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Mission

To promote and develop the production and use of bio-based and biodegradable products in the UK.*

Scope of the Association

To use all lawful instruments to develop the circular bioeconomy in the UK, to promote markets and production of bio-based and biodegradable chemicals, their transformation into consumer and other products and materials.

The Association will work on a wide-ranging series of topics related to bio-based and biodegradable materials and products including, but not exclusive to, promoting:

- the production of bio-based and biodegradable chemicals and their derived consumer products in the UK
- the development of research and scientific analyses of the production, consumption and transformation of bio-based and biodegradable products in the UK
- the study of the environmental, economic and social impacts of the use of these products in the UK including market research and consumer behaviour into the acceptance and use of these materials and products
- the debate and action on matters related to biomaterials such as waste management, soil, air and water quality, farming, climate change, the marine environment, resource issues, etc. The Association has not got within its scope matters related to energy crops and energy production from biogenic or other sources.
- the participation, with membership, in the promotion and active development of nationally and internationally-recognised standards and certification programmes for bio-based and biodegradable products according to their specific applications and uses.

Instruments of the Association

As a Trade Association, the Association will use those instruments common to promoting a pro-sector agenda in the UK and notably through:

- using political influence to create a pro-sector investment environment through policy and legislative changes.
- influencing financial investments in favour of the sector, including research grants, from private and public sources, through the presentation of reports, studies, position papers, documents relating to the industry. In this sense the Association may work on a local, national and European level to promote its positions to various decision-making fora.
- public, press and media outreach through the general and specialised media.
- scientific research into uses and applications for bio-based and biodegradable products.

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- development of partnerships with other relevant associations, political, financial and industrial actors.
- participation in relevant UK, EU and ISO standardisation activities.
- participating in conferences, seminars, industry and public events, such as trade fairs.
- monitoring the market place through market research.
- using legal instruments to defend the sector and to assure compliance with the law where applicable.

Being a Trade Association, the BBIA responds to its membership and is not open to membership from the general public or non sector entities.

Medium-Term Objectives of the Association (2015-2020)

- to put the bioeconomy agenda at the centre of the political debate on sustainability and economic growth in the UK as a response, among others, to resource and climate change issues.
- create favourable economic, social and political frameworks for the local production, distribution and consumption of biodegradable and bio-based products; to create UK employment and exports through industrial investments in the sector.
- activate industrial relations for the promotion of bio-based and biodegradable chemicals in industrial applications (for example, plastics, packaging, adhesives, lubricants, softeners, automobile, engines, paints, coatings, fibres, rubbers, enzymes, solvents etc).
- promote the development and growth of organic waste recovery through promoting separate collection of organic waste, promoting composting and anaerobic digestion and developing the use of bioplastics in the collection systems.
- enhance the quality of soils and water systems through the improvement of compost and digestate quality and use in the UK.
- act on the quality of water and soil systems by promoting the use of biodegradable products such as oils, lubricants and mulch films, and their application in wide-ranging industrial, agricultural and consumer markets.
- act on the quality of the marine environment by promoting materials and products whose impact is compatible with marine life and water quality.