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SURFs UP has had a busy few months bringing biosurfactant innovation to some of the bioeconomy's biggest stages. From scientific conferences to a European Green Week exhibition, a new project partnership, and a feature from the CBE JU itself, our consortium has plenty to share. Here's a look at what we've been up to and what's coming next.

📍 Where we've been



SETAC Europe 36th Annual Meeting

On 17th-21st May 2026, in Maastricht, The Netherlands, Leitat Technological Center presented a poster covering the ecotoxicity and biodegradability work carried out for SURFs UP's biosurfactants, showcasing how safety assessment is built into the project from the ground up.

EU Green Week 2026

On 3rd-4th June 2026, SURFs UP joined the #EUGreenWeek exhibition to showcase our innovative cleaning products formulated with bio-based surfactants, giving visitors a hands-on look at what circular chemistry can look like on a supermarket shelf.



Lignin GRC Conference 2026

VTT presented a poster titled "Alkali-O_2 oxidation of hardwood lignin to produce a novel class of bio-based surfactants", sharing progress on turning wood-processing side streams into next-generation surfactants.

One Health International Days 2026

On 17th-19th June 2026, ULiège presented a poster titled "Optimization and Scale-Up of Fengycin Production: a promising novel biofungicide", highlighting the project's progress toward a sustainable, bio-based alternative to conventional fungicides.



🤝 New partnerships and collaborations

In July 2026, SURFs UP announced a new collaboration with the ZELDA project. ZELDA develops bio-based crop protection alternatives from lignocellulosic biorefinery streams, targeting fungal and bacterial disease in EU crops. 👉 Read the full announcement on LinkedIn.

🌍 SURFs UP featured by the CBE JU

The Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) has featured SURFs UP on its showcase page "Bio-based products across sectors and everyday applications", under the home care category, alongside other CBE JU funded innovations spanning packaging, agriculture, automotive, construction, food, and cosmetics.



🎉 Recent Milestone

In May 2026, the consortium marked two years of SURFs UP at our 2-Year Consortium Meeting in Leipzig, Germany, hosted by DBFZ, complete with a visit to DBFZ's biogas facilities to see anaerobic digestion technology in action.



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