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The panel discussion at the first national bioeconomy congress centered on the key question of whether a national bioeconomy strategy is needed. The consensus among the panelists was a resounding yes, with representatives from various ministries, research institutions, and industry stakeholders emphasizing its importance.

Mrs. Ing. Šárka Štejnarová from the Ministry of Agriculture underscored the ministry's commitment to the bioeconomy, highlighting ongoing initiatives such as the Concept of the Bioeconomy and its integration into national programs like NAZVA. She also emphasized the role of European partnerships, particularly the BIOEAST Initiative and BIOEAST HUB CZ, in advancing bioeconomy efforts at the national level.

Ms. Ing. Jana Fišerová (Ministry of Industry and Trade) and Ms. Ing. Zuzana Weisgarbartberová (Ministry of Education) both strongly supported the development of a national bioeconomy strategy, citing its potential to improve access to EU funding and strengthen innovation frameworks. Similarly, Dr. Kamila Vávrová from the Technology Agency Czech Republic highlighted past support for bioeconomy-related projects and advocated for a more structured, strategic approach.

Dr. Karel Kouřil, representing the Government Council for Research, Development, and Innovation, stressed that a national strategy would help synchronize activities, define national priorities, and secure budget allocations.

More than 50 stakeholders followed the Congress in the premises of the Technology Centre in Prague 6. Some got involved in the debate boosted by the panel discussion, that recognized the complexity of the bioeconomy and the need for cross-ministerial collaboration. Notably, Mr. Přeslička from Humáty suggested that BIOEAST HUB CZ should take the lead in drafting the strategy, given its proven role in promoting the bioeconomy.





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The congress also featured presentations by representatives from the public sector, BIOEAST HUB CZ, and regional stakeholders. **Ing. Holinka (Ministry of Industry and Trade) outlined the requirements for creating a dedicated bioeconomy mission within the RIS3 strategy—emphasizing the need for will, leadership, and financial resources.** Meanwhile, private sector representatives BIOEAST HUB ČR members contributed insights into composting value chains and other bioeconomy applications.

**In conclusion, an overwhelming majority of participants agreed on the necessity of a national bioeconomy strategy. Such a strategy would not only enhance the Czech Republic's position within the EU but also facilitate funding opportunities and enable the country to set priorities tailored to its unique strengths. As Ms. Jana Čejková (TC) aptly summarized, the First Bioeconomy Congress marks a significant milestone in shaping the future of the bioeconomy in the Czech Republic.**

