



European
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PROGRAMME

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**Sustainable &
circular bioeconomy,
the European way**

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High level event under the Austrian Presidency

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8:00-9:30

Registration

High level opening

Moderator: Katrina SICHEL

09:30-09:40 **John Bell**, Director Bioeconomy

09:40-09:55 **Carlos MOEDAS**, Commissioner of Research, Science and Innovation

09:55 -10:10 **Phil HOGAN**, Commissioner of Agriculture & Rural Development

10:10-10:25 **Video connection with young farmers from Slovakia**

10:25-10:55

Coffee

Thematic sessions

Moderator: Katrina SICHEL

10:55-11:45

I SESSION

Ensuring environmental, social and economic balance of the bioeconomy

The session will discuss how to operate the bioeconomy in a safe operating space balancing economic, social and environmental needs. This will include the protection of ecosystem, the research to increase sustainability and efficiency of production and ultimately the consumption affecting the safe operating space.

Co-chair: Erik MATHIJS, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Chair of the 4th Foresight Expert Group of the Standing Committee of Agricultural Research (SCAR).

Panellists:

Catia BASTIOLI, CEO Novamont

Tiago PITTA e CUNHA, Chief Executive Officer, Oceano Azul Foundation

Dominic KAILASH NATH WAUGHRAY, Head of International Institutional Agenda, Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum

11:45-12:00

Karmenu VELLA, Commissioner of Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

12:00-12:15

Josef Plank, Secretary General of the Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism in Austria.

12:15-13:15

II SESSION

Key Strategic Research priorities

This session will address the need of strategic research and innovation in areas that are key to the bioeconomy. The discussion will focus on what are the needs and how to better deploy resources for the development of new technologies and processes as well as research food systems linked to the bioeconomy sector.

Co-chair: Monique AXELOS, Scientific Director for food and bioeconomy of INRA

Panellists:

Jochen WEISS, Professor at University Hohenheim and co-chair of ETP “Food for Life”.

Lucrezia LAMASTRA, Coordinator of the EIP-AGRI Operational Group
Orla FEELY, Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact at University College Dublin.

Feedback from students involved in the bioeconomy

13:15-14:30

Networking & lunch

14:30-15:20

III SESSION

Local development

This session will focus on the importance of encouraging the adoption, update and coherence of Bioeconomy Strategies throughout Europe, and supporting the EU rural, coastal and urban areas in exploiting opportunities offered by existing and new bioeconomy value chains, with citizens engagement.

Co-chair: Sveinn MARGEIRSSON, CEO of Matis

Panellists:

Markku MARKKULA, Chair of the City board of Espoo and Helsinki region (TBC).

Anna TRETENERO, farmer

Michal SKWIERCZYNSK, coordinator BIOMOTIVE project

15:20-16:15

IV SESSION

Investments, Markets and the Bio-Based Sector

This session will discuss how to mobilise investments- including through the deployment of new financial Instruments- to strengthen and upscale existing and new technologies in order to support the creation of markets for more sustainable and circular bioeconomy products and processes.

Co-chair: Christine LANG, co-chair of the German Bioeconomy Council

Panellists:

Jos PEETERS, Managing Partner, Founder and Director, Capricorn Venture Partners

Andrew MCDOWELL, Vice President European Investment Bank

Ilkka HÄMÄLÄ, President and CEO of Metsä Group

Mathieu FLAMINI, former football player and now entrepreneur of a biotech company, GFBiochemicals.

16:15-16:45

Conclusions

Jean-Eric PAQUET, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Jerzy Bogdan PLEWA Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

16:45

End of the Conference



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