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# DO NON-FORMAL AND INFORMAL EDUCATION IMPACT REACHING THE BIOECONOMY AND GREEN DEAL GOALS?

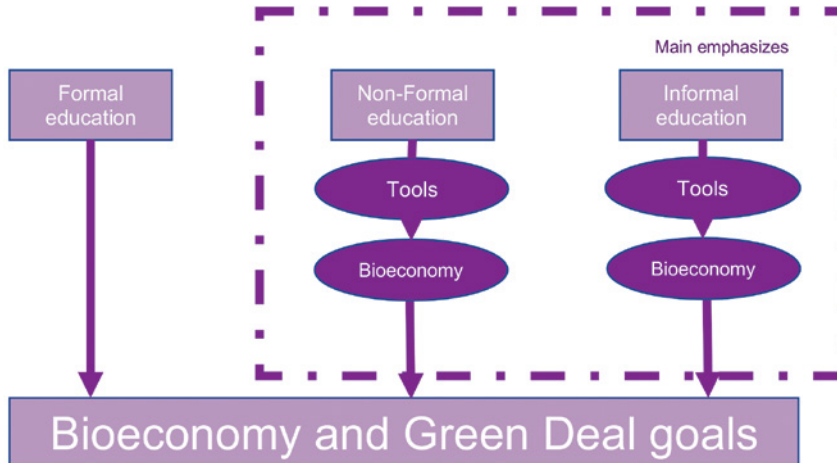
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**Abstract** – To achieve the goals of the bioeconomy, formal education is a cornerstone, as well as non-formal or lifelong learning and informal education. Professionals in their specific profession can expand their knowledge in the context of bioeconomy in non-formal education by attending various seminars and courses, acquiring knowledge in informal or self-education, and reading books, internet sources and other resources. Competencies in the bioeconomy are a cross-cutting element for a professional working in any field. RTU IESE is a leading institution providing non-formal and informal education in bioeconomy and Green Deal topics. This study aims to identify the potential of non-formal and informal education in achieving the goal of bioeconomy and the Green Deal. Non-formal and informal education is an essential type of education that can increase bioeconomy competencies for professionals. Seminars, conferences, courses, lectures, and workshops are non-formal education tools, but with informal – everyday learning (books, scientific papers, conversations, internet resources, TV, audio materials) it can be accelerated to reach bioeconomy and Green Deal goals faster.

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