birth place]

for the successful completion of the European Bioeconomy University Alliance label

[home university], representative of EBU, proudly confirms that [Title] [Full name] has finished the [master program] master program with a focus on bioeconomy. Additionally, the diploma holder has participated in the activities of the EBU described in the next page, acquiring extensive sustainability competences as an active member of the bioeconomy at European level. The EBU further honours that [he/she] has developed a clear profile within the bioeconomy and is able to understand and communicate the relations of the bioeconomy to their specific research field.

[Place], [date]

At the bottom, there are two dashed boxes for signatures: 'EBU Signature' and 'Home university Signature'.

The EBU label is a common qualification supplement offered by the six EBU partner universities that you can obtain by fulfilling certain criteria. By obtaining the EBU label, you will be recognized as a professional with the right knowledge and skills to shape the transformation towards a sustainable bioeconomy. You will be able to upgrade your disciplinary expertise by incorporating inter- and transdisciplinarity, cross-sectoral collaboration and sustainability competences.

The sooner you start understanding and fulfilling the criteria the better because some of them take time to prepare.

The criteria are the following:

1. Enrolment in one of the agreed bioeconomy-relevant master programs:
 - Low Carbon Technologies and Sustainable Chemistry
 - Analisi E Gestione Dell'ambiente (Environmental Assessment and Management)
 - Scienze e Gestione della Natura (Master in Sciences and management of nature)
 - International Master in Horticultural Science
 - Scienze e Tecnologie Agrarie (Agricultural sciences and technologies)
 - Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria per l'ambiente e il territorio (Master in Environmental Engineering)

For the validation of this criterium, you should attach your certificate of enrolment

2. Willingness for the acquisition of a T-shaped skills profile consisting of disciplinary expertise, hard and soft skills as well as sustainability competences; [What is a T-shaped skills profile?](#)

This criterium consist on a self-reflection report on the student's own T-shaped skills profile considering the own disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise and knowledge, hard and soft skills as well as sustainability competences based on the courses taken during the master studies. This self-reflection exercise should be framed on the future vision and role that the student wants to play in the transformation towards a sustainable bioeconomy.

For the validation of this criterium, you should complete the form "[T-shape profile](#)"

3. **Master thesis** with an explicit link to the bioeconomy through inclusion of a chapter describing the relevance of the thesis results to the bioeconomy; Ideally, **supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s)** should be academics **from two different EBU universities**. Students should search and select their supervisors according to the topic of interest.

For the validation of this criterium, you should complete the form "[Thesis](#)"

4. Participation in the '**EBU student journey**' or 2 among the 5 points from the additional activities listed in point 5.

Participation in the 'EBU student journey' must be combined with one of the additional activities listed in point 5. Students interested in participating in the journey must apply for it separately (for application rules, see elective course "EBU Student Journey"). Only 6 students will be selected per journey and year. Next journey will take place in June 2021. Registrations to the journey will start in February and you will know if you were selected at the beginning of April. For more information check: <https://european-bioeconomy-university.eu/education/ebu-label/>

For the validation of this criterium, you should attach the certificate of participation

5. Additional activities:
 - a. Participation in a bioeconomy-related MOOC.

Students can participate in one of the MOOCs offered by the ABBEE project: <https://abee.eu/>

- Advanced Sustainable Entrepreneurship – Wageningen University
- Agroproduction for biorefining and bioenergy – Aarhus University
- Forest bioeconomy in Europe – University of Eastern Finland
- Concepts of sustainable bioeconomy- University of Hohenheim

Or

- FOEBE- Fostering entrepreneurship for the Bioeconomy. Consider that the on-site part of this course might be during the same week of the on-site part of the EBU journey.

For the validation of this criterium, you should complete the course, take the exam and fill the form "[MOOC](#)"

- b. Participation in soft-skill trainings, including digital skills and lifelong learning programs. Your home university offer a large portfolio of soft-skills trainings, check this website for more information ([Transferable-skills](#))

For the validation of this criterium, you should complete the form "[Soft skills](#)"

- c. Active participation in events/competitions/workshops on the bioeconomy. If you present a poster or give a talk in a bioeconomy event, or you participate in a bioeconomy-related workshop, you can fulfil this criterion. The events, competitions and workshops do not have to be organized by your home university necessarily.

For the validation of this criterium, you should complete the form "[Events and competitions](#)"

- d. Being proactive within the bioeconomy environment (entrepreneurship / activity in a bioeconomy student group / social media group). If you can demonstrate that you are active within the bioeconomy because you have your own bioeconomy-related start-up, you are part of the organizing team of a bioeconomy-related student group or you are active in another way in the bioeconomy, you can fulfil this criterion.

For the validation of this criterium, you should complete the form "[Proactiveness](#)"

- e. An exchange semester at one of the partner universities. Check the exchange programs possibilities here: <https://www.unibo.it/en/international/Studying-abroad>

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For the validation of this criterium, you should complete the form "[Exchange program](#)"



After validation of the criteria completion, the student will receive the EBU label and the corresponding credits under the module “Bioeconomy at European Level: EBU Label”. We will issue the certificates once per semester. We will communicate the deadlines per semester with at least one month in advance.

Data protection: The saved data is only used for internal purposes and is not shared with third parties. You will receive further e-mails to inform you about important deadlines informative sessions and updates. Requests about data stored can be directed to lina.mayorgaduarte@uni-hohenheim.de

If you have additional questions, please contact send an e-mail to ebu.label@unibo.it or contact your programme coordinator.



EBU label checklist

Important: The certificate will contain the criteria that you fulfil to acquire the EBU label.

- I am enrolled in one of the accepted bioeconomy-relevant master programs.
- I have reflected on my T-shaped profile and have a clear disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise(s) and filled the form.
- I have included a chapter within my master thesis describing the relevance of the results to the bioeconomy and filled the form.
- Optional but recommended: My supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s) are academics from two different EBU universities.
- Optional: I participated in the EBU student journey'

Optional activities:

- I participated in one bioeconomy-related MOOC and filled the form.
- I participated in soft-skill trainings and filled the form.
- I participated actively in a bioeconomy-relevant events/competition/workshop and filled the form.
- I am proactive within the bioeconomy environment and filled the form.
- I participated in an exchange semester at one of the EBU partner universities (and filled the form).

Good luck and we expect you enjoy this adventure that will grant you the EBU label!