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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) **Bioceb** (European master in “Biological and Chemical Engineering for a Sustainable Bioeconomy”) is a joint programme between five outstanding European Higher Education Institutions: AgroParisTech and Université de Reims-Champagne-Ardenne (URCA) – France, Aalto University – Finland, Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech) – Estonia and University of Liège (ULiège) – Belgium. It was awarded the prestigious “Erasmus Mundus” label by the European Commission.

Learn more about the EMJMD programme: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en). Learn more about Bioceb: [www.bioceb.eu](http://www.bioceb.eu)

**Bioceb** aims to qualify students to cope with the challenges related to bioeconomy value chains, from biomass to bioproducts and markets, and aims to provide the job market with highly adaptable and entrepreneurial scientists trained to holistic approach at different scales. Selected students will follow an intensive curriculum during two years with mandatory mobility periods among the partner Universities, shared between academic courses, teamwork, practical trainings and internship for their MSc. thesis. This will allow them to acquire necessary competences and skills for their future professional responsibilities.

**Bioceb** is open to up to 26 well-motivated and high-potential students from EU and non-EU countries. Considering the limited number of places and the excellence ambition of the programme, we recruit the best candidates with a BSc. degree or equivalent fulfilling the selection criteria.

**We will be grateful if you could help us in the evaluation process.**

We welcome references that provide relevant information that cannot be found elsewhere in the application materials or that can provide an insight into the applicant's abilities and suitability to the programme.

We expect our students to have a good ability to lead and manage projects and work in team with people from very different educational and professional backgrounds.

You will find hereby a form which could guide you.

We thank you in advance for the time spent to prepare the recommendation letter and we remain at your disposal for any further inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

Stephanie BAUMBERGER, Bioceb Coordinator

## Reference Form

**Name of the applicant:**

**Name of referee:**

**Referee position:**

**Company, university or school:**

**Professional address (country):**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

*(all fields are mandatory)*

We are interested in learning about the applicant's suitability for advanced studies, as well as his or her promise for success. We welcome your thoughts on the applicant's intellectual strengths and character. Please be as detailed and frank as possible. You may also use a separate letter (preferably on your own letterhead stationary) and attach it to this form.

1. How long have you known this candidate and in what capacity?
  
2. What is his/her best quality?
  
3. What could (s)he improve?
  
4. Does the choice of Bioceb seem appropriate to the candidate and consistent with his / her background?
  
5. Could you quote an example of situation where the candidate demonstrated his/her capacity to bring a teamwork or a labwork to a successful conclusion?

6. Which other important information concerning the candidate would you like to add?

7. Please indicate the level of the candidate for each section:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	No opinion
Knowledge in area of specialisation					
Ability to plan and carry out research/independent study					
Analytical mind					
Ability to synthesize					
Written expression *					
Spoken expression*					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Leadership potential					
Professionalism					
Social skills					
Intercultural skills					
Flexibility					

\* In English and in Mother tongue

**8. Which final recommendation would you make to the admission committee?**

Date:

Signature/Stamp: