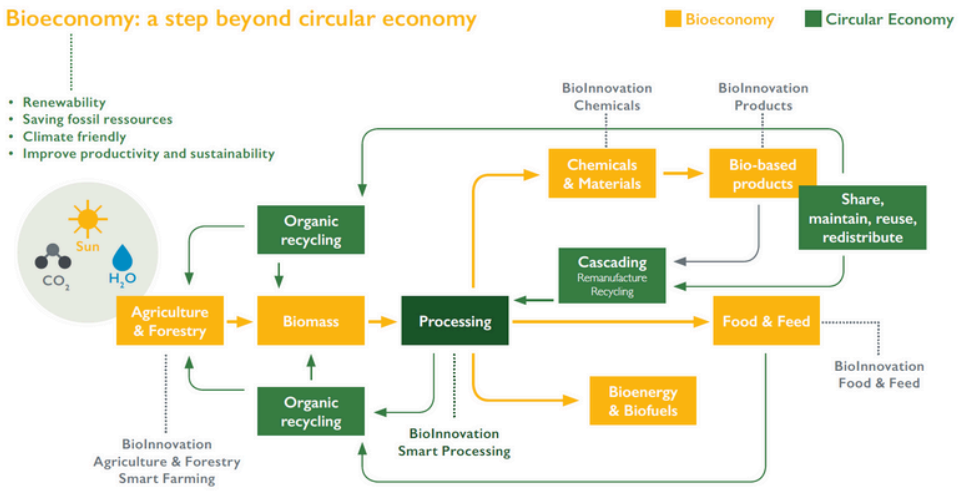
APAG - Oleochemicals Europe

a sector group of Cefic

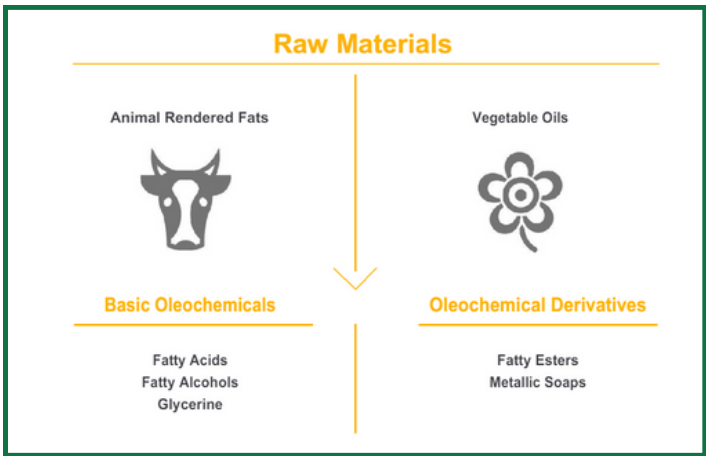
What are Oleochemicals?

Oleochemicals are **bio-based chemicals** derived from fats & oils. They serve as sustainable alternatives to fossil-based chemicals, contributing to a greener future.
Oleochemicals are versatile building blocks found in various applications.

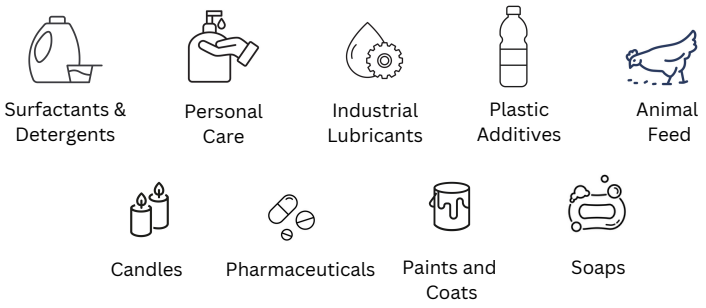
OLEOCHEMISTRY IN BIO-BASED ECONOMY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY



- **The oleochemical industry is one of the oldest parts of the bio-based economy, using plant oils and animal rendered fats that replenish themselves in the natural biological cycle.**
- **The oleochemical industry makes valuable use of by-products from other industries such as food and meat processing and paper-making. Additionally, oleochemical products serve as additives - e.g. for paper applications - that enhance the recyclability of several products.**
- **Using high-volume plant oils and side-streams from other industries and by enabling recycling for bio-based products, the oleochemistry is a crucial part of the Circular Economy.**



Key Applications of oleochemicals



About us

APAG, a sector group of Cefic, represents European producers of Fatty Acids, Glycerine, Alcohols, Metallic Soaps and Fatty Esters.
APAG represents a long-established sector of the European Bioeconomy. Since the early 19th century, the oleochemical industry has been using rendered animal fats and vegetable oils to manufacture bio-based products used for candles, paints, detergents, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and many other applications. Our industry continues to invest in sustainable technologies: for instance, oleochemical products are used to de-ink used paper to enable recycling; they are also used to de-ice airplanes as an alternative to fossil-based materials

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